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UHC General Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Meeting started at 7:06pm

1. VISTA introductions
 - Madison Hughes and Dylan Steed will be working 40 hours per week in the community
2. Guest Speakers
 - Tim Leary - National Income Life
 - Letter was sent out to the presidents of all Block Clubs in the City of Buffalo. All members would have a \$2k accidental death and dismemberment policy at no cost to UHC members. People interested have to return the cards
 - If the UHC decides it's interested, he can bring back cards for the members have to sign and return
 - Michael Okińczyc, Voice Buffalo Director
 - Works to engage citizens in the civic process
 - Discussion about problems in the neighborhood
 - What is most concerning to a neighborhood and how do we organize?
 - Further question can be directed to Dana Overton-Burns
3. Community Awards Dinner
 - Will be sponsored by University District and University District Block Club association
 - December 10, between 6-10pm at Varsity Theater, with music, food, DJ, and valet parking
4. Shoshone Park updates
 - Letter from Common Council received regarding updates to the park
 - The ramp from Rails to Trails will be in place by spring
 - Capital Improvements recommendations
 - \$20 million dollar budget
 - Board makes recommendations
 - Common Council meeting - renovations needed on pool - will be getting a 1.2 million dollar improvement to pool
 - Moving forward, we need to look for projects that can be put forward to our Common Council member person
5. Updates
 - Garden Walk
 - Calendars coming soon
 - Tool Library

- We hit the 1000 Tree Goal – last tree was planted in Linear Park on November 5th
 - CoLab -
 - Joe - Workshop last week - built bug motels with kids next workshop about building Bee houses – Sunday, November 20th at 1pm
 - Another art show from Dope Collective in December
 - Tyler Street Community Garden
 - Season is closing
 - UDCDA
 - not much to report - working on grant
 - Main Street Business Association
 - Meeting on the 22nd
 - Will be electing officers
 - Now have bylaws, will become an official organization
6. New business
- Electing board members
 - We're reaffirming current board members
 - List was read by Ray Reichert
 - Board of Directors was approved
 - Updates from Greek Community - Adam Day
 - 100 students helped with Retree
 - Trick or Treat initiative had 20 student house involved.
 - Garbage cleanup on the streets

Next meeting will be on January 10, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm