

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2020
7:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Mandy Warr, Casey Warr, Jasper Rey, Gene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. Margie Trosterud and Joseph Aguirre were guests.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of April 6, 2020 meeting – approved as submitted.
- E. Next meetings – Monday, June 1 at 7; Monday, July 6 at 7, virtual or in person will be announced when agendas are distributed.
- F. Open forum – Casey reported that the crack house on the block was torn down, and a new building (probably townhouse) will be built. Marlene is giving a virtual talk tomorrow with the International Solar Energy Association on women and solar. Jennifer is hosting a literary event on environmental activism.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Trees – Tree planting day is re-scheduled for May 16, but with fewer volunteers to maintain social distancing. Holes will be dug the week before and homeowners are to water the holes before planting. The tree giveaways are to be scheduled. Gene will email the UHA people to give them the planting information to be sure that they know and Sherry is willing to call people.
- B. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6 is confirmed with City Solid Waste from 8 to 12. Closer to the time, we'll see if it's also cancelled. If the event is on, we'll have a special meeting to discuss the newsletter and special procedures.
- C. District 6 Coalition – Virtual meeting was held on April 28. Mandy reported that the new bylaws were passed. There was also discussion about multiple sites for the Gateway Center for homeless. The Annual meeting is scheduled for May 19 via zoom. Nominations for officers are due by May 12. Dominic asked Mandy to run for Secretary. There was discussion of a Development Committee that would look in detail at development plans on Saturday. Sherry moved to pay \$20 dues for 2020, seconded by Marlene and passed.
- D. Lead and Coal - The brigade asks Nob Hill and UHA to consider three temporary street closure options during the pandemic, in part because of three major accidents in the past two months. Options are: 1. Temporary closure of both streets to through traffic, 2. Closure of both streets to through traffic ON WEEKENDS ONLY, 3. Reduce each street to one travel lane only. Both UHA and Nob Hill will discuss it this week, and optimistically something could be sent to the mayor this week. The intention would be to allow residential access, but not through traffic. Joseph thinks that we should separate these suggestions from our previous recommendations for action on Lead and Coal. There were concerns about not having enough neighborhood input to pick a particular option and discussion of the newsletter or email as means to get more input. Julie suggests that Lead and Coal be a pilot project similar to what some other cities have done for temporary road closures for space for people and traffic calming during the pandemic. A summer block party that would close the

streets for that time is a possible option. Joseph will share with Dominic what our discussion has been and we'll see what Nob Hill thinks at its Wednesday board meeting. Joseph and Jennifer will draft some kind of letter, which can be shared with Nob Hill and also shared by email with UHA members and also on facebook. Joseph will also get more information about how the street closures have come about in other cities.

E. Elections – Some candidates for County Commission District 3 have asked to meet with neighborhood associations. Agreed that we can't do it. Mandy mentions that the League of Women Voters has good information about candidates.

F. Solid waste – Sherry hasn't had any recent communications. Jasper is still having problems with the dumpster behind on his property, which is only being picked up once a week. He said that the recycling center on UNM South Campus isn't being kept up and he suggests that trash dumpsters also be put there.

G. Neighborhood meetups – Nothing new.

H. Zoning – There's a site plan for 5-unit townhouses at 422 and 424 Stanford, SE, and we are trying to get the plans and talk with the property owner in a virtual meeting. The City Council Land Use Committee meeting on June 10 will include the Planning Assessment Order (with this area Mid Heights going first) and the IDO amendments. The June 24 LUPZ hearing is when the IDO votes will likely occur. The IDO changes do not include the reinstatement of the Sector Plan solar access requirement because the Council staff wants to do that has a separate action once the revised IDO amendments are approved. Don will follow up to see what can be done to reinstate the solar access.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Memberships were \$5. Interest was \$1.49 on the CD and \$0 on savings account. Savings account balance is \$1,024.63. \$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2020.

IV. Adjournment – 8:58 pm.