

Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting

January 19, 2021 7:30 PM

(Attendance, 31)

I. Police (Capt. Danita Pettis): Capt. Pettis is taking Capt. Arron Jones' place at District 2.

Community members voiced concerns about the following issues. Capt. Pettis will check out and get updates.

1. 3500 _____ Place: blighted building, warrant. Complaints made, the owner cited.
2. 6661 Montgomery Rd.: shot fired into the building.
3. 6543 Montgomery Rd.: Spotlight Social Club: Excessive cars on the lot. Roger Behn is the owner.
4. Shooting on Northdale Place and Kennedy Ave.

II. November Minutes: Motioned to accept by Eric Armstrong, 2nd by Steve Greiser. Approved as read, none opposed.

III. Planning (Mary Ray):

1. Neighborhood Surveys – More than 100 returned. They will be looked at by the Quadrant Chair.

The neighborhood is divided into 4 Quadrants and each has a working chair.

North of Montgomery Rd

South of Montgomery Rd.

East of Coleridge Avenue

West of Coleridge Avenue

2. Abbie expressed concerns about the old Shroder Building, noting an increased number of people and activity; red minivan. Per Mary Ray, this may be due to the listing agent. A meeting is needed to discuss what's going on here.

IV. Pleasant Ridge Rec Center (Christian):

1. After School/School Day Enrichment Program: WiFi available, fee required, scholarships available, register online.
2. Weight room and Pickleball courts available with a reservation.

V. KH Art Center (Tasha): Closed due to Hamilton County being in the "purple" zone from the coronavirus infections.

1. Check out the SOS Art Retrospective and Virtual Youth Activities available online.

VI. School Reports:

- 1a. **Shroder (Principal Larry Williams):** Cincinnati Public Schools will be phased back in at the beginning of February. COVID-19 vaccine will be available.

- 1b. **Shroder (Pam Wilder):** The grounds will be enhanced in the spring; working on a grant; will set up pods.

2. **KH Montessori Center (Kate Pinkard):** Applications being accepted. Call the center at 513-63-8135 or go to the website at www.kennedyheightsmontessori.org.

3. Woodford Academy (Principal Daniel Gray): Return to school to begin in February... Staff has found poop in the grass. Please pick up after your pets. For questions, call the school at 513-363-6400.

VII. KH Development Corporation (Mary): Grant time of the year.

1. Coffee Express is coming soon (former Bear Cave spot). They are taking applications.
2. Spot Light Social Club – conversation is going on with the owner, Roger Behn. Hoping he will sell.

VIII. Aging in Community (Steve Grieser): Attending monthly meetings.

1. Sharon Hale, social worker from CASS, continues to be at The Caring Place.

IX. The Caring Place (Sharifah Tafari): Volunteers are needed. Phone - 513-841-1499; email - caringplc@yahoo.com,
Face Book Page – The Caring Place Kennedy Heights.

1. Drive thru service continues.
2. Volunteers needed 2nd Thursday every month to unload Senior Boxes. Must be able to lift 30 pounds.
3. Volunteers needed Tuesday and Thursday, the 3rd week, to deliver the Senior Boxes. Lifting 30 pounds required.
4. Volunteers needed the last Tuesday every month between 8 and 8:30 to unload the food delivery from the Freestore Food Bank.
5. Teddy's Closet is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am -1 pm. We are not accepting donations until February.
6. Items needed: Nonfood items... baby wipes... diapers of all sizes... personal care products.

X. Beautification (Mary Ray): Grants available.

1. "Love Thy Nati" - \$500 available to recognize a community member who has brightened the community. The money will be used for a community project.
2. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful with "Safe and Clean" grant.
3. ESPN and List Partnership: turn an empty blighted property into a play area for children.
Please email Mary for questions at mary@kennedyheights.org. It was requested that she keep us posted on the website or Face Book page.

XI. Discussion:

1. **Mrs. Viles:** this is her first meeting, she has lived on Akenside for 1.5 years... suggested that the meeting minutes be emailed to the community members... She requested a summary of all Working Groups be emailed out (Kate will do this). She also had questions about the old Shroder property. (Per Mary, the property is still privately owned and the Shroder Working Group is staying on top of this).
2. **Jeffry Weidner:** Will have a class on how to use the technology to access our meetings; use with a laptop, iPad, Smart phone. To include Googlemeet. Kate agreed to help.

XII. Fire Department (David Harris, Ladder 2):

1. Be careful of electrical violations. Do not plug two extension cords together.
2. Take care of electrical cords. If they are frayed, replace them.
3. If your smoke alarm is over 10 years old, replace it.
Change the battery twice a year, in Spring and Fall, at Daylight Savings Time.
4. Place smoke detectors outside sleeping areas... do not put carbon monoxide (CO2) detector in the basement.
5. Vacuum your detectors to remove dust. Be sure they are working properly after you finish cleaning them.
6. Enroll in Smart 911. It will increase the ability of the paramedics to care for you.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 pm... **Next meeting will be February 16.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

