

THE UPLANDER

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UPLANDS R. A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Next Membership Meeting;

Date: February 10, 2005

Time: 7:00PM—8:30PM

Location: Community Room,
Bradley Epworth Methodist
Church.

Agenda

- Call To Order
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.
- Approval of Treasurer's Report.
- President's Report.
 - Neighborhood Alliance
 - Med-Tech
- Standing Committee Reports:
 - Long Range Planning
 - Traffic

Parking

Beautification

Zoning & Land Use

Problem Housing

Block Captains

- Representation to Outside Organizations.

West Bluff Council

West Bluff NHS

Peoria NDC

Historic Preservation

- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Next Month's Scheduled Meeting of Uplands Residential Assn:

March 10, 2005

7:00 to 8:30 PM

**Downstairs Room at
Bradley Epworth
Methodist Church.**

**Businesses Owned or
Managed by Upland-
ers.** (Patronage Appreciated)

A E Blueprint Co.

Bard Optical

Byrd Drywall

Exterior Painting Specialists.

Harris Carpet Cleaning

J Jills

Jackson Financial Services -Insurance

Johnson Mechanical Svcs., Inc.

Les Femme Faux, & Painting

Peoria Art Guild

Ponte Vecchio

Rhythm Kitchen

The Medicine Shoppe on Western

The Pampered Chef (Lisa Ellison)

Ken Tiessen Illustration

Tour Ice.

Visiting Angels of Greater Peoria.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Uplands Coffee:

February 18 - 9:30 AM, Jane Morrison,
1503 W. Parkside Dr., 688-9764

March 17 - 7:00 PM, Linda Earley, 1114
N. Elmwood, 672-9470

April 15 - 9:30 AM, Kathleen Greenberg,
1212 N. Parkside Dr., 673-2504

May (date and time to be determined) - Inge Momany, 1604 W. Columbia Terr., 676-7208

Note: Children are welcome at morning coffee, while evenings are for adults only.

Volunteer Coordinator is Christine McConnell. Please contact her at 677-6994

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: SUZANNE JACKSON, SECRETARY

Minutes of Meeting of January 13, 2005:

Minutes of November 11, 2004 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported balance of \$3,392.37 (\$1,500 allocated to beautification by Grand Tour grants 2003 and 2004. 2005 URA dues are now due .

President was unable to attend Peoria Neighborhood Alliance meeting on January 10. Did learn that interim Board was established. Building to house offices of newly elected State Representative, Aaron Schock on West Main Street has been gutted in preparation for remodeling. The Aamco Transmission shop at 811 W. Main

will be coming down within the next two months to make way for the Med-Tech Incubator which will be built on that lot.

Standing Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning: (John Gibson) - Committee met January 10 and reviewed the top priorities of prior planning committee. Future meetings will determine a plan of action to accomplish the top five identified priorities. A detailed report was filed with the minutes.

Traffic: (Al Ford) No Report

Parking: (Bob Reuler) By now, everyone in the permit parking areas should have obtained their stickers.

Beautification: (Ron Anderson) No Report

Zoning & Land Use: (Bernie Goitein) Report not given.

Problem Housing: (Lee Mehl) Pam White is new residential and commercial zoning officer. She is our contact in the Zoning Office. Tickets have been issued for over-occupancy on four rental properties. There are 365 houses in The Uplands, 9 are vacant, some for over 3 years. There are 72 student and family rental, in a soft rental market. Finally, there are 5 houses in foreclosure, 3 are rentals and 2 are owner occupied.

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Block Captains: (Kathleen Greenberg) List has been compiled.

Representatives to Outside Bodies:

West Bluff Council: (Jerry Jackson) No meetings held since November.

West Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service: (Tony Cazzato) No Report

Historic Preservation Commission: (Tony Cazzato) No Report

Peoria Neighborhood Development Commission: (Tony Cazzato) No Report.

Other Old Business: Inquiry was made about status of petitions that were being passed by Al Ford, Traffic Chairman, seeking the permanent closure of University Street end of W. Parkside Drive, alleys behind Parkside and Columbia Terrace to prevent cut through traffic. Will follow up with Al.

New Business:

The Uplander: Jerry Jackson reported that 69 Uplanders received e-mail delivery, and 310 hard copies were hand delivered. Discussion was held identifying the three methods of delivery, hard copy, electronic (e-mail), and website. These

options will continue to be explored.

Motion to Adjourn was passed 8:15PM

Suzanne M. Jackson, Secretary

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MUSINGS:

The following are some things that I have learned from using the computer to communications for business, etc..

Sometimes I have had problems downloading and opening PDF file. I created a "Download File". I then download the PDF file that for some reason does not want to open online. When I am finished with my downloads, I close my browser and click on the Adobe Acrobat Reader icon on my desktop, the click on the "open" button, go to desktop, and

click on "download" file, find the recently downloaded file and click on the icon. The file should open for reading or printing. Try it!!

When you want to forward an e-mail message, erase the previous addresses, which are of no interest to your recipient, and take up lots of space.

In the same vein, you can send an e-mail message to a group, and yet protect the privacy of the addresses of

your individual recipients by doing the following. If you maintain a grouping of addresses in your addressbook, use your own address as the "Send to" address, and then indicate the rest as BCC's (Blind Carbon Copies), which will deliver the message to each recipient, without any name showing except that of the sender. No violation of confidences.

I'm sure that many of you already know about what I have told you about, and may have other thoughts to share. So, share them with us! **JDJ**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - (Ron Anderson) The committee suggests that three names be drawn at each meeting, from among 2005 dues paid members. Each winner will receive a tree to be planted in their front lawn during planting season. Details will be available at the February meeting.

Block Captains - (Kathleen Greenberg) Still need volunteer to act as Block Captain, to greet new neighbors, collect dues, and act as block representative to and from the association.

Long Range Planning - (John Gib-

son) Due to schedule conflicts, February 14 meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is Monday, March 14 7:00 - 8:30PM at Gibson's. Committee to review the SWOT—top 5 priorities and indicate which we should move ahead with, and how fast.

Parking - (Bob Reuler) Nothing to report.

Traffic - (Al Ford)

Zoning & Land Use - (Bernie Goitein) Teaching schedule will prevent attendance at Feb. meeting. Following notes were to have been read into the

Minutes of the January meeting, but were not. The ad hoc housing committee of the NDC met in December to review user-friendly pamphlet text to explain the 4 year freeze on assessments for people improving their homes. February meeting of this committee will finalize the text of the pamphlet.

Input is sought from residents concerning suggestions for Bradley-Epworth United Methodist Church's use of properties that they will acquire along University Avenue. Suggestions submitted thus far are for

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Children's Services (day care, after school programs, arts and crafts, singing/chorus, music lessons/practice room). Concern has been expressed about certain land uses that people were worried about. Please provide input on any land uses that you are concerned about.

Neighborhood Alliance Meeting - (Jerry Jackson) No word on next scheduled meeting.

That is all of the reports submitted.

Other Uplands Happenings:

Bible Study - At the home of Jeanette Davidson, 1306 W. Parkside, February 14, 7:15—8:30PM. It is an interdenominational, weekly, women's bible study. They are currently studying Acts of the Apostles. If you are interested, call Jeanette at 677-2436, or 657-1027.

Independent "Pampered Chef" Consultant, Lisa Ellison is located as a home based business at 1312 W. Parkside. She can be contacted at 264-7903, or by e-mail, lilbigred@insightbb.com,

or at her website, www.pamperedchef.biz/LisaEllison.

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HELP WANTED (NEEDED)

We need volunteers to deliver The Uplander in three areas. If you are willing to help in one of these areas, please contact Jerry Jackson. Columbia Terrace, both sides of 1400 and N. side of 1500. S. side of Columbia Terrace and both sides of 1600. Maplewood, from Middle Alley to Columbia Terrace, on both sides.

UPLANDS BOOK CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meets 1st Wednesday each month at 9:30 AM, unless noted otherwise.

March 2, 2005 "The Rule of Four", by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason, home of Kathleen Cazzato, 1222 N. Parkside Dr., 655-0562

April 6, 2005 "The Secret Life of Bees", by Sue Monk Kidd, at Rizzi's on State, 7:00 PM

May 4, 2005 "Grosse Pointe Girl", by Sarah Grace McCandless, home of Erika Luthy, 1202 Glenwood

June 8 (2nd Wednesday), 2005 "Skinny Dip", by Carl Hiaasen, home of Margaret Hanley, 1652 W. Parkside Dr., 676-0813

July 6, 2005 "The Annunciation of Francesca Dunn", by Janis Hallowell, home of Amy Shipley, 1104 Maplewood, 497-0849

Aug 3, 2005 "The Speed of Light", by Elizabeth Rosner, home of Christine McConnell, 1203 Glenwood 677-6994

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Presidents Comments:

Fellow Uplanders,

We are now in the midst of the run-up to the mayoral and city council primary election, February 22nd. By the time you receive this edition of The Uplander, there will have been two candidate's forums held on the West Bluff. You will always hear how "this is one of the most important elections" each time there is one. In truth, they are all very important.

The City of Peoria adopted the Manager/Council form of government several years ago, and at the same time determined that the offices would be non-partisan. That frees those who are loyal to partisan party politics to choose their representatives, free of those prejudices and loyalties. Your choice is your business, and nobody else's.

Early on, I determined that since I represent all of you as President of The Uplands Residential Association, that I would not get involved in public campaigning for my choice of candidates that could in any way reflect on the association. That is, I will not use my position to either try to sway you one way or the other, nor will I be quoted in a public support statement as President of The Uplands. I owe you that!

That does not mean that I will not support candidates for Mayor or Second District City Councilperson. I am still a citizen of Peoria, and retain the right to place a sign in my yard supporting my choices. They are there. Enough said.

You have an obligation to yourselves, your community, and to people who served this country to assure your rights of self determination to inform yourselves and VOTE!!!

JDJ

The 2005 dues are now due! \$10.00 per address.

UPLANDS NEWS:

New Uplanders:

It is always special to welcome back to The Uplands, returning former residents. Such is the case of both of the following:

Pablo & Rachel Navarro, 1028 N. Maplewood Ave. - Pablo grew up at 1109 N. Maplewood Ave., attended St. Marks and AOL/Spaulding Institute. His father was a member of the Bradley University faculty, and the family return to South America. Now, he is back home. Pablo returns with his wife, Rachel.

Also returning to live on their former street are Christy Harris and Todd Hayes and family, 1318 N. Elmwood.

Welcome back to Peoria's original neighborhood association, founded in 1902.

2005 Membership Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

This is for the purpose of Association communications only.

Would you like E-Mail delivery of association newsletter? YES _____ NO _____

Would you be willing to volunteer to help out with:

Block Captain _____ Deliver Newsletters _____

Traffic Committee _____ Parking Committee _____

Beautification Committee _____ Long Range Planning _____

Zoning & Land Use _____

Send completed form and dues check, payable to Uplands Residential Association, to: Judy Krajewski, Treasurer, 1630 W. Parkside Drive, Peoria, IL 61606.