



University Heights Historical Society

DAVID HEINEN: FOUNDER OF BOURBON STREET IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

David Heinen was a visionary in the University Heights community -- he and his partner turned a raunchy beer bar called “Pecks” into the New Orleans themed bar called Bourbon Street. David, being a young savvy entrepreneur, listened to the community’s complaints and with the make over of his bar created the stimulus for the revitalization and clean up of the Park Boulevard Business District. At that time Bourbon Street was the only establishment in the area that provided nightly entertainment, and David made his piano bar a place everyone would enjoy visiting.

David was an active board member of the University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC); he presented plans on new landscaping for Park Boulevard and side streets, he was the main organizer for the UHCDC’s Renaissance Street Faire for three years, and he originated the idea for a street sign design competition. A \$1,000 award for the winning design was donated by the UHCDC board from the proceeds of the first street fair. This resulted in our unique neon trolley and ostrich University Heights sign.

After Bourbon Street was sold, David moved to the North Park business district and became an active member of that area, establishing Shooterz. He was a talented pool player, hence the name of his new bar. He joined both the North Park Planning Board and North Park Main Street.

Wherever David went he brought his sense of community, his vision and sense of fun. The community owes a debt of gratitude to David Heinen for the positive contributions he made to University Heights.

David passed away on February 6, 2008.