

## **University Height Collaborative General Meeting Minutes**

**June 11, 2019**

### **Presentation from CRISE- Cities for Responsible Investment and Strategic Enforcement**

This is a grant program funded by the NY Attorney General providing municipalities with technical and management support to improve their code enforcement practices 10 New York cities were chosen to participate and Buffalo was one.

### **Report from Chief Menza:**

The party problem has been much improved. The police have written 50 tickets for \$1,500 for nuisance parties and all tickets have been paid. This seems to be effective in curtailing disruptive parties. Chief Menza also believes that the sale of properties to more responsible landlords has helped, and since the disruptive parties have been almost always fraternity or sorority parties, landlords are trying to avoid leasing to individuals associated with those groups.

Aggressive panhandling on Main Street has also been better, please report incidents that occur.

There have been reports of homeless individuals sleeping along the bike path and in linear park. The police send an officer through there at least once each shift.

Burglaries tend to focus on student houses with electronics being the targets. Many have been during the day when students are away, but some non student houses have been hit. Menza says cameras have been very helpful in identifying the intruders. He recommends cameras, LOCK ALL BACK WINDOWS!!

Drive by shooting on Flower- The incident was gang related, they had come into the neighborhood and set up a safe house. The landlord said he had hired a company to screen tenants and they clearly didn't. The people involved have moved out.

### **Other Reports:**

#### **UB Community Affairs**

Summer schedules are in the mail

#### **Other**

The June 8 University United Festival and Parade on Bailey went well

The Tool Library has a workshop scheduled- check their web site, Tools 101 teaches how to use simple power tools. Donation is \$5

Linear Park clean up was very successful, the park is in good shape. Linda Garwol has put lots of plants in at Shoshone Park, and she and Darren have done a great job with the Winspear/Tyler triangle gardens.

UDCDA and received a \$50,000 Planning grant to plan to extend the rail trail across Main Street to Kensington

July 13, will be Capen Garden Walk and the Crossroads and Creativity walk meeting at the intersection of linear park and the rail trail.

Moblie Farmers Market organized by MAP and the Promise Neighborhood community, will be every Tuesday from 2 – 5 on Bailey at Dartmouth Street.

The Slo Roll will leave from Shoshone Park on September 30. UHC would like to have a market or some event at the NFTA lot. Maybe food trucks, farmers market, vendors. Need volunteers to organize it.

A problem is occurring at Shoshone Park after soccer and baseball games with lots of litter left behind. We need some way to remind the organizers to tell folks to clean up before they leave. Ceck if there are sufficient garbage cans.

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