



# THE UPLANDER

THE UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, EST. 1902



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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

May 2019

Hello neighbors,

At the last Peoria City Council meeting in April, the Uplands Residential Association was presented with the newly-established “Golden Shovel Award” for its efforts to clear the sidewalks of snow in the winter. Uplands officers J. R. Hinchee, Dustin Draggist, and I were there to receive the award on behalf of all of you. Thank you for your generosity and community spirit these past two winters that provided all our neighbors with clear sidewalks all winter long.

We elect officers for the association every year in May, so we'll be having an election at our next Uplands Residential Association meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Burgit Smith is the chair of the nominating committee and has assembled a slate of names to be presented at the May meeting. Only dues-paying members can vote, so please be sure your dues are paid up.

A couple of our current officers have decided to step down, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Meredith Messina for her work as Secretary and Steve Tyler for his work as Second Vice President. The bylaws also require that no one can be in the same officer position for more than four years, so Dustin Draggist will also be stepping down after serving four years as Treasurer. Thank you all for the great work you've done to serve the Uplands during your tenure.

Also at the meeting this month, City Planner Leah Allison will be back as we continue to work on a strategic plan for the Uplands. This meeting, we'll be figuring out who will be the point persons for the Uplands, so if you'd like to help on the leadership team, I hope to see you at the May meeting. Next, we'll set up a work plan with deadlines for completing certain tasks. Finally, we'll get to work on the first part of the work, which is to collect neighborhood data and identify neighborhood stakeholders. More information will be shared at the meeting.

We want to maximize participation in this process, so I hope you will all make it a priority to attend the next several meetings. We may be having some special meetings as part of this effort as well; in particular, it's looking likely that we will have a meeting in July this year, so that would be July 11, if you want to mark it on your calendar.

Hope you all are having a happy Spring! See you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,  
C. J. Summers

## UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA MAY 9, 2019—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Election of URA Officers 2019–2020
- III. Regular Business
  - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - B. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Reports
  - A. West Bluff Council
  - B. Western Avenue Greenway
  - C. Other Committees
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. Strategic Planning– Special Guest Leah Allison, Senior Urban Planner
  - B. Other Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

### URA MEETING 4/11/19 MINUTES

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Quorum of 7

#### Regular Business

Minutes approved as read from prior Uplander.

#### Treasurer's Report

##### Deposits

Membership Dues	\$820
Beautification Fund	\$0
Snow Removal Fund	\$475

##### Debits

Snow Removal	\$515
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**Available Balance** \$6,110.06

**Beautification Fund Balance** \$1,590.59

**\$1749.59 allocated toward beautification reserve balance.**

**Snow Removal Balance** \$37.20

**Total Paid Members** 40

\$4764 initially raised for snow removal. Another \$1435 additional raised later in the season as it became clear this year was going to be a heavy snow year.

Lots of compliments for the snow removal.

The Uplands Neighborhood will have received the the 'Golden Shovel' award from the City. The golden shovel award is given to individuals, businesses, or organizations who go above and beyond in ensuring the sidewalks in their

area are clear of snow and ice.

**Reports**

**Western Ave Greenway** - No update.

**West Bluff Council** - There is growing interest among other neighborhoods to do snow removal. Our clear sidewalks have not gone unnoticed. It is nice weather again, petty thieves are on the prowl. LOCK YOUR VEHICLES and homes.

**Nominating Committee** - Absent. There will be three vacancies to fill; secretary, treasurer, and second VP. The URA is in need of more interested participants. The URA needs to brainstorm how to get more people interested in neighborhood association. Our ability to influence the city and protect the interests of the neighborhood risks being impaired without more vibrant participation.

**Old Business**

Reviewed the past discussion about overlay districts and form districts... see Uplander April 2019. Leah Allison from the City's planning department will likely be at the May meeting to discuss the steps to be taken toward the adoption of a neighborhood overlay district and/or form district for the Uplands.

URA Directory - Burgit Smith was absent. He is supposedly near finished and ready for printing. Might have something to hand out by picnic time?

**New Business**

Discussion about a possible domestic violence incident. Passengers in a vehicle passing through got into a heated fight.

Discussion about drive by dumping of construction debris in people's toters.

Discussion about a troubled house on W. Parkside. Over occupancy? Drug dealing? Concern about reporting to code enforcement. If you think a residence is over occupied (no more than three unrelated persons) report it to code enforcement. Names, license plate numbers of vehicles, parking stickers type and number, if they have any, and whatever additional information can all be useful in helping resolve the issue.

Easter Egg Hunt April 20th.

Dumpster Day April 20th.

Garage Sale May 3rd.

Recycling is once a month until July. May 7th is the next pick up... in the alley.

Officer elections May 7th URA meeting.

District 323 Graduation, Saturday May 11th.

District 150 Graduation Saturday May 18th.

Bradley Graduation Sunday May 19th.

Parking and traffic will be difficult this weekend.

Memorial Day weekend can't come soon enough.

Adjourn 7:50P

**UPLAND ELECTIONS**

Officers for 2019 – 2020 will be elected at the May meeting of the Uplands Residential Association. The proposed slate is as follows:

**President:** C. J. Summers

**1st Vice President:** J. R. Hinchee

**2nd Vice President:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Vacant

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

As you can see, we are in need of greater participation in the URA by residents of the neighborhood, and we encourage you to offer your skills to help our neighborhood continue to thrive and be a model for the city of Peoria.

Thank you and we hope to see you on May 9.

**Uplands Residential Association Officers:**

**President: C.J. Summers**  
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**2nd VP: Steve Tyler**  
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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.

**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.