

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

July Meeting

7/26/16 6:00 PM

Present: Darren Cotton, Matt Kopalek, Dan Kelly, Jonathan Ling, Carry Codick, Annmarie Ranger, Linda Garwol, Mickey Vertino, Paul Neubecker, Sister Jeremy Midura

Status of Organization

- Bob Reger looked into organizational status of the Business Association and it is still incorporated according to IRS

Voting

- Motion is made to encumber funds for garbage can repair and golf cart watering system for Main Street and neighborhood green spaces.
 - Motion passes unanimously

Bike racks

- Opportunity to engage local metal workers/sculptors
 - Griffis Sculpture
 - Larry Kinney
- Think about a standard design for bike rack to lower cost
- Make sure the bike racks look good but function as intended
- Books in a row - higher education/academics
- Hayes Hall
- Main Street streetscape
- House, Hayes Hall, businesses on Main Street
- Examples from Ellicottville
- Will put some example designs together for the next meeting

Bike Share program

- No stations in University District
- Potential opportunity for expansion to tie into Bike Path

Garbage cans

- Q: What will we do while cans are getting repaired?
 - A: Temporary replacements from the city?

Parking Benefits District

- City-owned parking lot at Englewood and Main Street - if parking becomes paid the money could be reinvested back into the community
- Meters help discourage people from parking longer than 2 hours, but could also discourage people from coming to the neighborhood
- Association used to own the lot next to Molly's but was repossessed for back taxes

- Other potential lots include the one behind Frank's Mobile
- Where does the money go for parking infractions/moving violations - does it just get pooled into the general fund like the rental registry fees?
- Mickey will follow-up with Parking Commissioner Kevin Helfer

Blue Light Security Cams

- Blue Lights have been installed at Rails to Trails (Shoshone & Merrimac)
- Campaign to install another one at Custer Street
- Council Member will put up first \$5,000 for the camera
- Crime hotspot at Custer - would be good to deter crime

Update on Uncle Bob's storage

- Storage lockers have been installed
- Facade work is underway
- Joe Dash still wants to be involved with the community
- \$15,000 for rails-to-trails development projects

University District Impact Team

- Taking care of quality of life issues
- Using golf cart encumbered by Association
- Peacemakers to be part of the neighborhood - address concerns about safety
- Incorporate peacemakers into the impact team

Stakeholders Meeting before the students come back at the end of August

- Include community members
- Students
- Police
- UB admin
- Businesses

Parkside Candy

- Positive press for Parkside Candy and The Steer in Buffalo News and Buffalo Rising
- Hosting tours/events at Parkside for small groups

New Businesses

- Roaming Buffalo Tavern - Applied for liquor license, condition was that he couldn't stay open past 11:00PM
- Trying to get lowered rent
- Mentioned that he wasn't going to have security which was a sticking point
- Old Buffalo Live - Fitness Center/Juice bar
- Axis 360 - opening sometime in August

Area Perceptions

- “I don’t go to that area because it’s not safe”
- Measuring the crime, property values, etc.
- Transient population - at Parkside, at the City of Buffalo sign at Main and Kenmore, in the University Plaza
- If you have record of incidents share them with E-District
- University Plaza has hired security to deal with transient population
- Crisis services might be an option to get the people help

Events

- UB on the Green - July 27th (Arts and Cultural night) and August 3rd (Athletics and veterans)