

University Heights Collaborative – General Meeting – May 10, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Details

UHC General Community Meeting

7 p.m.

Gloria J. Parks Community Center

Michaela opened the meeting and asked everyone to fill out the membership forms and surveys.

Darren Cotton gave an update about the Tool Library

- Located at 3083 Main Street – at Lisbon
- Open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 – 2 p.m.
- \$10 annual membership allows you to borrow as many tools as needed
- Currently accepting donations of tools (tax deduction available) as well as projects for area block clubs
- Distributed flyers and brochures for community to post
- Grand opening party for May 14th
- Looking for neighborhood projects to complete

Jim Rozanski gave a presentation on the Kenmore Ave. reconstruction project. More detailed information is available on the City of Buffalo's website – under Public Works. The project is app. \$5.7 million - 80% federal; 15% state; 5% city/county funding. Jim and others raised some concerns about the bike lanes, widening the streets; pedestrians, truck route, etc. It was requested that UHC supply contact info and bullet points for addressing concerns on the UHC website. Concerned citizens should use this resource when writing their letters.

Community feedback is being accepted for the County Reapportionment and the Changing of City Council Districts. Letters/comments should be filed with the clerk offices of each municipality.

Billy Miller – from UB's Office of Off-campus Student Housing gave an update on the recent housing inspection blitzes. Over 125 homes were approached and access was given to 43. Almost all had at least one violation – from smoke detectors to CO alarms and electrical. The office feels that pre-communication about the blitzes helped with access. Many of the students were not UB students – ECC, Canisius, Medaille, etc. Landlords will be notified of violations. If problems are not addressed they will be forwarded to housing court. There is another blitz planned before the end of May. We will get a complete update/report once this is completed. If there are ever questions or issues, you can call the office at 829-3541.

Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk. It is the 10th anniversary of the Garden Walk. The Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, July 16th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

UCFM – Saturday's from May 21st – October 15th – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 – 7 p.m.