

Kennedy Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes
2/19/13

Call to Order and Introduction of neighbors: Michelle Dillingham

Michelle also shared an update on the Neighborhood Summit at Xavier University and discussed to importance of having a presence and a voice at city events in order to raise awareness and support of our community projects

Fire Report (Fire Dept.)

Fire hydrant inspection is underway; over 200 inspections are complete. Through February 19th there were two fires, 167 responses from the fire department. The fire department is down 80 positions. Women in the fire department have applied for a grant to get a new bathroom for the women because they are currently sharing it with their male co-workers.

Police Report (Police Dept.)

3 Theft reports as of 2/19. The Air Conditioning unit was stolen from the KH Presbyterian Church on 2/3/13. A formerly boarded on 4 family building on Northdale has been demolished. There was one auto recovery on Afton, a stolen 2013 Honda. Neighbors are asked to be aware and look out for situations involving unattended parked cars. On 2/27 there will be a Personal Safety Awareness Class offered by the Police Academy. Friday March 15th is the last day to request a permit for a liquor license. There have been some complaints about the Spotlight Social Club concerning excessive trash and parking in nearby business lots. The vice unit will monitor any parties at the Spotlight.

Treasurers Report (Sarah)

Sarah shared the monthly budget report. Ernie motioned to approve the budget and BJ seconded the motion.

VP for Administration Report (Jim)

- ✓ 2013 Kennedy Heights Community Calendar
- ✓ 2013 Budget (same as last year for events & donations to organizations)
- ✓ Standing Committees of the Council
 - Finance-Development-Fundraising Committee
 - Communications Committee-Christine Schumacher, Chair
 - Events Committee—Jayne Dressing, Chair
 - Health and Safety—this committee needs a chair and volunteers

Motion to approve Jim's proposal Ernie, seconded by Clete

VP for Planning Report (Clete)

✓ Former Schroder Property Status Update –January 10th the new owners closed on the Schroder property. He is also the owner of the former German Language School building in Clifton Heights. Property still needs to have new zoning before any construction or remodeling takes place.

✓ Bike Lanes—as a council we are not making a decision yet regarding bike lines. The council is asking about “sharrows” which were not originally one of the options discussed by the transportation department.

✓ Cultural Center—worked on the cultural center started the week of February 18th. The rest of the contractors will be starting in 2-4 weeks. By August or September the first two residents (Montessori School and Art Museum) will be in the building.

Communications Report (Christine)

✓ Volunteer Open House March 5 event

✓ New Neighbor Welcome

✓ Christine has been calling and emailing former KH residents to invite them to be part of the 50th anniversary events June 1st and June 2nd.

Guest Speaker—Aaron Pullin from Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV)

Aaron mentioned that CIRV is in KH at least twice per week. CIRV attends funerals, visits hospitals, frequents hot spots for violence, and reaches out to individuals who are committing these crimes. He shared that there have been 12 gang member indictments over the past year. The group works with adults as well as 14-17 year olds involved in gang activity. They go into the juvenile system to meet with youth. Their goal is to identify the problem individuals and then engage with them; helping them find jobs, providing court advocacy, helping with burial expenses, etc. Last year they helped over 130 ex-offenders get jobs. *Their office is located at 19 W. Elder.*

Announcements

The Sap Run (5K and one mile Run, Walk, or Bike) is Saturday, April 13th. Registration will be online at www.kennedyheights.org

Meeting Adjournment