

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Tuesday, November 7, 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, Brian Stinar, Gene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. Gina Dennis, Richard Hallett, and Mr. Dameron from 121 Girard, SE are visitors.

II. Zone Change Request – Jeannett Martinez and Rosario Roman, 123 Girard, SE

Jeannett intends to rezone the currently and previously zoned 7-plex residential property (R-ML under IDO, DR under the Sector Plan) to MX-T or MX-L to allow her to open a wellness clinic on the street level. Julie and others ask about parking. They plan to move back the front fence to provide 5 cars in front, entering from Girard and exiting on Silver. Four providers and four patients would be the maximum, and they may not need an accessible parking spot. They would use around four business spaces with about 1,200 square feet in the main house, lower floor. Brian is also concerned about the perpetual yard sales on the property. Julie suggests a site plan with parking so that would show how the business and parking would work. The city had suggested the MX-T zone. The properties across the street on the east side of Girard are MX-T. That zoning has the same dimensional requirements as MX-L, except a 30' height limit and some lesser commercial permissive uses, including restaurants, self-storage, retail and liquor sales. Jeannett appreciates the responses. She will also be going to Silver Hill and Nob Hill association meetings. Mr. Dameron had no questions. The board takes no action, since we don't have an actual request yet.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
  - B. Approval of minutes of October 4 meeting – approved.
  - C. Next meetings – Wednesday, December 5 at 7; Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7
  - D. Open forum – Gina Dennis, President of the District 6 Coalition, thanks us for having minutes posted online. She asks if we'd like to host the next District 6 Coalition meeting on Thursday, November 29 from 6-8, and our agenda items which would be right after APD and Sheriff. Our issues will be Lead and Coal.
- Marlene's retirement party will still be on November 17, but not at her house. Sherry will again host the UHA holiday party on Saturday, December 8 at 6. Gene again wonders about asking Pat Davis to acquire the Gilchrist property, but there is no consensus to do that. Sherry will call 311 about a too large sign on Princeton. Richard is concerned about how Bank of America and other banks may be scamming people, and he'd like to help. Jennifer's cousin visited during the balloon fiesta and cars on the street had windows smashed. Marlene's friend Mark was victim of a hit and run, and a Century Link driver also saw it. Richard's property where Free Radicals is located will become vacant at the end of 2018; he hasn't decided what to do with it.

#### IV. Action/followup items

- A. Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 13 at 2-4 at the Outpost is the preferred option. Possible invitees are APD, mayor, Pat Davis, Solid Waste for landscaping, Patrick Montoya for Girard and Central, and IDO. We'll further discuss the agenda at the next board meetings.
- B. Mayor's Neighborhood Summit – Jennifer and Joseph attended and went to the IDO subgroup. Joseph will invite the IDO staff to the December 5 board meeting.
- C. Bricklight Community garden – The fence is down. So we still need a long term location for the garden.
- D. Lead-Coal – Task Force met on October 4. The next meeting is December 6. Solid waste is interested in pursuing a sightline plan. Joseph is working with them to try to ensure that there's not removal of the nice landscaping.

Arterial designation is a concern. Lawrence Rael brought up the safety corridor at the January meeting, so that may need to be something that has to go to the legislature. John Gonzalez of APD has said to pursue more enforcement. Joseph also asked about the APD crash data man, which he'll ask Pat Montoya to make the contact. Brian suggests that the crash data be posted on the city's open data website. Joseph shared our deliverables with Councilor Davis. Jennifer points out that the corner lighting is being installed.
- E. Zoning –The UNM Student planning class agreed that the loss of solar access provisions in much of the neighborhood could be a problem and encourages us to discuss how to address it with the city.
- F. Mural – FacilityBuild repaired and re-plastered some bad places on the wall. There is a pending request to PNM to repair the inside of the wall. Mark Horst probably can't repaint the repaired spots until the spring.
- G. UNM President's Invitation – Neighborhood Open House on Tuesday, November 27 from 4:30 to 6. Jennifer got the special invite. Marlene, Ben, and Jennifer all plan to attend.
- H. Mayor's APD Compliance Meeting – Saturday, November 10 from 2-4 at the Convention Center. Gene will attend.
- I. ART Update – Mayor Keller announced that the electric buses still have significant mechanical problems and the additional charging stations haven't been installed. So it's unclear when operations might start.

#### V. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 13 cents. The Balance is \$4,391.19, 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.

#### VI. Adjournment – 8:51 pm.