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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

October 2019

Dear neighbors,

Thanks for coming out to the **annual picnic** in September—I think it was one of the best-attended picnics I've seen since I've been in the Uplands. Many thanks to the picnic committee (J. R. Hinchee, Dixie Zietlow, Jana Hausam, Maggie Summers) to New Cats for providing the music, to Hank Edley for the serving tables, and to everyone who helped make the picnic a success again this year!

One thing we did at the picnic was kick off our fundraiser for sidewalk snow removal (the **Snow Removal Fund**). I'm sure you've seen the signs along Columbia Terrace and our mascot Ernesto with the thermometer nose. It's just \$20 for a whole season of snow clearance from the public sidewalks when we get two inches or more of snow in a single snow event. This will be our third year, and the process gets better each year we do it. I'd like to encourage you to contribute if you haven't already, as we need to have sufficient money raised before we sign the contract to provide snow removal again this year.

Just a reminder that the **Whiskeydaddle race** will be coming through our neighborhood on Sunday, October 13. This is an annual race that closes some streets on Sunday morning while runners are coming through, so please plan ahead if you need to travel in or out of the neighborhood that Sunday morning. The race is from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Some residents recently asked about the City's policy regarding the **short-term rental** of homes on sites such as Airbnb. I checked with the City, and that type of use is not permitted in our neighborhood, according to our zoning ordinance. We're zoned R4, which is residential only. Services like Airbnb are considered business uses and are thus not permitted. If you have any questions regarding this policy, you can contact the City's Community Development department, Planning and Zoning Division, at 494-8600.

Join us for our next **Uplands Residential Association** meeting on Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bradley-Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. We meet in the basement. Hope you can make it!

Sincerely,

C. J. Summers

SNOW REMOVAL FUND!

Thanks to everyone who contributed for helping us meet our minimum goal, but we're still collecting funds to try and meet our \$5,000 total goal.

Cost is \$20 per household, cash or check.

PayPal your contribution to TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com. Please include your address.

Mail your contribution to URA Treasurer Dixie Zietlow, P.O. Box 6532, Peoria, IL 61601-6532

Drop Off contributions at 1320 N. Institute in the mail slot inside the front porch (there is a sign).

If you have any questions or need help, do not hesitate to contact Pete at pete.magsig@gmail.com.

UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 10, 2019—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. Strategic Planning
 - B. Other Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

URA AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Quorum of 7 assembled

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS

Treasurers report

No treasurers report due to no Treasurer present.

West Bluff Council

Pillar of the West Bluff nominees announced. Peter and Carol Getz received the award for their work with the Greenway.

Western Ave Greenway

No report

Unfinished Business

Picnic

Discussed logistics of organizing the picnic and assigned tasks. It was noted that we do need more help with this event for next year. Drink coolers appear to have gone missing. More would be procured and paid for by the general. The New Cats, a musical group living in the Uplands, have offered to perform at the picnic.

Strategic Planning

Leah Allison is no longer doing planning work with regards to the Uplands proposition to update our strategic plan, establish a form district, and a residential conservation overlay. Karilyn Weick will take over planning process.

New Business

With school back in session there have been some complaints about the construction parking taking up a lot of space on Institute and illegal parking. There really are no other options available. The current project underway is supposed to wrap up sometime this fall or winter. This will be followed by the demolition of the engineering building in the Spring. Bradley has been experiencing delays and cost overruns with the project.

Concerns over a new sign for Bradley University, which is to appear at Main and University have supposedly been resolved. The sign is now right sized.

Pi Phi house still not sold. The interested party is still interested but is experiencing funding difficulties.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Carla & Anthony Bouvier
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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.

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Neighborhood directory

No word from Burgit.

Meeting Location

Question was raised about changing meeting location to generate interest? Perhaps URA meetings could rotate among some homes? Due to the variabilities of attendance might not be practical. Attendance tends to be <12 persons but sometimes we have a lot more. The church location is not that burdensome and it is free.

Snow Removal Fund

Pete Magsig is going coordinate the snow removal fund this year. We have a \$30 carried over from the previous year. Some concern was expressed about needing to set a higher target this year to mitigate the need to ask for money later in the snow season. The past two winters have had higher than average snowfall which has resulted in higher than planned for expenses. Our \$4000 fund raising target was established based on an average snowfall.

Recycling issues

Recycling pickup resumes biweekly. City agreed to pay more, which mean we will be paying more in 2020. The contract with PDC is 10 years long. Our council person Chuck Grayeb has maintained that it would be cheaper if the city did the collection rather than subcontracting it out to PDC. It will be a while before that can be revisited.

Adjourn 8:45p. The brownies were FANTASTIC.

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.

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 Steven Marx at info@stevenmarx.com. If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, contact Kirk Sheckler at 369-1372.