

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Monday, June 1, 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, Gene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. James Montalbano is a guest.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of May 4, 2020 meeting – approved with some revisions from Gene.
- E. Next meetings – Monday, July 6 at 7; Monday, August 3 at 7, virtual or in person will be announced when agendas are distributed.
- F. Open forum – Marlene had a covid test that was negative since she’s volunteering at the emergency center.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Trees – Tree planting day was May 16. People can apply for their water rebate online. Gene will send a link with a water retention system that he’s using on his new trees. Giveaway Day will be on September 12 with details to be announced.
- B. Neighborhood events and meet ups – Regarding whether to try to do a fall public meeting and permit parking distribution, it was agreed to try it, and Mandy is happy to host it again, if we do it. Saturday, September 19 is the preferred date. We may do another meet up at Differential Brewery, after their reopening.
- C. District 6 Coalition – Next meeting, it will be the first item, so that the President, Peter Belloto can participate. Virtual annual meeting was held on May 19. Officers elected were Peter Belloto as President, Khadijah Bottom as Vice President, Patty Wilson as Treasurer, and Mandy Warr as Secretary. The officers met last week to talk about priorities and will meet again to set up a meeting schedule.
- D. Lead and Coal - Councilor Benton is introducing for immediate action at tonight’s City Council meeting, R-59, the “Active Streets Initiative” which would have the administration and neighborhoods and others designate streets for temporary closure to facilitate pedestrian, bike, outside recreation activities. In response to Office of Neighborhood Coordination request for pictures of neighborhood signs, Gene will take pictures of our signs on Lead and Coal.
- E. Zoning – There’s a variance request at 409 Harvard, SE and we are trying to get the plans and talk with the property owner in a virtual meeting. The Zoning Hearing Examiner hearing on the variance is on July 21. A building permit will be issued/maybe has been issued for 5-unit townhouses at 422 and 424 Stanford, SE, which has received a solar access waiver as the 420 Stanford property owner signed a letter to support that waiver. The gate that blocks off the alley for construction now has a lock. The owner has said that they want to keep the alley closed for three or months. 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. Councilor Davis is working on an amendment that would include the R-ML zoning citywide under the solar access provisions, including some waiver options.

F. Solid waste – Sherry is still reporting trash problems at 400 Cornell and 300 Stanford, but hasn't gotten any response. James suggests to cc Council staff in communicating with Matt Whelan.

### III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was \$0.41 on the CD and \$0.01 on savings account.

District 6 Coalition membership dues of \$20 paid. Savings account balance is \$1,005.05.

\$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2020.

### IV. Adjournment – 7:50 pm.