

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, October 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 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson, Marlene Brown, Sherry Smith, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Wasserott, Gene Trosterud, Casey Warr, and Don Hancock. Richard Hallett is a visitor.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved with additions II.F and G.
- D. Approval of minutes of September 4 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Wednesday, November 7 at 7; Wednesday, December 5 at 7???
- F. Open forum – The formerly Gilchrist house is up for sale, as the owners apparently are walking away from the building permit that they received for townhouses. Gene suggests that we consider getting the city to buy the property for a park and community garden. Skarsgard Farms has pulled out of the Cornell and Lead property. Marlene may have a retirement party on November 17.

II. Action/Followup items

- A. Mural Celebration followup – Good turnout and good event. Jennifer was reimbursed \$70 for the cookies from RudeBoy. Sherry Bruggeman from City Arts suggested they would do some future projects with the neighborhood, which could also be related to community garden.
- B. Community garden – Marlene has been in touch with the few people that are interested. Bricklight wants to know how long we need the fence that they are renting.
- C. Lead & Coal – Generally good feelings about Sunday’s meeting. The first meeting of the Lead-Coal Task Force is tomorrow. Joseph proposed a draft 10-point deliverable for the City tomorrow, which was discussed, revised, and approved. We’d like to look at options, including 25 MPH speed limit, two-way streets as a preference, and adding landscaping issues.
- D. Zoning – IDO solar access problem. Don asked the UNM Student planning class to look at the IDO solar access issue and provide analysis and suggestions to UHA. The class presentation is on October 4 at 2 pm. The paper will be due by the end of October. Two property owners (Gene and David) on the 100 block of Vassar may be interested in seeing about zone changes to allow uses that they’d like. Gene may proceed with the voluntary downzoning for MX-T, in which bed and breakfast is permissive.
- E. ART Update – At Sunday’s Lead and Coal meeting, Patrick Montoya of DMD indicated that the city is hoping to start the buses in the next few weeks. Marlene and Don both mentioned the various problems at Central and Girard.
- F. Police Community Council – Gene attended last month’s meetings and picked up some data, including that there were 10,900+ calls to 911 from the SE Command.
- G. District 6 Coalition – Gene attended last month’s meeting, which was very well attended with about 70 people. Homeless issues were the major focus. There are about 3,000 vacant properties and two inspectors, so there may be a new ordinance to change it from strikeforce.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 13 cents. With an additional \$10 membership tonight and the \$70 for cookies, the Balance is \$4,391.06, 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 – 8:44 pm.