

Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting

May 19, 2020 7:30 PM

The meeting was held virtually on Google Meet and called to order by Kate Elliott and Sharifah Tafari at 7:30 PM.

Police (Kate, Off. Rice unable to attend): Statistic report given.

Fire (absent): Please sign up for “Smart 911.” Go to **smart911.com** for more information.

Budget (Sr. Carren): Budget update given. Motion to accept by Kate, 2nd by Eric. Voice vote = ayes, 100%.

* Juneteenth will be a Virtual Celebration this year, June 19-20. Visit the website at **Juneteenthcincinnati.org** or on FaceBook page at **Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival** for more information.

Greenup Day (Kate K.): Scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 9 am – 6 pm.

* Plants and mulch to be provided by the Park Board.

* Will be spread over three day.

* To sign up send email to Kate@Kennedyheights.org.

Public Partners

Neighborhood Schools

1. **Shroder HS** (Larry Williams) – Students are doing virtual learning.

* Graduation will be May 20, in cars, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, 5/3rd Bank parking lot on Duck Creek. There are 94 grads which include two sets of twins.

* Summer School: Opening June 1 for office staff. There will be two teams, blended instruction for students. Plans still being finalized.

* Two retirements

* The “Paideia” designation title will be discontinued.

2. **Woodford Paideia** (Sharifah): There will be a new principal for next school year. Current principal, Dr. Turpeau has a new job at the central CPS office.

* Meals are being served to youths up to age 18, Mon/Wed/Fri, 11am – 12noon.

* KH Community Garden has 8 beds available. If interested, email Sharifah at Sharifah@Kennedyheights.org.

3. **KH Montessori Center**: Has hired a new executive director, Kate Pinkard. Mary Beth Schneider is going back into retirement. Kate has a BS in Elementary Education from Miami University, an MS from Xavier University, and 20 years of experience. Her husband is Dave and two children are Ashley and Jack.

* The school is open for summer camp.

KH Arts Center (Ellen): Our Artist-in-Residence, Leesa Haapapuro, has her project displayed around the neighborhood.

* “Message of Hope” kits are still available. Please call to request one.

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center (Christian): Pools will open June 8. PR is one of them. Hours and guidelines to come.

* PR will be open to support Day Camp. Ratio is 1:9. Call for information.

* A Virtual Dance will be held via Zoom, May 23, 7pm on the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) website.

The Caring Place (Sharifah): It remains open with drive-through service.

*Walkers are welcome, social distance is maintained.

*Information for seniors is available at www.help4seniors.org: tips for seniors... Council on Aging info on delivery for Meals-on-Wheels... and more

Pleasant Ridge Library (Kate E.): libraries are opening up slowly.

*No books are to be returned at this time. No fines will be charged.

Speed Bump Update (Kate E.):

*Kate reached Chris Bingham at PG Sittenfeld's office regarding the Street Calming Speed Hump Program. They are currently working on the budget for next year. Send correspondence by June 11. Send email(s) to the City Manager to request that the program be continued and/or funding increased. All info will go to the Mayor. KH Board will send a letter to represent the neighborhood.

*Camara Douglas recommended that we reach out to each city council member to make our voices heard.

Trees/Ivy Announcement (Kate E.): Ivy does not harm trees if it's around the lower trunk. To remove ivy, use sheers to cut the ivy in 2 ft. sections around the base of the tree . She will put this in the newsletter.

Program: Public Safety Academy (Raffel Prophett): Mr. Prophett is a lifelong Cincinnati resident and recently retired after 32 years from the Fire Department.

*This program would provide an opportunity for CPS students to become firefighters and police officers. Less than 2% of city's police and firefighters live in the city.

*The State of Ohio has money to help with program. Community support is needed. The goal is to have several locations: Western Hills already established, possibly Shroder HS, and another location more centrally located.

*Discussion/Questions:

1. Loretta Black: suggested collaboration with the EMT/Firefighter Program at Cincinnati State.
2. Larry Williams (Shroder HS): will contact Mr. Prophett regarding the program.
3. Eric Armstrong: has seen the program at Western Hills HS. It is well supported and gets direct help for the fire Department.
4. Mr. Prophett has a non-profit and would like to reconnect with the KHCC to get input on how Public Safety can support health disparities in Kennedy Heights.

Camara Douglas: Thanked all who helped elect her to the Precinct 14B.

Jean Bange: There are about 5 KH flags left. They are \$30 each. Call her if you would like one. (513) 289-0872.

Guardian Bank: Hopes to have soft opening Monday, May 25.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary.