

Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting
October 15, 2019 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order and everyone welcomed by President Doug Linn at 7:30 PM.

Fire Report: 37% of deaths due from fires are because of no batteries being in the **smoke detectors**.

*There are two types of detectors: ionization and photoelectric. There are also smoke detectors for the deaf which have blinking lights (also vibration).

*Place one outside every room... Test monthly... Clean them yearly (remove dust)... Replace batteries yearly, although newer detectors may have an enclosed battery that is good for 10 years.

*Fire Drills: start at an early age. Teach your child their address, how to describe the fire location and how to call 911.

*Sign up for Smart911 at smart911.com

*When building improvements are made, notify the city building department.

Police Report (Off. Jason Rice): Crime Stats report reviewed.

*Capt. Aaron Jones discussed the shooting on Coleridge... Montgomery Rd restriping: many complaints due to slower traffic. We cannot do anything about the change. It can be taken up with the City Council. However, statistics have shown the change has decreased the number of accidents.

*Come out to Halloween Trick or Treat at Pleasant Ridge Rec Center, October 18, 6:30-8 PM.

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center (Christian): Come out to "Goulfest," October 18, 6:30-8 PM. There will be a bonfire.

*Holidazzle: Friday, December 13, 6:30-8 PM. Please come out. Pickle ball paddles will be for sale among other items.

*If interested in Pickleball, borrow a paddle from the center to try it out first.

September Meeting Minutes: approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report (Sr. Carren): Report given and approved by voice vote.

KH Arts Center (Brittany):

*"Fall Back": 70's Costume Party to celebrate fall. October 25, 7-10 PM at the Annex.

*Winter Fest (save the date: December 6, 6-9 PM): It is not planned yet. Volunteers needed, sign-up sheet circulating.

It will include a tree lighting, food and activities at both buildings.

Community Planning (Mary): The City approved us. We now must set up Steering Committee. There will be a "Kick Off" meeting between January-February.

Progressive Dinner Revamp (Sr. Carren): Suggestions from Brain Storming meeting included:

*Have it in a different season... Street Party... Street Dance.

*Send out email survey for feedback.

*Ideas? See Sr. Carren or email her at carren@kennedyheights.org.

Neighborhood Flag (Jean/Jeffrey): Jean has one in her yard which is getting attention.

*Possible cost \$40 each which could possibly be decreased to \$30 with bulk purchase.

Elections (November Meeting):

*Term Limits in effect for some positions. A resolution was passed last year for exemption so Sr. Carren and Peggy could continue to serve as treasurer and secretary respectively. We will ask again next month for Treasurer (Sr. Carren), Secretary (Peggy), and two Members at Large (Jean Bange and Dee Cannady Lowry).

*We need a minimum of 15 people for a quorum.

*Nomination made today: Cassandra Jones for Member at Large

Sharifah Tafari and Kate Elliott for Co-Presidents

Guests:

Pamela Bowers (Board of Education, appointed to this position): Cincinnati Public School District Report Card – Grade "D"

*Changes- improvement in Closing of Achievement Gap – 2018 grade “F”, 2019 now grade “B”

- 3rd graders – 98% reading proficient.
- graduation rate was 75% last year, now 78%.
- 14% improved in the grades of schools.

*Tax Renewal- went to 10 year renewal from a 5 year.

*Tax Abatement

*Strategic Plan

For more information go the website at www.cps-k12.org.

Pamela Bowers: Candidate for election to the CPS Board of Education

*to complete the current 4 year term (2 years left) which was vacated by the previous member.

*She is also a parent

*Please vote for her

Judy Givan (KH resident): her dog was attacked and killed by a pit bull that lives at Iona/Hedge.

*the owner was fined \$130.

*The “owners” gave the dog away; police gave no other follow-up since the dog is no longer in the neighborhood.

*Asking for suggestions for recourse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Brown, Secretary