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UHC General Meeting Minutes

KeyBank

- Loan and learn program
 - Teach people how to save and maintain credit,
- Programs for people who want to learn how to invest money in savings accounts to get higher returns
- How to maintain good financial health – get people back on track – what you need to get approved for loans and credit cards?
- Live and learn – seminars that they can bring out to the community
- Loan Assist Program – designed for customers with no credit low credit – loan will be given for between \$1,000 - \$3,500 – put into interest bearing account
 - Practice loan to help build credit
 - Good for college students
- Four different home equity – up to 85% and up to 100%
 - New roof, pave driveway, consolidating debt, paying for college
 - Tax deduction
- Office is a CRA – mortgages for community reinvestment
 - Help families who are low or moderate income
- Key at Work – 100% free – package group of banking benefits
 - Advantage package – free checking accounts, silver saving accounts, free checks, free safety deposit box, no fees at other atms
- Key for Women – networking and education opportunities

Impact Team

- Using tool library resources to respond to quality of life issues
- Clear sidewalks, clear overgrown bushes
- Reached out to a few different organizations for monetary supports
- Neighborhood-based impact team for and by the people
- Question: have any other neighborhoods tried this?
 - No, we would be pioneers
- Work with the city's impact team to learn best practices
- Do our own clean sweeps – aesthetics is important
- Encourage people to be part of the change

E-District Meetings

- 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6PM
- Opportunity to talk to the police and talk about issues in the

Rails to Trails

- Signage going up in the park – will continue to go up
- About 70-75% done
- Suggestions for things to add to the park (as part of Phase II)
 - Garbage cans
 - Picnic tables
- City will be responsible for plowing and mowing

Capen Garden Walk

- Saturday, July 16th
- Poster Art Competition open until January 23rd and is being administered by the UHAA
 - UHAA will also administer related exhibition of submitted artwork
- Applications coming up for Christine Brooks Garden Grant

Tool Library

- ReTree the District Phase IV Planting is set for April 16th

CoLab

- Upcoming Workshops:
 - Winter Tree Stewardship - Saturday, January 30th @ 10am
 - DIY Seedling Starters - Monday, February 1st @ 10am
 - Tenant and Landlord Rights presented by HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) @ Tuesday, February 9th @ 6p
 - DIY Shelving - Thursday, February 11th @ 6p – 730p
 - #HappyPeriod Monthly Meeting Saturday, February 13th @ 11am
 - DIY Wooden Window Restoration- Thursday, March 2nd @ 6p – 730p

University District Community Development Association

- Healthy Corner Store Initiative Grand Opening – Friday, January 29th 3-5:30PM at Food Plus Market located at 414 E. Amherst Street.
- Varsity Theatre Grand Opening – Friday, February 12th 3-6PM at the Varsity Theatre located at 3165 Bailey Avenue

Other Business

- UB GRoW Home – built as part of the Solar Decathlon
 - Super efficient home that was entered in a national competition and won 2nd place

- Will be rebuilt on South Campus as a programmatic space
- Opportunities for collaboration with the community