Kennedy Heights Community Council

Membership Meeting October 19, 2004

The meeting began at 7:35p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Noel Morgan (President). Approximately 42 persons attended.

Minutes of the June and September meetings of the Membership will be available at the November meeting. Minutes of these meetings are summarized in the newsletter and are posted on our website.

Ernie distributed a one-page document that identified five motions adopted by the Board at its September 14 meeting, and for action by the membership. The motions are identified below as Item A, B, C, D, and E.

Item A---25 Cities Initiative: Noel provided background information about a recent neighborhood meeting held with representatives from the Community Council and community organizations, such as CPOP, Police Department, and the federal Office of National Drug Control Policy. A presentation was given by Amy Krings (Community Outreach Worker for Community Police Partnering Center) and Pam McClain (Vice-President from Talbert House), and a seven-page document about the Initiative was distributed. Comments were also made by Lt. Kimberly Williams, Investigative Unit Commander for District Two. After extensive discussion a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Community Council shall participate in the 25 Cities Initiative. The initiative would probably be involved with the community for a 12-24 month period.

Noel mentioned that the Board is exploring the idea of having a Safety Forum some time over the next few months.

Item B---Community Building Institute: Noel provided background information, and Ernie then reviewed the one-page proposal that outlined a four-phase collaborative initiative between Xavier University's CBI and the Community Council. The \$9,700.00 proposal will be funded by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Council approves the proposal. The proposal will be implemented during the first nine months of '05.

Item C---After Noel provided background information, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Council <u>authorizes the allocation of \$250.00 for a title search of Mr. Kelly's property</u> (along the Kennedy Avenue business corridor).

Item D---After Noel provided background information, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Council authorizes the allocation of \$250.000 for Ken-Sil's basketball program.

Item E---After Noel provided background information, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Council <u>authorizes the allocation of \$800.00 for the December 3 holiday events</u>. There will be many events during December and they are being coordinated with the Kennedy Heights Arts Center and Pleasant Ridge Community Council.

Richard Cooke of *Kennedy Heights Arts Center* was recognized for a discussion of the State of Ohio's Capital Budget. He distributed information of how residents might contact legislative and state officials about funding for KHAC.

Bob Kamp, Treasurer, presented the *financial report*.

Officer Engleman, *neighborhood police officer* for Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights, reported on recent developments in our neighborhood, such as arrests for drugs and prostitution. Several residents identified specific areas of concern.

Bruce Long, chair of the *Housing Committee*, reported on the Repair Fair of Saturday November 13, sponsored by People Working Cooperatively. Carol Chamberlain of The Caring Place is the community's point person. Bruce also noted that our community has received extensive assistance from PWC.

Jeff Wiedner of the *Litter Patrol* reported on the Litter Day activity for Saturday, October 23. He invited all residents to participate in beautifying our neighborhood.

Karen Williams of the *Cincinnati Recreation Commission*'s Woodford Center and Pleasant Ridge/Kennedy Heights Recreation Center reported on upcoming Halloween and Holiday activities at the two centers. She also introduced Jim Garges, Director of CRC, who made a few remarks.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to *political candidates and levy proponents/opponents*: Fanon Rucker for County Prosecutor, Steve Brinker for County Recorder, Eve Bolton for County Commissioner, Issue 3, Issue 4, Renewal 32, and Issue 44.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Ernie Barbeau, Secretary October 26, 2004