

University Heights Collaborative – General Meeting – June 14th, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Details

UHC General Community Meeting
7 p.m.
Gloria J. Parks Community Center

Michaela opened the meeting and asked everyone update the block club captain list

Announcement was made about the recent parking changes. The majority of streets have been completed. The days/times to switch are now Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. which appears to be more user friendly.

Jim Rozanski gave a presentation on the various redistricting projects. The City of Buffalo will have to redistrict the council seats because of the Census data. Most council members appeared satisfied with the proposal. There does not appear to be much change to the University District except for the southern part of Bailey moving the Masten District. The Erie County is looking to move from 15 to 11 seats/districts. In the first scenario, UD stays relatively the same – up to Kenmore/Tonawanda in Lynn Marinelli's jurisdiction. In the second scenario, the district is split – with a small section being comprised with most of Amherst and under Loughran's jurisdiction. This scenario may have a big impact on the district. Community members are encouraged to attend the soon-to-be-scheduled public hearings.

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. Currently, there are 22 gardens registered. Need everyone's help to promote the walk and get people to register their gardens.

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

Tool Library has 20 members. Still accepting tool and monetary donations. Also looking for volunteers to staff the library and help with neighborhood projects.

Linda Garwol updated the group on the Main St. planters. She received donations from some of the Main St. businesses and has been busy planting, weeding and maintaining. It was suggested that community members or businesses "adopt a pot" to help water and maintain.

Linwood Roberts announced the upcoming meeting for the Promise Neighborhoods project. He encouraged community residents to become familiar with the project. The Buffalo News has run a few articles for review.

Michaela commented the interest in meeting with real estate agents who sell houses in the neighborhood. Working with them on the benefits/highlights of the neighborhood. Sharon Green mentioned the negative connotation she feels comes with calling the neighborhood "the heights." There was a discussion about using "University Park" – however this is already utilized for a specific area in the University District. Others mentioned using "South Campus Neighborhoods." This is something the newly created UHC marketing subcommittee will explore.

Dave Benders encouraged community members to become familiar with the UB2020 physical master plan and the impending changes to the South Campus. It was suggested that we ask Bob Shibley to come and present to the group.

Dan Ryan discussed creating a UHC Landlord Seal of Approval. This will be a task for the UHC housing subcommittee to work on.

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd. Let UBPD know of any plans.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 12th, 2011 – 7 p.m.