

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

June Meeting

6/28/16 6:00 PM

Present: Darren Cotton, Matt Kopalek, Mickey Vertino, Annmarie Ranger, Paul Neubecker, Bob Reger, Kent Brink

Membership Drive Status

- Frank's Mobile - daughter would like to start attending meetings
- Roaming Bison - If all goes according to plan with opening, owner would like to join the Association.
 - Branding it as more of a community tavern
- Main and Minnesota
 - Juice bar/fitness center
 - Wants to get more involved in the community
 - Interested in using neighborhood green space for events
- Developer of Axis 360 - Legacy Development: mentioned that they're interested in getting involved with the business community

Campus North Redevelopment- Lofts at University Heights

- Low income housing graduated income restrictions (50-90% of median income)
- Maintenance of property and grounds will be key to a successful project

Third Base

- Have a tenant who is interested - preapproval on loan
- Needs hard costs to get loan from the bank
- Specialty coffeeshop - bakery/kitchen attached
- Would like to open by the first of the year
- Spot Coffee only wants to do corner lots
- Graffiti will be primed over

Garbage Cans

- Repair for the can that was taken in by Mike Miranda was \$350
- Only 3-4 that need a lot of work, others just need paint/minor repairs
- Put it out to vote electronically - authorizing the repair of up to 10 garbage cans using Business Association funds

Business Association

- Can we make motions for funding projects along Main Street?
- If the organization didn't meet for over 7 years, does it still have its status as an incorporated entity?

- Has the treasurer made reports/filings?
- Check into the status of the organization
- Is it better to start a new corporation with new by-laws, etc.?
- Should make it so that people can vote by proxy and/or vote electronically

Bike Racks

- Analysis of existing bike parking shows uneven distribution of bike racks up and down Main Street
- Opportunity for the Business Association to fund additional custom bike racks that could serve as public art and a branding mechanism for the neighborhood
 - Business-oriented designs (candy for Parkside, donut for Famous Doughnuts, cattle head for The Steer, etc.)
- Do some more research on cost
- Could be a unique and interesting addition to the streetscape along Main Street

Planning for the neighborhood

- As we start making improvements we have to make sure that these are thoughtful and coalesce into a shared vision
- What do we want Main Street to look like?
- What sort of businesses do we want in the neighborhood - need to be proactive and reach out to businesses
- Create a 5 year comprehensive neighborhood plan
- Partner with UB's School of Architecture and Planning to develop a plan with community stakeholders
- Have a vision/goals that we can work toward
- Helps when applying for funding to have a larger framework/armature to work within
- Trying to articulate our community's story

Golf Cart for watering and maintaining Main Street

- Where is it stored/charged? Mike Miranda has offered garage space
- Costs \$1,500
- Put purchase of golf cart to a vote (Mickey to put up \$500, Business Association to cover the rest)

Next meeting on Tuesday, July 26th at 6PM at 9 W. Northrup Place