

## University Height Collaborative General Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

Attendance- Candy Hayes has list of attendees

BEAM, Buffalo Engineering Awareness for Minorities, gave a presentation to the UHC general meeting. BEAM is a program that bridges the gap between STEM careers and children in populations underrepresented in those fields. The program has members working in the respective fields, provides access to career development opportunities, provides references and has representative from diverse STEM careers. It functions all year, on weekends during the school year and has summer camp programs. BEAM is looking for partnerships for their programs, and would like to be involved with more schools or community centers. You can find more information at [BEAMBuffalo.org](http://BEAMBuffalo.org)

1. Mickey Vertino discussed the Mayor's Clean Sweep program to help improve the quality of life in Buffalo's neighborhoods. The program goes door to door through a chosen neighborhood to deal identify quality of life issues and help residents. Anyone interested in the program should contact Mickey Vertino.
2. The PACT program, Police And Community Together, has a new fall class being organized. This is an educational program intended to foster relationships between the police and the community. It provides instruction to participating community members on all aspects of police work. Anyone interested should contact Police Headquarters to apply.
3. University United Festival is on June 8. Anyone interested in participating should contact Councilman Wyatt's office.
4. Linear Park Clean up is on June 9, meet at The Tool Library at 10 AM
5. The Slow Roll will again take off from the University District on September 30, leaving from Shoshone Park. UHC has permission to use the NFTA parking lot for an event that day. Mickey would like a volunteer committee to put together the event. UB will have a 5k run on August9, on the campus.
6. UB on the Green will be held on August 8, table opportunities for the event are available.
7. UHC is working with 4 or 5 high school kids through a program with the city. They will be doing projects in the neighborhoods throughout the summer. If you have ideas for projects in your neighborhood contact Mickey Vertino.
8. Capen Garden Walk will be held on July 13. The spring seed and plant exchange is Saturday May 18 at University Presbyterian church.
9. Dottie's Deli has expanded at 300 Kenmore, near University across from Dairy Queen. The deli has Spanish food, and has take-out options. He owner is looking for ideas on what kind of services the community would like. Stop in and try out her food and give her ideas for her business.
10. New Businesses opening, looking for UHC input and approval.

Mumbles Chicken and Waffles will be opening in the old Nettie's Fried Chicken store. They will be open from 10 AM to 10 PH the expect 6 days a week. The business is largely take-out but will have about 8 seats in the restaurant. The new owner in a local resident who grew up on

Lisbon Ave, and is happy to be coming back to the neighborhood. The members present were happy to see a new restaurant moving into the space. Nettie's was a popular spot and this will likely fill a need left by her retirement. Response to this new business was unanimously positive. We wish him well and hope he opens soon.

A new bar/lounge for the "over 21" crowd is proposing to open in the old Main Place bar. The lounge will seat patrons at tables, not have a standing room crowd, and not be allowing the 18 year old student crowd the old Main Place Bar was bringing in. They expect to have live music and, while they don't have a kitchen, expect to provide food from other local restaurants which they can re-plate in the lounge. They expect to be open four nights a week from 6 PM to about 1 or 2 AM. They are looking for ideas, one local resident suggested a comedy night.

The members present were not opposed to this type of business. The large crowds congregating on the sidewalks were an issue with the old bar, and this type business does not present the littering, noise and late night street crowd the neighborhood would like to avoid. The members present were supportive of this business opening.

Submitted by Susan Carpenter, Secretary