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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

*I cried over beautiful things knowing no beautiful thing lasts.*

*The field of cornflower yellow is a scarf at the neck of the copper sunburned woman, the mother of the year, the taker of seeds.*

*The northwest wind comes and the yellow is torn full of holes, new beautiful things come in the first spit of snow on the northwest wind, and the old things go, not one lasts.*

—Carl Sandburg (1878-1967)

Dear Neighbors,

Halloween is over, the clocks are turned back, the temperatures are colder, the multi-colored leaves are falling—we switched from summer to fall like flipping a light switch. But although we're sad to see summer go, the beauty of fall and winter are made new again. That's one of the great things about the Midwest: we get to enjoy all the seasons.

As we're all raking our yards, please note that leaf and yard waste collection will be ending soon. **The City has notified us that the final pickup for yard waste collection in the Uplands will be Thursday, December 7.** Yard waste is picked up at the curb on our normal trash collection day. Acceptable yard waste materials are items such as grass, leaves, tree limbs and/or brush. Yard waste collection will resume on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Have you all heard of the City's "Innovation Team" ([www.peoriagov.org/innovation/](http://www.peoriagov.org/innovation/))? It's a team of three people funded by a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies that started a few years ago. The Innovation Team (or "i-team," for short) "sets out on a rigorous innovation process to suggest novel solutions to pressing problems." You can check out online the various projects they've tackled. The one that's in our neck of the woods is "fostering neighborhood vitality." They're looking at the various commercial corridors in Peoria and "exploring what sort of initiatives can be launched to turn the tide in Peoria's neighborhoods by encouraging neighborhood scale economic development." They will be visiting us at a future URA meeting to discuss their efforts and get our feedback.

**The URA does not meet in December due to holidays, vacations, etc., so our last neighborhood meeting of the year will be this Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church. Doors open at 6:30. Hope to see you there!**

Sincerely,

*C. J. Summers*

## UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 9, 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. Reports
  - A. West Bluff Council
  - B. Western Avenue Greenway
  - C. Other Committees
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

## Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 12, 2017

*Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.*

### Regular Business

*Minutes from August meeting were approved.*

### Treasurer's Report

#### Deposits

*Membership Dues x 31: \$620*

*Beautification Fund: \$90*

*Snow Removal Fund: \$3,800*

#### Debits

*Uplander printing: \$105*

*Picnic expenses: \$360.62*

*PayPal fees: \$1.46*

*Available Balance\*: \$8,236.02*

*Beautification Fund Balance: \$1,490.59*

*Snow Removal Fund: \$3,800*

*Total Paid Members: 84*

*\*available balance includes beautification and snow removal funds*

### Reports

**West Bluff Council** - Visiting U of I students are doing a visual upgrade on Main St. Bradley is developing another strategic plan, and neighborhoods can contact BU to suggest neighborhood input. Townhomes are being developed on Union Hill (off of Moss). Plans for the MacArthur Bridge have been finalized and construction will start in the spring.

**Western Ave Greenway** - no report. There is an opening for an Uplands representative on the council. If anyone is interested, please contact CJ for more information.

## Unfinished Business

### **Picnic Debrief**

Leftover food was donated to the Peoria Rescue Mission. Expenses were lower this year than previous years. Overall, the feedback was great, with specific compliments of the beans.

Notes for future picnics -

- JD Russell is the Park District contact, at 309-681-2902.
- An Uplands Picnic committee should be established in June 2018 for next years picnic.
- Haddads has a grill to rent (free) if available and requested earlier in the summer.
- Signatures will be needed from all residents on North Parkside before the 2018 picnic (and will be current for 5 years). Table for dues was successful and should be repeated.
- Next year - could order less food (0/100 hotdogs left, 60/150 burgers were left. Beverages ran out - could use another dispenser or two. Hank Edley has two additional dispensers, Melissa Stevenson has one.
- Confusion about barricades - next year we need a clearer point person and person to pick them up and return them.

## New Business

### **Holiday Wreaths**

Some of the holiday wreaths that adorn streetlamps in the winter need to be replaced. There was a unanimous vote to replace wreaths incrementally over the next 7 years.

**Uplands Residential Association Officers:**

<p><b>President: C.J. Summers</b> 1202 N. Institute Pl., 673-8177 summers1202@sbcglobal.net</p> <p><b>1st VP: J.R. Hinchee</b> 1027 N. Maplewood Ave., 868-0110 mahkno@comcast.net</p> <p><b>2nd VP: Steve Tyler</b> 1120 N. Elmwood Ave., 970-640-8617 styler@bradley.edu</p>	<p><b>Treasurer: Dustin Draggist</b> 1310 N. Glenwood Ave. dustindraggist@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Secretary: Meredith Messina</b> 1321 W. Parkside Dr., 206-962-7703 mcbmessina@gmail.com</p>
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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.*

## **Snow Fund/Fiscal Year Change**

Pete proposed the URA fiscal year begins September 1st, and make September a fundraising month to fund both the snow fund and collect annual dues. Discussion was tabled to continue discussion next month, since changing the fiscal year would require a change to the bylaws. It was suggested to separate the conversations about intake and managing funds. Payments are made to Blunier per event, so if there is no snow, the money rolls over to next year.

## **Revised Ordinance**

The City Council voted on a new ordinance involving Vegetation and Public Right of Way. There was discussion and concerns voiced about ordinance and lack of city maintenance of roads since 2008.


## **Mailboxes**

There is concern about mailbox changes (from porch to the curb) that have recently been enforced when people change residency. Some kind of uniformity and standard was suggested to keep homes aesthetically pleasing. Hank volunteered to bring a formal motion next meeting.

The next URA meeting is on Nov. 9th.

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.*

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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. Make checks payable to Uplands Residential Association or URA Treasurer.