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UHC General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00pm

1. Food Store License Renewal Meetings
 - Reviewing delis and their compliance with the code of conduct
 - S&S Deli 3083 Main Street – cold cuts, ice cream, plans to have prepared food
 - Join University and Lovejoy District Council Members for three upcoming meetings on food store license renewals:
 - Monday, March 1st 9-11AM
 - Wednesday, March 23rd 5:30-7PM
 - Wednesday, March 30th 5:30-7PM

2. Arts Grant on Bailey Avenue - \$2,000 grant from Arts Service Initiative of WNY to support large murals as part of Bailey Fights Blight. Beautify buildings and strengthen identity of the commercial corridor.
 - Saturday, April 23rd, Noon – 2PM: Informational Meeting
 - Saturday, June 4th, Noon – 3PM: Brainstorming Session #1
 - Saturday, July 9th, Noon – 3PM: Brainstorming Session #2
 - Saturday, July 16th, 10AM – 2PM: Community Painting Day & Cleanup #1
 - Saturday, July 23rd, 10AM – 2PM: Community Painting Day & Cleanup #2
 - Saturday, July 30th, 10AM – 2PM: Community Painting Day & Cleanup #3

3. Community Soup Microgrants
 - Community Soup at University Presbyterian Church located at Niagara Falls and Main Street on Sunday, March 13th at 5PM. \$5 for all you can eat soup and sides. People between the ages of 15-25 present project ideas to improve community and everyone who pays \$5 gets to vote on projects. Projects with the most votes receive all the money raised that night.
 - Ongoing soup kitchen there as well

4. Better Buffalo Fund Meeting
 - Special meeting called by the UDCDA for Main Street property owners who might be interested in building renovation grants
 - Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00PM at Gloria J Parks Community Center

5. Spring It On Fundraiser

- March 24th – 24 hour fundraiser sponsored by United Way
- An opportunity to support the work that the UHC, Tool Library, and Garden Walk do in the community
 - Raising money for ReTree and Tool Library
 - Capen Garden Walk will have a campaign as well
- Visit www.ourheights.org/springiton to learn more

6. Restorative Justice Day

- Restorative justice is a new form of legal system, different from retributive process
- Associated with decrease in recidivism rates
- People feel more connected to their community
- Friday, April 29th 9AM – 5PM at 146 & 148 Diefendorf Hall UB South Campus
- Free workshop – 15 community groups participating/tabling

7. Updates

- Capen Garden Walk
 - Christine Brooks Gardening Grant – applications now being accepted due by March 31st
 - Can help gardeners improve or start their gardens
 - More details can be found at www.ourheights.org/gardenwalk
 - Must show garden during the garden walk
- Tool Library
 - New membership levels rolled out (\$20 – 5 tools out at a time, \$50 – 25 tools out at a time, \$100 – 50 tools out at a time)
 - Working toward self-sufficiency within the year
- ReTree the District
 - Planting will take place on Saturday, April 16th – 200 trees to be planted on streets located between Main and Bailey
 - Practice planting will take place on Saturday, April 9th
- CoLab
 - March 12th - #HappyPeriod
 - March 14th – DIY Seedlings – 5:30PM
 - March 17th – Healthy Living Group – 6:30PM – 8:30PM
 - March 21st – Green Window Display – 5:00PM – 7:00PM
 - March 23rd – Historic Preservation for Your Home – UB Professor 5:00PM
 - March 26th – Drift Market – 4:00PM – 7:00PM

- Tyler Street Community Garden
 - Survey for workshop topics
 - Garden will soon be open for the season!
 - UDCDA programs
 - Slots open for down payment/closing cost grants and emergency home repairs through the city
 - Main Street Business Association
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30PM at the Steer
8. Any new/old business
- Restoration Society – been in the neighborhood for 20 years
 - Club house for 18-21 year olds to provide safe place for them

Next meeting will be April 12, 2016 at GJPCC.

Please visit www.ourheights.org for meeting minutes and to learn more about the University Heights Collaborative