

University Heights Collaborative General Meeting- February 11, 2020
Gloria Parks Community Center at Main and Heath Streets

Called to order 7:05

New business presentations:

A new restaurant has applied to open at 3199 Main (the old Richies). Will be called Bollywood, and serve Indochinese food. Expects to have a full service restaurant and bar, waiting for its liquor license. Questions were raised about inconsistencies between the application (said minimal food) and the presentation (full menu). Applicant said inadvertent oversight in the application and that it will be a full menu restaurant.

“Franks Mobil” service station/convenience store was taken over on Jan. 17 by University Convenience Store. They are renovating the interior and exterior and will have coffee and breakfast sandwiches. They are open 24/7.

Presentations:

*These grants are for Bailey-Kensington, Broadway-Fillmore, Lower West Side, or Masten Park neighborhoods. New Love Your Block grants for up to \$1,000 are available this spring. The grants are for volunteer projects that improve the neighborhood, such as community gardens, murals, planters, lighting etc. For more information call Megan Biahuta, and Americorp/Vista volunteer with Buffalo 716-856-5515 for more information check the city-Buffalo.com web site

Another grant is available for up to \$50 for things that will assist with social cohesion during the winter such as snow shovels for people to clear neighborhood sidewalks. To apply contact the city of Buffalo and ask about the wintermission program.

UB’s Department of Architecture and Planning IDeA Center faculty and graduate students are conducting a program to work with the community on improvements to Minnesota Linear Park and the Bike Trail, to enhance its connectivity to Main Street, and to enhance the community’s use of the park. They will be reaching out to the community this spring. The program is being led by Jennifer McQuilkin, email jcm@buffalo.edu

Councilman Rasheed Wyatt came to remind us all that the 15 MPH speed zone for school districts is in effect. The City Council is looking at possible tweaks to the new program such as limiting hours for the speed limit to school days and hours, placing warning beacons to warn drivers they are entering a school zone and ensuring signs give adequate warning of the upcoming speed zone.

Councilman Wyatt also announced his community breakfast which will be on February 29, 9 am to noon at St Lawrence Church, 1520 E Delavan. RSVP to 716-851-5165 (breakfast will be served- they need a head count)

Councilman Wyatts office is also sponsoring a Junior Block Club Coalition, meet and greet on Wed, February 26 at 6pm at Kensington Neighborhood Services at 995 Kensington Ave. Contact the Councilman’s office for more information 716-851-5165

UB On the Green will be July 22 at the South Campus. This year they will have the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra to celebrate the University’s 175 year anniversary.

Gary Lobley, the recycling conscience for the University Heights neighborhood, reminded everyone that there are no longer plastic bags at the grocery store- remember your reusable bags, don't throw plastic bags in the recycling and rinse out your recyclables. If you don't rinse them out throw them in the garbage.

Darren Cotton brought reminders of Service Days and Dare to Repair Café's coming up this spring. More information check the Tool Library website- thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair or thetoollibrary.org/service

DARE TO REPAIR, don't ditch it, repair it

February 27, 5-7 pm, Dudley Branch Library, 2010 South Park Ave

March 21, 10am-1pm, Reinstein Woods Education Center, Honorine Dr. Depew, NY

April 4, 9-11:30 am, Highgate Heights School, 600 Highgate Ave

May 16, 10am -1pm, Isiah Gonzales-Soto Library, 280 Porter Ave

SERVICE DAYS, get together with your neighbors to make the city a little bit better!

April 4, 10 am, Main Street Cleanup, meet at tool library 10am

April 11, Bailey Ave cleanup, meet at Varisty Theater 10 am.

April 18, Re Tree Planting, meet at Kensington-Bailey NHS 9am

April 27, Tyler St Community Garden Work Day, Tyler St Garden, 10am

Other dates in May and June- Check ourheights.org or thetoollibrary.org

The Proposed University Heights-Berkshire Terrace- Summit Park Historic District , which will run from Main Street to Bailey Ave between Winspear and E Amherst will be discussed at a meeting on February 20, 6pm at Gloria Parks Community Center. For more information contact University District Community Development Association, 716-832-1010 or udcda.org

GARDEN WALK 2020

Applications for the Christine Brooks Garden Grant are due by March 31. For grant application watch ourheights.org/gardenwalk for information of how to apply. Grants have to be for an area that can be viewed during the Capen Garden Walk, which will be July 11, 2020 from 10 am to 4 pm and from 8 to 10 pm. If you have a cluster of gardeners in your neighborhood- consider signing up to be on the Garden Walk!! Applications to be a garden walk garden are due June 20.

Also there will be a plant and seed exchange at University Presbyterian Church Saturday May 16 from 10 am to 2pm. There will be pots and garden objects for sale at the plant and seed exchange.

The next meeting will be Tues Mar 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Gloria Parks Community Center