

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, July 5, 2016
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Vice President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Joseph Aguirre, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of Agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of June 7 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings - Tuesday, August 2 at 7; Tuesday, September 6 at 7
- F. Open forum – Sherry has a neighbor that wants to plant a tree and wonders about some help from UHA. Brian moves to spend up to \$100 to be matched by the person, seconded by Sherry, and passed unanimously.

II. Action/followup items

- A. UNM Community Engaged Learning and Research – Brian has not done anything further. Joseph is hoping to move forward with solar project.
- B. UNM new building/Redondo shutdown – Julie and Don attended a meeting on June 20 to discuss various new buildings that would affect the UHA area. Julie distributed draft drawings of the plans. We'll continue to review future activities.
- C. Bricklight development concept – The next phase of Bricklight is proposed for the four lots on the west side of Harvard to Silver to be all apartments. They'd like high density, three-story development with studio and one bedroom apartments. The conceptual plan of 42 units is not enough for the economics that they're looking for. However, they are 1.1 floor area ratio, versus a maximum limit of 1. The permissive number of units in the zone would be 20, so they're proposing more than twice as many. Maximum parking onsite is 33 spaces, or well under one per unit. They would need many variances, and we'd prefer a zone change to SU-1 as was done for the initial development in order to better tailor the development to the surrounding area. Concerns about the 3 story on the street with no setbacks, not enough open space. We'll continue discussions about their plans and options.
- D. Transportation – BRT and Silver. Federal court hearing on the ART preliminary injunction request on July 27. Silver construction is to get underway in late July/early August. A public information meeting showing the design for Silver will be at 6 on Thursday, July 14 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.
- E. Lead and Coal – More trees are being knocked down, but we still need to have an on-going plan for replacing trees and other landscaping.
- F. Fall event – we still haven't heard from City Parking about distributing the parking permits at the event, so it's still hard to set the date.
- G. Mural at PNM substation – Joseph will check with Sherry Bruggeman about the schedule.
- H. Spring cleanup followup –Agreed to always check to avoid conflict with Pride Parade. Always also need a couple of pickups. Brian is willing to do a beer party for the next one.
- I. Neighborhood Patrol – No report.

- J. Comprehensive Plan/IDO – Don, Julie, Joseph, and Gene submitted joint comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan, some of which were addressed in the draft submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission. EPC will have two study sessions in July, then public hearings on August 4 and 25.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Not present.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 10 cents. Balance is \$3,491.85, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC has received the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project.

IV. Adjournment – 8:15 pm.