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University Heights Collaborative
5 W. Northrup Place
Buffalo, NY 14214
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UHC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:11pm

Next meeting here on November 15th, 2016 due to election night

1. Guest Speakers
 - Murray Holman - from the Peacemakers
 - Spoke about the organization
 - Chairman of the Stop the Violence Coalition, which is part of the Peacemakers
Located throughout the whole city
2. Adam Day - UB Greek Life - VP of Inter-fraternity council
 - Wants to bridge gap between student and permanent resident population/ He plans on attending future UHC meetings to listen to problems and will bring them back to the IFC council with the goal of moving in a positive direction between students and long-term residents. His e-mail is adamday [at] buffalo [dot] edu
 - Also starting a Greek Life Update newsletter highlighting work that they're doing for community
 - Trick or Treating safe houses - Greek houses giving out candy to the community 7-9pm
3. Tim Leary - Public Relations (stuck in Hurricane Matthew - will attend next meeting)
4. Community Awards Dinner
 - The dinner will be on December 10, from 6-10pm
 - This is a joint effort between UHC and University District Block Club Coalition
 - Councilman given us a budget of \$3500
 - Will give out 5 recognitions from our community (UHC) and 5 from University District Block Club Coalition
 - Looking people to get on committee
5. Linear Park / Rails to Trails
 - HAWK signal starting on Oct. 13th on Kenmore - 10am
 - Looking for people to show up and ride their bikes as there will be a press conference given by local officials
 - Cleaning efforts are going well in Linear Park
 - Looking into getting 1 or 2 murals on the abutments in the park

- Trees have been planted
 - Previous drainage issues have been resolved, thanks to the City
6. UHC Board Elections
- Looking for nominations for board members - Contact Ray Reichert if you're interested
7. Updates
- Garden Walk
 - Plant and Seed Exchange went well
 - UHAA still has seeds available - Contact the Garden Walk folks via the website (lists email address)
 - In January, they will be looking for recipients for the Christine Brooks Memorial Garden Grant
 - Donations always welcome
 - This year there will be a calendar of garden pictures in the neighborhood for a fundraising initiative
 - Tool Library
 - Next date is November 5th (9am to 1pm) at Diefendorf Hall (South). This will be the last major planting. Only 215 trees left to plant out of the 1000 tree goal.
 - 100 tulip bulbs to plant near Bailey mural
 - Looking for volunteers to help bulbs
 - In the future, will focus on maintenance of trees and more targeted areas
 - CoLab
 - Tyler Street Community Garden
 - Season has come to a close
 - "Putting Your Garden to Bed" workshop probably happening in November
 - Another cold frame workshop in November/December
 - Grow tunnel workshop in November/December
 - UDCDA
 - Parkside Candies renovation is slowly happening
 - Another grant for Westminster Charter School to do a mural right on the school, out front. Working with the same artist, Nick Miller. Will happen spring/summer of next year
 - University Heights Main Street Business Association
 - Developing by-laws
 - 25th is the next meeting
 - Will elect new officers at this meeting
8. Any new/old business
- UB Town Hall about underage drinking
 - Nov. 17th at 3pm in Allen Hall in the Theater
 - Vista program is progressing
 - Interviews being conducted for the 2 positions in the UH area and UD area
 - November 1st is good start date
 - Breakfast meeting held by Councilman Wyatt about community concerns
 - 9am St. Lawrence Church 1520 Delevan Ave. Saturday
 - Someone is going through cars in the University Park neighborhood. Breaking into unlocked cars.

- New initiative from the City of Buffalo to have the ability get 50-100 properties to lead to homeownership
- Bank at Kenmore and Englewood has lots of grass- property has sold and will be closing next week. Hopefully, property will be taken care of then
- School at Lisbon and Cordova - work has started. Asbestos abatement has begun

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Next meeting will be November 15th, 2016 at GJPCC (due to election day) at GJPCC. Please visit www.ourheights.org for meeting minutes and to learn more about the University Heights Collaborative.