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University Heights Collaborative
5 W. Northrup Place
Buffalo, NY 14214
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UHC General Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2017

Meeting started at 7:11pm

- Grateful Grind Community Cafe
 - Owners Tom and Angela were not present due to scheduling conflict
 - Retired fireman and retired social worker are running the business
 - Will be community- focused
 - March 1st is the target opening dates

- Richie's Soul Food Restaurant & Lounge
 - Open for breakfast lunch and dinner
 - No alcohol will be served
 - Should be open in 2-3 week - March 1st opening
 - Hours: 10am-10pm, Monday – Thursday, Friday - Saturday - 10am - 12am.

- Bailey Kenmore Avenue Market 290 Kenmore Avenue
 - Old Snyder Ridge building
 - Expand it and turn it into a market with fresh, healthy foods.
 - Open to 3-4 months after construction begins

- Buff City Deli Corner Store -Community Concerns
 - Bernadine Kennedy - Community Liaison with the Arab American Businessmen Association - gave a background on the Association - 30 years old organization with 100 active corner store owners/deli stores
 - Only 10 stores operation in the University District
 - Working with the city to make sure they're compliant with city laws
 - Each store will have plaques on the wall to identify which stores are part of the association, meaning they operate in good faith with ordinances from the City
 - Trying to be active members of the community with financial donations
 - Want to work with the community to build bridges between the community
 - Concerns were raised about Buff City at Lisbon and Cordova
 - March 2 and 6th, they'll be reviewing licenses for stores in the district

- You can contact Bernadine if you have any questions or concerns about any of the businesses.
- Borhan Ali - Owner of the store spoke briefly at the meeting.
- Participatory Budgeting Process
 - \$15k gift from Joe Dash - going to have the community give input on what programs they'd like to see done in the community
- Updates:
 - Tool Library
 - Upcoming Community Service days
 - 2 more murals planned for Bailey Fights Blight
 - CoLab
 - DIY Workshop
 - Winspear-Northrup Block Club Meeting on the 28th
 - First Time Homeowners Workshop
 - Rain Barrels - March 4th at 10am - 12pm
 - Register CoLab Website for Eventbrite signup
 - Community Garden
 - No updates
 - Capen Garden Walk
 - Grant application available
 - Deadline is March 31st
 - Winners must register for Capen Garden Walk
 - Must live within the Garden Walk parameter
 - Art Contest is ending, for what will go on the posters next year.
 - Calendars are still available. \$20. A few are still available at the Tool Library
 - UDCDA
 - Community Stakeholders Breakfast on Feb. 25th at St. Lawrence Church
 - ReTree
 - Will be planting more in the near future
 - On April 22nd, 30 trees will be planted in McCarthy Park
- New business
 - Adam Day - Only one student break-in reported during Winter break. There was a special detail from the Buffalo PD which really helped.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.