

## Kaisertown Coalition Community Meeting

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Board Members: Kevin Mason – President, Cindy Lawson – Vice President, Gerald Kissane – Treasurer, Susan Bradbury – Secretary  
Kevin Mason is absent. 16 present.

Meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Treasurer's Report. Last report was from October 7, 2025.  
Closing balance \$2,542.87 Report approved.

Minutes from the Community Meeting on October 2025. Vote taken to approve. So approved. Note for reports: No meetings in November and December 2025.

Buffalo Police Department. Community Officer Zagoda reported that there were no issues, it's been pretty quiet. Officer Zagoda took down some reports of houses where problems seem to be ongoing.  
A request was made for more police presence around the park for people who are not obeying the speed limit or stopping at red lights and stop signs.

Councilmember Bryan Bollman reported that many of the City offices are in a state of transition. He has been working with incoming department leadership. Until everyone is placed, things seem to be on hold.

Report from Buffalo Building Inspector's Office. Jacob Schlossen was not in attendance.

### Welcome Our Guest Speakers:

Rosaura Romero – Buffalo Street Trees

Community Engagement Manager UB Regional Institute, UB School of Architecture and Planning will be speaking about how they can support our block club's tree planting goals to re-tree the streets in Kaisertown. She will help us understand the process for obtaining trees and caring for them. Handed out information to residents.

Time for review for people interested in having trees planted in front of their house.

Brandon Baxter Community Development Block Grants

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Open grants on City of Buffalo website:

\$20,000 grant application due Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Eligible projects: community center, streetscapes, sidewalk repair, park restoration.

\$6,000 open grant. 13 grants available, 8 applications so far. Roofs, elderly, disabled.

ADU \$75,000 funds to transform garages into living space.

New Business – nothing to report.

### Old Business

Report on Christmas in Kaisertown event. Between 1,200 and 1,500 came. Vendor questionnaire showed they were very happy with the event, 8 vendors are already signed up for next year. No problems to report, but expenses were significantly higher this year to put the event on.

East Side Business grant – we are still waiting to hear when funds will be disbursed.

Approved for grant funding to install a second group of veteran banners along Clinton Street. Waiting for that process to be completed.

Grant Writing Susan Bradbury submitted an application to the Ralph C Wilson Jr. Legacy Foundation to restore the Community Garden behind Houghton Academy. Should hear about approval in January.

Vote to Adjourn. Next Meeting Machnica Center Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.