

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Joe Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Joe Gallegos, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Brian Stinar, Eugene Trosterud, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of Agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of April 5 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings –Tuesday, June 7 at 7; Tuesday, July 5 at 7.
- F. Open forum –Railyard growers market starts this Sunday. Marlene’s birthday party is this weekend. Denny’s on Central is being remodeled; Valero on Central has been bought for new retail.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Mural at PNM substation – PNM Foundation approved the requested \$15,000 to prepare the substation wall. Joseph and Gene will attend the Award announcement on Thursday, May 12 at 10 at the Hispanic Cultural Center. Joseph and Joe will meet with City arts people for additional schedule planning on June 1 at 10.
- B. UNM Community Engaged Learning and Research – Initial traffic data analysis is in process by Brian. Joe has gotten some crash data from APD for the first quarter of 2016. There may be some student involvement in the mural project. Joseph will follow up on possible Silver street lighting project.
- C. Transportation – BRT and Silver. City lawsuit has been moved to federal court, as expected. Joseph and Don attended the Federation of University Neighborhoods meeting on April 6 to discuss ART, with several neighborhoods present. Silver. Design work is proceeding, but no new schedule update.
- D. Lead and Coal – Nothing yet from City Council staff. Everyone is asked to document any crashes and send the information to Joseph.
- E. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 11 is confirmed with the Solid Waste Department from 9-12, Smith’s will help with food/drinks and volunteers and the Keiths will provide the trailer for large items. Solid Waste says that the replacement trash cans on Lead and Coal have been ordered and will be installed. Newsletter deadline is May 20. Articles by Joe on the cleanup, Don will do ART, Joseph is doing Lead and Coal and the mural project.
- F. Bricklight Development – The Bricklight Partners are starting the process for development of the four lots on the west side of the 100 block of Harvard, which will be apartments, not commercial spaces. Because of the costs of maintaining the existing houses, they’d like to tear them down. They would use the lots for additional parking, but will consider other options, including community gardens. Marlene and Don will check with people who are interested in community gardens to see if there’s interest. We’ll invite Bricklight to come to the next board meeting.

- G. Fall event – Possible dates are August 27 or September 10. Likely location is 100 Harvard with the Bricklight, which is willing to participate. We are waiting to hear what date city parking department would attend to issue on-street permits.
- H. Community Police Council – BurqueMedia.com has a lot of stories critical of the police. There was a one day conference with the Department of Justice investigators. Joe is going to recommend that APD re-instate some of the Police Athletic League and other youth programs that used to exist. Six proposals for improvements have been submitted.
- I. Neighborhood Patrol – Joe and Gene did a patrol and only found two graffiti spots, but 146 locations with weeds and one mattress and still the trash cans haven't been replaced.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Joe will be in Chicago for a couple of weeks.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 11 cents. Balance is \$3,431.64, plus \$831.08 for trees.

IV. Adjournment – 8:29 pm.