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## **UHC General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00pm

*Called to Order at 7:11 pm*

### **1. Rain Barrell Program**

- Mickey discussed the City of Buffalo's Rain Check program. This program allows 2 rain barrels per household to collect rain for watering plants, washing cars etc.

### **2. Kenilworth Library**

- Sara Plunkett from the Kenilworth Library discussed what was available to anyone with a library card.

### **3. Day of Caring**

- The United Way Day of Caring is August 17th. We have 40 volunteers. Projects include cleaning up at the abutments, and cleaning storm drains in the heights. For more information please contact Darren Cotton or [info@ourheights.org](mailto:info@ourheights.org)

### **4. UB Pride and Service Day**

- Service day on August 27<sup>th</sup> is looking for projects.

### **5. UHAA Arts Festival**

- UHAA is having a Main St/Festival August 13th at Main and Lisbon from 12PM – 7PM
- UHAA Will have projects for all ages and ice cream available for purchase.

### **6. VISTAs in the The Heights**

- UB has asked for 2 AmeriCorps VISTA members to assist the Tool Library and other neighborhood/business organizations

### **7. Emergen-Tree Watering Campaign.**

- We are asking for funding to help save the trees that were planted as part of ReTree the District. Funds will be used to purchase gator bags and build/maintain a mobile watering system

### **8. Kenmore Reconstruction**

- Construction will be completed by the end of August. If people have complaints you are instructed to go to the 311 website.

### **9. Updates:**

- Garden Walk - Over 70 gardens participated this year. The party at the Winspear-Tyler Triangle Garden was well attended
- Tool Library - Dues have risen to \$20/year and there are additional membership levels allowing members to take more tools out at once.
- CoLab - Ongoing seminars and projects are listed on calendar at [www.ourheights.org/colab](http://www.ourheights.org/colab)
- Tyler St Community Garden – Working with UB engineering students on an automated watering system
- University Heights Business Association – Now has 25 dues paying members

#### 10. Other Business

- Fall Semester Plan of Action is having ongoing meetings with government relations people, and the Peacemakers.
- Community want less buses on party nights
- Chief Menza and Mickey will meet with violators and they will be doing community service in The Heights. Students having loud parties etc. will be sanctioned by UB.
- Punishment can include community service in The Heights, suspension from school, and possible expulsion from UB.
- Chief Menza will enforce the law and will arrest violators!

*Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm*

**Next meeting will be September 13, 2016 at GJPCC.**

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