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UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA AUGUST 10, 2017—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
 - A. Welcome and Introductions
 - B. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - C. Treasurer's Report
- III. Introduction of Neighborhood Firefighters
- IV. Reports
 - A. West Bluff Council
 - B. Western Avenue Greenway
 - C. Other Committees
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Annual Picnic Planning
 - B. Sidewalk Snow Removal
- VI. New Business
 - A. Grand Tour of Homes Grant Request
 - B. Other New Business
- VII. Adjournment

Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Regular Business

Minutes from May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Debits</u>
Membership Dues x 3: \$60	Uplander printing: \$145
Beautification Fund: \$45	PayPal fees: \$0

Available Balance: \$4,778.46

Beautification Fund Balance: \$1,845.95

Total Paid Members: 52

Snow Removal Discussion

CJ presented the climatological data for the last 4 years, and the total cost if we'd had sidewalk snow removal for those years.

Mike and Myron Blunier, of Blunier Builders, Inc, shared about their snow removal services, and how the service could be provided for the neighborhood. Since the street plows push snow onto the sidewalks, Blunier would plow the sidewalks with a Toro machine after the city has finished plowing the streets. Peoria Public Works Director Scott Reiese shared that the city completes all city street plowing in 18 hours (alleys are plowed after the streets are completed). Blunier would charge based on snow fall, not on the additional snow from the streetplows. The Toro leaves room on the side of the sidewalk to safely avoid landscaping and sprinkler systems. Scott also suggested that the Public Works department could call Blunier and let them know when the Uplands streets had been plowed, so they could begin clearing the sidewalks.

CONCERNS: Concerns were raised regarding potential resident complaints, and it was decided that residents would voice concerns to the URA board, who would then contact Blunier. Plowing sidewalks will leave "crumbs" across driveways that residents have already shoveled, but the street plows do that as well. Blunier raised concern with the lowhanging trees that could damage the flashing light on the sidewalk plow. Scott confirmed that Public Works will uplift the trees to seven feet, and should be doing that soon.

COST: Blunier offers several pricing methods, including a "per push" price, hourly rate, or a seasonal rate. It was decided that the "per push" price made the most sense for this inaugural season, on trial basis, and the seasonal rate would be discussed for future years.

EXTREME WEATHER: Blunier cannot bid for extreme depths of snow, due to changes in snow weight and density. When snow fall is over 9 inches, the cost goes to an hourly rate.

Steve moved that we set a goal of \$4000 by October 1, 2017 to contract with Blunier for snow removal for the winter 2017-18. If the money has been raised, the contract will be signed. If it's not raised, the funds will be reallocated at the October meeting. Pete seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in approval.

Pete volunteered to spearhead the snow removal fund, and CJ will assist. Pete will look at designing a flyer to distribute door to door in July. The URA will request \$30 donation per household to fund snow removal for the entire season.

Public Works

TRAFFIC CONCERNS: Thanks to Scott Reiese for putting up "children playing" signs and new temporary speed bump.

JR recommended moving the speed bump to the northmost crosswalk on N Parkside. Another recommendation for a possible third speed bump would be on Columbia Terrace between Glenwood and Maplewood. Public Works would prefer to install electronic speed signs, which they've seen to be more effective. The concern is that they are solar powered, and tree overhang makes it problematic to keep them charged.

Request was made to check and replace the "NO 4 TON TRUCKS" sign at the entrance of the neighborhood.

Litter

Litter Czar Steve led discussion about the issue of overflowing cans. Public Works has a contract for some of the black iron cans along main corridors, that may not be being emptied.

West Bluff Council: Discussed community schools improvement strategies, and Franklin School decision to use adjacent lot as a parking lot.

Transportation Committee: Discussed vehicle traffic accommodations for bicycle traffic, including how to serve needs of both drivers and bicycle riders.

Unfinished Business

Tim Cassidy, of the Park District, responded to several questions the URA had for the Parks Department. The request for bathrooms at Upper Bradley Park is cost-prohibitive, but the Park District will supply port-a-potties for neighborhood special events. The middle crosswalk to the park will be getting an improved/repaved path to connect it to the main path system. The request for additional new paths cannot be considered at this time. There is no knowledge of the Hebe statue that used to be in the park before it was hit by a car in 1954.

New Business

Steve requested 10 volunteers to "Adopt a Block" and pick up litter in the neighborhood. If interested, please contact Steve.

Move to adjourn. Seconded. Adjourned at 8:57pm.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Howdy neighbors!

Next month is our **Annual Neighborhood Picnic!** Please plan to come out to upper Bradley Park on **Saturday, September 9, at 5 p.m.** There will be a bike parade starting at 4:30 at the corner of Columbia Terrace and Parkside—kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bikes and come out for a ride around the neighborhood before the picnic starts. Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

We will be having our regular **association meeting on Thursday evening, August 10, at 7 p.m.** We meet at the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. Use the Elmwood entrance and head to the downstairs meeting room. This month, we'll have some of our friendly neighborhood firefighters joining us. Hope to see you all there!

The **Peoria Public Schools teacher kickoff** is **Monday, August 14, from 8 to 10 a.m.** in the Renaissance Coliseum. Doors will be opening at 7:15. Residents should anticipate extra traffic on the main roads and very crowded street parking. Bradley move-in day is Saturday, August 19, so things will be pretty busy traffic-wise on that date, too.

Have you noticed the construction (well, destruction) going on at the end of Institute? Baker Hall has been demolished to make way for the new business and engineering building they will begin constructing soon. After they get the main part of the building erected, they will then demolish Jobst Hall and complete the new Convergence Center. The construction process is slated to take about two years to complete.

Remember back in June when we talked about snow removal from the sidewalks in the neighborhood? Well, we're going to try to give it a shot. Rather than using existing funds for this project, we thought we would try raising the money as a way of gauging interest in the idea. The idea is to have a private contractor plow the public sidewalks (no private walks or drives) when there is two or more inches of snowfall this winter. It would be coordinated with the City of Peoria so that the sidewalks get plowed after the streets are plowed. If you'd like to contribute, you can send a check to the URA or pay online via our PayPal account. We'll be providing more information over the next several weeks.

I'd like to encourage you once again, if you're not already on either the Yahoo Group or Nextdoor.com, to sign up! It's easy to do and a great way to keep in touch and stay informed. Just go to groups.yahoo.com/uplands and click "Join Group" and/or go to uplandspeoria.nextdoor.com and click "Sign Up."

Sincerely,

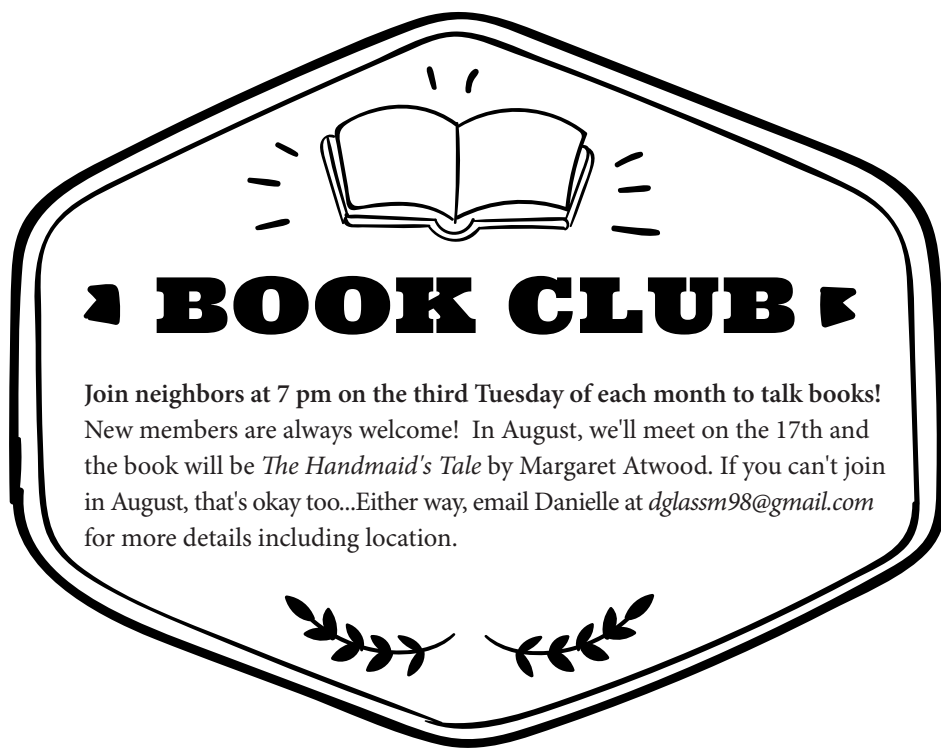
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BOOK CLUB

Join neighbors at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of each month to talk books! New members are always welcome! In August, we'll meet on the 17th and the book will be *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. If you can't join in August, that's okay too...Either way, email Danielle at dglassm98@gmail.com for more details including location.

2017 Neighborhood Banquet

On Wednesday, November 1st, the City of Peoria will host the 2017 Neighborhood Banquet at the Peoria Civic Center from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. This annual event celebrates the accomplishments of neighborhood associations and community advocates who have worked diligently with their neighbors, the City of Peoria, and the community at large to improve the quality of life in their communities.

The banquet is a time for neighbors from all across the City to gather and share the things that make us all "Appreciate Peoria."

Please join us for an evening of music, food, and fun to celebrate local leaders who work hard to improve our community. We will open nominations for the many awards and information on ticket sales early Fall 2017.

For more information, please call Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator, Raven Fuller, at 309.494-8636



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Uplands Residential Association Dues

The URA dues are \$20.00 per year. Please make checks payable to "The Uplands Residential Association." If you are interested in donating extra money to our beautification fund, please indicate this on the registration form. You may include the additional amount on the same check as your dues.

Your URA dues can now be paid online! We have set up a Paypal account for your convenience. To do so, please visit Paypal.com, click Send, enter the URA email address (TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com) and the amount, click "Continue," and follow additional prompts. Your dues will be deposited directly into the URA's Checking Account.

The Uplands Residential Association is on Facebook and Yahoo Groups! You can also email us at TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com. If you have information for The Uplander, please contact Tamara Black-Waite at tblackwaite@gmail.com. If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, contact Kirk Sheckler at 369-1372.

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YES! I/WE will pay our \$20 association dues, and contribute an additional \$ _____ for beautification.

Send completed form with payment to URA Treasurer Dustin Draggist, P.O. Box 6532, Peoria, IL 61601-6532.