

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, July 3, 2018
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Joseph Aguirre, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Ben Wasserott, Gene Trosterud, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock. Kathleen Kutz, who is buying a house on the 500 block of Princeton, is a visitor.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of June 5 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, August 7 at 7; Tuesday, September 4 at 7
- F. Open forum – Joseph was concerned about the shootings at Smith’s (and earlier on the 300 block of Stanford). Trash weight from the cleanup was 5,400 pounds. The renovation work going on at the Farmers Basket store on Stanford and Lead is for Skarsgard Farms, which will be doing their home deliveries from there and may do some retail. Brian announced that he will be married! Brian has an apartment for rent; he prefers grad students. Jennifer wrote to the new UNM president to ask her to extend her listening tour to the neighborhoods, but has gotten no response.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – Informal celebration on June 8 included Mark Horst and friend, Dan Fuller from the City, Joseph, Julie, Sherry, Jennifer, Marlene, and Don from the board and a few neighbors that came by. Jennifer has not yet contacted Bricklight nights to see if we can do a Wednesday night formal event, perhaps September 19.
- B. Bricklight Demolition and Community Garden – Ben got in touch with Bricklight about homeless people staying at 147 Harvard and harassing people. Demolition is supposed to start at any time.
- C. Lead & Coal – Ben reported that the first traffic study (at four locations) was completed, data back later this month. Flora Silva got an email from Leon Espinoza in the mayor’s office that a letter was going out this week to neighborhood association presidents to ask for a representative for the new Lead & Coal Task Force. Agreed that Joseph, Ben, and Jennifer are our representatives. We’d like to have a kickoff task force meeting with the mayor and Councilor Davis present. Julie will send a letter to the mayor with those details. Joseph suggests that we strongly consider a conversion to two-way recommendations.
- D. Next Door neighborhood lead – Julie has been the lead and will check about Casey being another lead. Ben has put in a request for UHA to have agency status, which was denied at this time.
- E. Vandalism and Crime – Ben’s property vandalism has resulted (after a lot of effort on his part and followup with police) in a warrant for the perpetrator for vandalism and assault.
- F. Bricklight II –Nothing further.
- G. ART Update – Continued discussion about the problems.

III. Officer’s Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 13 cents. Memberships were \$5 from the newsletter coupon. The Balance is \$4,400.66, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC paid \$11,857.95 from the PNM Foundation funds to FacilityBuild for the wall preparation work for the Silver mural.

IV. Adjournment – 8:15 pm.