

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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- Guest Speakers
 - Lisa Kenney, Planning Advisor, Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)
 - GBNRTC is responsible for managing and distributing money from the federal government for transportation projects
 - Next long-range regional transportation plan set to come out in the next month
 - Planning for what transportation in the region will look like in 20 years
 - Looking at transportation through the lens of community, public health, and innovation
 - Planning for things like autonomous vehicles
 - Smartly Enhanced Multi-Modal Arterials (SEMAs)
 - Helping to synchronize traffic lights
 - On-demand parking
 - “New Mobility”
 - What are the next iteration of uber/lyft
 - Smaller transit options (vans/shuttles)
 - Shuttles that run through neighborhoods (first-last mile gap)
 - Using mobile apps to make systems more efficient
 - Creation of one-stop shop for mobility services
 - How do we make taking transit more accessible and efficient?
 - What’s the vision for the Metrorail?
 - NFTA currently studying the expansion of the system - this will be included in the plan
 - “Infrastructure for Reconsideration”
 - Highway infrastructure that may not be needed anymore - especially as new technologies take hold
 - Looking at Main Street from ECC North all the way to Hamburg - what do transportation investments look like in this corridor and how does it serve the community along the corridor?
 - A need to focus on safety
 - New Business Proposed for Corner of Main Street & Minnesota Avenue
 - Hair store at Main and Minnesota Avenue will be re-imagined as a NYC-style restaurant featuring deli meat and fried foods.
 - Also owner of Buff City Exclusives
 - Main focus would be on the kitchen - Boars Head high end deli meat
 - Most of the ingredients will be sources locally
 - Redo parking lot, redo the signature, new doors, new windows
 - Requirements of the Green Code / UDO for the signage
 - No seating - just takeout

- Hours of operation will depend on the community
- Need more information on what the store will look like and how it will operate (hours, menu, products, etc.) before Association can consider a letter of support
- Borhan (owner) will work on developing a more formal business plan for review by the Business Association prior to the next meeting
- Merging the University Heights Business Association & Bailey Avenue Business Association
 - Meeting with Comptroller Schoeder - talked about how he built the South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce
 - With a Chamber of Commerce we can think about staff to support the organization, especially with members who are running businesses full-time
 - Challenge with BABA is length of their focus area from Winspear to Genesee
 - Put out to a vote to both memberships
- Business Association Committee Structure - Pick yo fave!
 - Beautification & Aesthetics
 - Infrastructure
 - Promotions & Events
- Spring Cleanup of Main Street - Saturday, March 31st 10AM - 12PM
- Any new/old business