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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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Hello neighbors,

Hope you all are enjoying your summer! Our next Uplands Residential Association meeting will be Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. at our usual meeting place: the Bradley Epworth Church on the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. Hope you'll be able to join us! Our special guest at the meeting will be Mike Van Cleve, a resident of the Columbia Terrace North neighborhood and coordinator of the planter painting project at the corner of University and Columbia Terrace. We'll be continuing our discussion about the planters and their future paint scheme.

We'll also be finalizing our plans for the annual picnic. It's right around the corner—Saturday, September 8, starting at 5 p.m. on North Parkside by Upper Bradley Park. Be sure to save the date on your calendars. We'll be providing the meat, buns, condiments, water, and lemonade. Bring a dish to share for sides and desserts. If you can help with setup, grilling, clean-up, etc., please let one of the Uplands officers know, and/or come to the August meeting.

At the picnic, we'll be collecting money for annual dues and also for sidewalk snow removal again this winter. I've been asking around over the spring and summer, and everybody to a person has been very pleased with the sidewalk snow removal, so we'd like to do it again. I hope all who participated last year will contribute again, and now that we've all experienced the benefits of it, I hope many who didn't contribute last year will consider giving toward it this year. More information will be coming soon.

A couple of upcoming events will bring additional traffic in and around the neighborhood, so you may want to note these dates: Monday, August 13, there will be an all-faculty meeting for Peoria Public Schools at Bradley's Renaissance Coliseum from 8 to 10 a.m. The first day of school for public school children is Wednesday, August 15. Also, Bradley University students will be returning this month—move-in day is Saturday, August 18. Please see the accompanying article about this elsewhere in the Uplander.

As usual, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that you don't have to wait until the picnic to pay your URA dues. You can pay anytime by check or via PayPal. To pay via PayPal, just visit [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com), click Send, enter the URA e-mail address ([TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com](mailto:TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com)) and the amount, click "Continue," and follow the additional prompts.

See you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

*C. J. Summers*

## UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

August 9, 2018—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
  - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - B. Treasurer's Report
- III. Reports
  - A. West Bluff Council
  - B. Western Avenue Greenway
  - C. Other Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Painted Planters Discussion
  - B. Annual Picnic Planning
  - C. Other Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

## Uplands Residential Association Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Four Board members, nine residents and one news crew member in attendance

Steve Tyler moved and Jim Minick seconded to **approve the minutes** of the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Deposits		Debits	
Membership Dues x 2	\$40	Uplander printing	\$75
Beautification Fund	\$35	PayPal fees	\$0
Snow Removal Fund	\$0	Snow Removal	\$0
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$4,670.14</b>		
<b>Beautification Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,590.59</b>		
<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$0</b>		
<b>Total Paid Members</b>	<b>63</b>		

### WEST BLUFF COUNCIL

C. J. Summers relayed that the issue of painting the planters was discussed at the WBC meeting, and that we will have more discussion on this topic later in our meeting. No report on Western Ave. Greenway or other committees.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve Tyler reminded everyone that there is another Uplands Clean-up Day on Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m. We'll meet in front of the Bradley Epworth Church and go through the neighborhood cleaning out weeds by the curbs.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Picnic**

Request was made to establish a picnic committee to start planning for the annual picnic in September. Stephen Lawrence agreed to help coordinate



## UPLANDS CLEANUP DAY

Join us for the Uplands Cleanup Day **Saturday, June 16th at 9 am.** We will meet at the Methodist Church. Bring your rakes, shovels, and brooms. We will have heavy garbage bags, 5 gallon buckets, and a couple of pickup trucks to transport the buckets of dirt. We will work from 9-11 am. In two hours with a couple of dozen people, we should make the Uplands look even nicer!

games for the picnic. Steve Tyler agreed to contact the Park District to reserve a porta potty for the event. Kathy Minick agreed to help get supplies as needed. All three will be considered part of the picnic committee.

#### Planter Art Project

CJ apologized for any miscommunication with Mike, and updated all about the project. Jessica (lead artist) chose abstract design because it was faster to paint, and the project had a limited budget. She looked at houses near the area and chose colors that would complement the area, and be "bright and inviting". URA will discuss whether to defray his costs and pay for our share.

#### Resident open forum

Residents discussed concerns, and overwhelmingly agreed that the frustration was with the process, not the art. Art is a personal thing, and no one wanted to offend or hurt artists. There was a suggestion to bring artists in to discuss it.

Many residents shared stories of how the Uplands residents have worked consciously to develop an identity of being classic and historically appropriate. The identity is reflected in architecture, portal signs, light posts, and landscaping. Concerns were raised that the new, bright artwork does not reflect that identity. Others shared that as new residents move in, the identity of the Uplands is shifting, and many residents are drawn to the diversity, vibrancy, and Peoria culture.

Discussion about future maintenance (Who will pay to have it retouched/redone?), replacing the planters with terra-cotta planters (which was the original proposal from the city), and/or also possibly making the corner a focal point on the First Friday Art Walks by featuring local artists.

Concern was also raised about the opposite corners, and what those neighborhoods are thinking and planning. Everyone agreed that there is tremendous value to maintain continuity at the intersection.

It was proposed to invite Mike Van Cleve and Jessica McGhee (the lead artist) to the August meeting, and to reach out the adjacent neighborhoods to get their input. CJ will follow up.

*All other agenda items were postponed until the next meeting, August 9th.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.*

*Submitted by Meredith Messina, Secretary*

### URA Membership Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### 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.

### BRADLEY MOVE-IN DAY

From the Bradley University Police Department:

The official move-in day at Bradley University is **Saturday, August 18, 2018**, which means a significant increase in traffic in the area of Main and University. **Motorists should expect delays on University Avenue between I-74 and campus especially between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.** on Saturday and are encouraged to use alternate routes. The main entrance for move in on Saturday, August 18, will be at the intersection of University and Bradley Ave

Please be aware of the following:

1. There will be no parking along Bradley Avenue from University to Glenwood beginning Thursday afternoon through Saturday evening.
2. There will be no parking on the west side of the 800-900 blocks University and south side of 1300-1500 blocks Main beginning Friday evening through Saturday evening.
3. The intersections of Elmwood & Main, St. James & University, Duryea & Bradley and Bradley & Institute will be closed starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday.
4. Fredonia Avenue from Duryea to Glenwood will be closed on Sunday starting at 1:30 p.m. for the block party.
5. Peoria Charter Coach Busses will depart from the front of Renaissance Coliseum on Main Street the entire weekend.

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