

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, September 2, 2021
7:00 p.m at 2717 McEarl, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of August 5 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, October 7 at 7 at Gene’s house; Thursday, November 4 at 7.
- F. Open Forum – Brian reported that at his Free Range co-work space at Central and University, someone threw rocks through the window, so the place is going to be closed for now. Sherry attended the Cop in the Park at Morningside Park last Thursday, and they heard a lot of complaints and talked about how few police officers are available. Marlene said that there have been a couple of attempted break-ins at her house. Don attended the virtual liquor license hearing on August 31 for Cheba Hut. The license is an Inter-Local Dispenser License, which can allow package and off-premises consumption. But since the license was issued in McKinley County, it is effectively a restaurant license, so Don said that UHA does not oppose such licenses in the area. The Hearing Officer said that he agreed with the suggestion to more clearly advertise what is allowed by a license in the future.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Lead and Coal – The Rest on Red public meeting is on Tuesday, September 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 on zoom. People can also send in questions in advance.
- B. District 6 Coalition & New City Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance (NARO) – Mandy provided written information that the District 6 Executive Committee met and discussed the proposed development in the San Mateo/Kathryn area and expressed opposition to the affordable housing proposal and the lack of community involvement. Marlene supports more affordable housing, but understands concerns about concentrating too much in one area. Two amendments to NARO passed at the August 25 LUPZ Committee meeting, one of which clarified that having dues was allowed, but payment of dues could not be a pre-requisite for membership or voting. District 6 did send in letter and Patty Willson spoke at the LUPZ meeting.
- C. Metropolitan Redevelopment area – Julie and Don participated in an August 30 virtual meeting with a city official and two consultants about whether some of this area should be a Metropolitan Redevelopment district as the area west of Central and University and east of Central and Carlisle are. We discussed issues that such a designation might address. They’ve also talked with Jay Rembe and UNM. They’ll let us know what they decide to recommend.
- D. ECHO – No one attended yesterday’s meeting, and Sherry doesn’t think that they are currently very helpful for neighborhood people.
- E. Zoning – Near Heights Planning Assessment. The Planning Assessment draft has still not been released because they are dealing with the data and input received. We are to be notified when a draft assessment is released.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of \$0.04 on the CD and \$0.02 on the savings account.
Resulting savings account balance is \$1,578.73. \$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2021.

IV. Adjournment – 8:05 pm.