

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 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, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Joseph Aguirre and Don Hancock. Larry, Dorothy, and Mark Rainosek were visitors.

II. Presentation on ART – Bradbury Stamm

Senior Project Manager Tyler Nunn and ABQ ART Business Liaison Matt Payne discussed upcoming ART construction, which is scheduled to begin on October 17 between Stanford and Girard with median removal and continue for 60 days. Bus lane is 24” deep. As of October 17, there will be no left turn westbound on Central or from Columbia, Princeton, and Vassar. Construction between Yale and Stanford is scheduled, and they are supposed to let us know the schedule. Strongwall barricades from sidewalk to street while replacing sidewalks; will be Frontier sidewalks at night from 1-5. They will maintain ADA on sidewalks during construction. Construction is normally 7-5 Monday-Friday. Early next year when Rapid Ride stations will be removed. Yards at Presbyterian and Adams, and construction workers know not to park on Central; also are trying to get some UNM parking with their projects. In terms of contacts with immediate problems from construction, contact: Tyler Nunn. Business compensation may be available by applying. It does not include compensation for workers who might lose their jobs as a result of lost business. There will be no signed detours on east-west or north-south streets. Heading home is doing the fundraisers. 100 businesses have jointed the 66 reasons to like Route 66.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.as revised for the ART presentation
- B. Approval of minutes of September 6 meeting. Approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, November 1 at 7; Tuesday, December 6, but to be finally decided at the November meeting. Will schedule a holiday party in December.
- D. Open forum – Nothing.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Transportation – BRT and Silver. Additional Water Authority work on Central this week, during the Balloon Fiesta because the City wants it done so ART can start. The UNM Transit-Oriented Development contract with the city to do a 16-month study of ART meets each first Friday or the month and there’s a Wednesday night UNM class that’s related. Both activities are open to any neighborhood people. Joseph and Don will attend the meeting on Friday, October 7 at 10. The UNM Campus Development Committee also meets Friday at 11 to discuss a letter on ART impacts near Pearl Hall. The Silver improvement project has completed the Yale median, Cornell except for the southeast corner sidewalk which is awaiting PNM to re-locate the power and street light poles, and Princeton. Girard work is supposed to start next week and some work is underway on Carlisle.

- B. Bricklight II – Julie met with Jay Rembe and Allen Lewis on site to discuss our concerns, which she also passed on in an email. They are considering how to revise their plans, including on the southeast corner.
- C. Mural at PNM substation – The first meeting of the selection committee will be soon with Gene, Joseph and Julie Ahern and James de Champlon on the committee. The City reminds us that the neighborhood has two votes.
- D. Community Policing Council – No report.
- E. Gilchrist property – The building permit has so far been turned down as they are trying to do eight units, similar to what the city denied last year, so they'll have to return to the four townhouse project or request a number of additional variances or get the city to change its current opinions.
- F. Comprehensive Plan/IDO – Joseph and Don attend the UNM planning students presentation this afternoon about the Comp Plan and IDO in Claudia Isaac's class. They generally think that it's positive and that UHA should stay involved because there are a few uses in the new mixed use zones that are not allowed in the sector plan – including liquor sales and adult bookstores.
- G. Lead and Coal – Don has asked for an explanation of why the re-striped Zuni doesn't have time stoplights for the 30 mph, as is the case on Lead and Coal. We'd like to know which is more effective in slowing down traffic.

V. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Not present.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 11 cents. Balance is \$3,492.18, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC has received the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project.

VI. Adjournment – 8:23 pm.