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## **UHC General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

Meeting started at 7:11pm

1. Guest Speakers
  - Brian from the Clean Air Coalition
    - Spoke about the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process
    - Overview on the Masten District's \$150k award and how they handled it through PB
2. Crime Prevention Through Environment Design
  - Mickey will be participating in the 8-week course to learn about better design of neighborhoods to prevent crime.
3. Lisbon Deli
  - There was a meeting with Council Member Wyatt, Chief Menza, the Arab American Business Association and the owner of the Lisbon Deli to address the crime that has been happening in and around the store.
  - Conditions were added to their license
    - 6 month period, going forward, with an 11pm closing time.
    - Any new violence will prompt the closing of the store.
    - Chief Menza will be monitoring
4. Student activity
  - There have been numerous and destructive day drinking parties in the neighborhood with multiple arrests.
5. Updates
  - Garden Walk
    - Date for this year's Garden Walk will be: Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm
      - Artwork for promotional materials has already been chosen.
    - Christine Brooks Garden Grant is currently accepting applications
      - Open to anyone who want to improve their front garden.
      - To participate, garden must be seen from the street and must be entered in this year's Garden Walk.
  - Tool Library
    - Next ReTree date is April 22
    - Tool Library is participating in the United Way's "Spring It On" fundraising campaign.

- Tool Library received \$5k worth of tools from Black and Decker
    - Looking for volunteers to help bulbs
    - In the future, will focus on maintenance of trees and more targeted areas
  - CoLab
    - Workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April about composting
    - CoLab has visitors from Iowa, interested in the workings of the CoLab.
  - UDCDA
    - Bailey Fights Blight: 2 artists have been confirmed with dates forthcoming.
6. Any new/old business
- a. Bernie Tolbert spoke about his upcoming bid in the Erie County Sheriff's election
  - b. Mark Schroeder spoke about his current mayoral run.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm**

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th at GJPCC.** Please visit [www.ourheights.org](http://www.ourheights.org) for meeting minutes and to learn more about the University Heights Collaborative.