

## **UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

### **March Meeting**

**3/28/17 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Linda Garwol, David Mack, Garry Codick, Darren Cotton, Mickey Vertino, Sr. Jeremy Midura, Mady Hughes, Dylan Steed, Tess Morrissey, Dan Kelly, Paul Neubecker, Kamalie Liyanage, Mike Miranda

### **Garbage Can Repair**

- Hertel Business Association looking to replace their own garbage cans
  - Many of the issues on Hertel are the same as on Main Street
- Cans need to last 10 years according to the city
- D&G hasn't agreed on any price for repairs (previously quotes at \$300/can)
- Bulk pricing on new cans by partnering with Hertel Avenue?
- Riverside to use plastic garbage cans
- Look into costs of new garbage cans
  - Explore all possibilities
- Sponsorship/logos to help defray costs?
- Mike Miranda will remove one of the garbage cans to have D&G build a template

### **New Businesses**

- Eddie's Chophouse to open as a sandwich shop
  - No change of use, so should be opening up soon
- Shake n' Daze is a new head shop coming to the neighborhood
  - That building is currently up for sale
- Hookah store to re-open
- Old Surrender/Mojo's Space
  - Lots of calls for lounges and clubs at that space
  - Cake Crazy on Genesee - tried to get them to move to space
- Wholly Crepe to open at the old Ziad Market's in about a month

### **Issues with Business Regulations**

- Shango couldn't get approval for a full liquor license even with letter of support from St. Joseph University Parish
- Richie's Soul Food Restaurant's application got tabled because he is now going for a liquor license
  - Originally said there would be no liquor/alcohol at the restaurant
- Too many hoops and regulations for businesses to have to jump through
- Opportunity to partner with other business districts to try and push to ease regulations on these businesses
- Talking Leaves is leaving a 6,000sq/ft space vacant - what sorts of businesses might work here?
  - Bike shop with Rails to Trails?
  - Something similar to West Side Bazaar with small, individual kiosks?

- Poll UB students for what they think is missing on Main Street?

### **UB South Campus**

- UB Architecture studio looking at the edge condition of University/Community
- Repositioning the campus as a center of professional studies
  - Not a lot of capital funding to relocate schools to South Campus
  - A lot is contingent on the state budget
- UB 2020 plan keeps population relatively stable on South Campus

### **Catalician Center**

- Front building has structural issues
- Back building is rotting away
- Issues of abatement costs
- Safety concerns with people being able to cut through to St. Joe's property

### **Membership Drive**

- Mickey and Andy to start canvassing Main Street to sign-up new members and renew existing members

### **Organizing Cash Mob**

- Popular idea used in business district's around the city and region as a way to drive additional customers to local businesses
- The Association would select one business each month to have a "cash mob" at and ask business owners and residents to patronize the business at a predetermined date and time
- Great way to highlight new businesses in the neighborhood and encourage people to shop local

### **Rescheduling Main Street Cleanup**

- Cleanup of Main Street and mulching of tree pits will be moved to Saturday, May 6th at 9:30AM.
- Looking for someone to sponsor food and drinks for the volunteers
- Will need the Association to cover the cost of mulch
- Tool Library will provide tools and some volunteers
- UB Pride & Service Day will hopefully provide 20-30 volunteers

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017**