

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 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 7:01 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Marlene Brown, Sherry Smith, Ryan Sindon, Jennifer Simpson, Ben Wasserott, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, and Don Hancock. Peggy Neff and Richard Hallett are visitors.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of October 3 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings - Tuesday, December 5 at 7; Tuesday, January 2 at 7.
- F. Holiday Party at Sherry's on Friday, December 15 at 7.
- G. Open forum – Peggy went to the City Housing and Community Development Committee and will send the survey information out. Marlene and Ryan met with the UNM Community Garden people and may be interested; various empty lots were suggested as possible sites. Brian has a one bedroom at 419 Princeton, SE; Ryan is looking for a two-bedroom. Peggy is concerned about the situation at 316 Princeton, SE, which has a listed sex offender and is selling drugs.

II. ART Construction update – Dayna Crawford, ART Project Lead. Expect the heavy equipment to be out of this area now – doing IT work around the stations for four cameras, and there are 18 cameras on each bus.

Funding: Are using reserves to pay for construction, buses will be paid next summer. Hired 13 new security officers and additional staff for graffiti removal. Partial service at end of November from Biopark to west side for River of Lights; then Bryn Mawr and Uptown Transit Center (Target).

The 66 bus stops will mostly be moved into lighted areas.

III. Action/followup items

- A. 2018 Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 28 at 3 at the Outpost. We'll invite the new mayor, Councilor Davis, APD, and someone from Transit.
- B. Silver Mural Project – Nothing further.
- C. Zoning – DR Text Amendment was approved by City Council on October 4. The IDO is set for approval at the Council meeting on November 13.
- D. Lead and Coal/Greater Central Avenue Meetings – The letter was sent to Councilor Davis on October 23 and he responded immediately. Channel 4 did two weekend stories and Ben was on one of the programs. On Next Door and other places, there has been a lot of opposition expressed to two-way streets. Ryan thinks that a new visual of the problems would be good. Jennifer suggests that there might be a variety of solutions. Joseph reminds everyone that we have two sets of recommendations – the most recent request and the one from four years ago. The neighborhood meeting on the draft Route 66 Action Plan chapters 2 (Station types) and 7 (University Station) is on Thursday, November 9 from 6-8 at Heights Community Center.

E. Bricklight II – Julie, Joseph, Gene, and Don met with Bricklight folks on October 19. They are planning to just carry forward the existing zoning for Bricklight 1, and were supposed to give an update for this meeting, which hasn't come in.

F. 418 Yale, SE air emissions and zoning code concerns – No update.

IV. Officer's Reports

A. President – The Roaring '20s Open House at DG was fun.

B. Vice-President – Joseph thanks Ben for doing the Next Door and Channel 4 show.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 12 cents. Balance is \$3,797.65, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC still has the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project.

V. Adjournment – 8:40 pm.