

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017  
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Marlene Brown, Brian Stinar, Ben Wasserott, Gene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. Richard Hallett, Mandy Warr of Remedy Day Spa, and Emelia Goldfarb of Haven Skate Shop are visitors.

II. Presentation – Bikeshare

Valerie Hermanson of MRCOG discussed the Bikeshare program, which started as a pilot plant downtown in 2015 with 75 bikes, and it has worked well. MRCOG now has a federal grant to expand it. Year 1 of the pilot program was \$25 a year membership and additional charge if out over an hour. Zagster is the vendor and will replace the existing 15 stations and increase to 750 bikes and add stations in phases. She’s gathering suggestions for locations, including in the UHA area. To contact her: [vhermanson@mrcog-nm.gov](mailto:vhermanson@mrcog-nm.gov)

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of July 11 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, September 5 at 7; Tuesday, October 3 at 7.
- D. Open forum – There was an armed robbery at Saggio’s this afternoon. Mandy and Amelia are interested in developing a “business district” on the 100 block of Vassar and are looking for a name and support from UHA and other businesses on the block. Marlene talked with Pat Davis about solar on city government buildings. Last month Brian chased two guys who were trying to break in to a neighbor’s house, and the police didn’t come.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – Mark Horst was selected as the muralist. Wall prep work is still not scheduled.
- B. Bricklight II – No new drawings. A meeting with Councilor Davis, APD, and some of the Bricklight merchants was held to discuss options to address the crime problems. APD will look at doing a major intervention, including undercover officers and cameras to try to address crime, drug and prostitution issues, starting around mid-August when UNM is back in session.
- C. Code for ABQ transportation data – More data last month, but more sets to include.
- D. Zoning – DR Text Amendment; IDO. Jim Strozier has proposed a Silver Bike Boulevard text amendment that would affect about 25 properties, but would not necessarily require compliance with all other DR requirements. Brian Stinar moved, seconded by Gene Trosterud that UHA continue to oppose the text amendment. Passed unanimously. Gene Trosterud moved, seconded by Marlene Brown that we continue to express our concerns about the lack of inclusion of blood plasma centers in the IDO. Passed unanimously. 500 Yale, SE is requesting a conditional use for manufacturing in the C-2 zone. While it’s not within the UHA boundaries, it is immediately adjacent and since there are nearby

concerns about manufacturing at 418 Yale, we'll contact them and may send a letter to the ZHE.

- E. Greater Central Avenue Meetings; Transit-Oriented Development – The documentation is out. The transportation study recommends making Lead and Coal both two-way streets. <http://www.greatercentralave.org/reports-and-downloads/>. Ben will use Next Door and talk with adjoining neighborhoods to try to get consensus on plans to move forward with the next mayoral administration.
- F. 418 Yale, SE air emissions concerns – Continuing problems, we still need to talk with Environmental Health.
- G. ART Update. Councilor Lewis' revised resolution may be re-introduced on Monday, August 7. Either Ben or Gene will plan to attend.

#### V. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – In June and July, Interest was 23 cents; Memberships were \$27. District 6 Coalition dues were \$25. Don will again send out Gene's notes of the Coalition meeting. Balance is \$3,702.30, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC still has the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project. The \$500 stipends were paid to each of the four mural finalists.

#### VI. Adjournment – 8:33 pm.