

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, July 8, 2021
7:00 p.m. at 121 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Mandy Warr, Marlene Brown, Gene Trosterud, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock. Margie Trosterud is a guest host.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved with adding ECHO.
- D. Approval of minutes of June 3 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, August 5 at 7, at place to be determined; Thursday, September 2 at 7.
- F. Open Forum – Marlene was on a call about the Avangrid/PNM merger and is concerned about Avangrid’s bad reputation in other states. Brian has raised his rental rates, and still has many applicants. Sherry points out that the Peace & Justice Center has a small outside library. Julie is selling her house and moving to the East Mountains. Sherry says that the restaurant at Cornell and Lead is closed and may be demolished and turned into a parking lot. Mandy is concerned about the abandoned dumpster on Carraro’s, for which Solid Waste hasn’t responded, so she’ll check with Pat Davis.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Jennifer Simpson – A Toast to Jennifer celebration is on Thursday, July 22 at 7; Gene will confirm with Differential and Marlene will help publicize it.
- B. Spring cleanup on June 5 followup – Gene’s truck picked up couches, but it will still be good to have another pickup. Some new people also came, but Solid Waste only gave us three grabbers. Brian also suggests that we team up with another organization to have more people to help. We’ll talk in October about when to do the cleanup and whether to recruit some organization then, perhaps after the annual meeting.
- C. Lead and Coal – Mandy has received a survey from the Mayor’s Office about the speed vans. Marlene was in an accident at Harvard and Lead on June 7.
- D. District 6 Coalition & New City Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance – The Coalition met with Mayor Keller at the Monday, May 17 meeting. The Revised NARO is out for comment and is to be introduced by Councilor Benton at the August 2 Council meeting and then will go to the Finance and Government Operations Committee. We have concerns about several provisions which Don will send to Mandy and Patty Willson to be incorporated into District 6 Coalition comments.
- E. Zoning – We haven’t heard any more from The Strider. Near Heights Planning Assessment website is: <https://cpa.abc-zone.com/near-heights>. While the website states that drafts of the assessment report are posted for comment, there aren’t such drafts posed yet. The IDO update was approved by City Council.
- F. Parking enforcement and permits. The permit parking sign at 202 Cornell, SE was knocked down and hasn’t been put back up. The permit parking system is staying the same – you can pay for permits online or go to the Parking Department downtown and get them with no payment.

G. Bricklight event(s) – Teri Shaffer inquired as to whether we'd partner on in doing something with Bricklight District in the form of a farmer's market, art walk or event carnival? Agreed that we didn't have the resources to help plan events.

H. ECHO – Gene was on the call last night with 43 people, mostly from the City departments to share information about what the public safety services are, including more police presence. There will be virtual meetings on the first and third Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Dues of \$45 from the newsletter. Interest of \$0.04 on the CD and \$0.01 on the savings account. Resulting savings account balance is \$1,578.62. \$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2021.

IV. Adjournment – 8:49 pm.