

Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting

March 16, 2021 7:30 PM

26 Attendees

- 1. February Minutes:** Reviewed and approved. Motion to accept by David H. and 2nd by Loretta Banks. Ayes 100%.
- 2. Future Council Meetings (Kate):** All future meetings will continue to be virtual until at least August. She would like to continue the virtual option in the future, in addition to the in-person meeting, if possible.
- 3. Public Safety:** Officer Rice was not present but the Safety Report was read by Kate. Kennedy Heights had a "well below normal" rate of crime for the month.
- 4. Fire (Capt. Harris):**
 - A)** Sign up for **Smart911** at smart911.com or download the App from the Play Store on your phone.
 - B) Top Causes of House Fires:**
 - *40% Cooking – stay in the kitchen when cooking.
 - *17% Electrical – Do not overload wall plugs. Avoid the use of extension cords.
 - *5% Smoking – Quit smoking. Do not smoke in bed. Falling asleep is the main cause of mattress and chair fires. Cool ashes before discarding cigarette and cigar butts.
 - *3% Candles – cause 21 home fires per day. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from flammable items.
 - * ___% Heating/AC - Service your Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems twice a year.
 - *15% Arson – Deliberately set fires.
 - C)** Keep all items at least 3 feet away from heating devices. Plug the stove and refrigerator directly into the wall.
 - D) Fire Escape Plan:** Always have 2 ways out.
 - *Practice fire drills both daytime and nighttime.
 - *The goal is to be out in 2 minutes.
 - *Assign one person to get infants and children out and have a back-up person.
 - *Remember: GOOD AIR IS LOW, BAD AIR IS HIGH!
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Ramona):** Motion to accept by Kate Elliott, 2nd by Steve Grieser. Ayes: 100%, Opposed: none.
- 6. Neighborhood Plan Update (Mary):** Next meeting is Friday, March 26.
 - *Steering Committee to set new goals.
 - *Questionnaires: 12 received for the "Drive Thru" event. Feedback is important... Ex: Cornerstone Church wants to upgrade to LED lighting. Currently they cannot.
- 7. Notable Neighbor:** Give John Bange suggestions of neighbors for the Notable Neighbor Newsletter Column.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 1. CRC/Pleasant Ridge Community Center (Christian):** The center is open... The weight room is open.
 - *Summer Day Camp enrollment is filled to capacity (60 children). Check with other centers for spots.
 - *School Day Enrichment will continue 5 days per week until school reopens, March 31.
- 2. Kennedy Heights Art Center (Ellen):** Summer Art Camp sign-up is open.
 - *Current Exhibit in conjunction with Juneteenth Cincinnati: "Reflections of the Harlem Renaissance." To be made available virtually.

3. Cincinnati Public Schools/CPS: Schools to be open fulltime beginning March 31.

*Shroder will distribute meals daily from 12 – 4 PM.

4. KHDC (Steve Grieser): A) The old Beverage Cave is now the Coffee Exchange drive thru coffee shop.

B) The owner of the Spotlight, 6543 Montgomery Rd., is ready to sell and open for an offer.

*A \$350,000 grant is available. The KHDC is seeking the support of the KHCC regarding the submission of grant proposal. The property would be demolished to rebuild a 4 story building consisting of retail on the first floor and 48 senior apartments on the upper levels.

*A motion was made by Kate Elliott that the KHCC support the KHDC in applying for the grant to purchase the old Spotlight property and 2nd by Loretta Banks. Vote: Ayes= 100%; Opposed= 0%.

5. The Caring Place (Sharifah): The Caring Place is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

*No clothing donations are being accepted for the next two weeks. Food donations of non-perishable items, personal care items, and monetary donations are currently being accepted.

*To volunteer call 513-841-1499 or send an email to caringplc@yahoo.com.

*Additional resources for food support: PR Presbyterian Church – every Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM.

First Baptist of Kennedy Heights, 3rd Tuesday, 10 AM – 1 PM.

Olivette Baptist Church, 3rd Wednesday, 2 – 4 PM.

*From Chat Box: From Samara Ramudit – An option for those in need of diapers and baby wipes is “Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank.” They provide diapers with the help of partner organizations to low income families.

Contact: 513-402-1450... website: sweetcheeksdiapebank.org... Face Book Page.

6. Great American Clean-Up Day in Kennedy Heights, May 22.

*Suggestion that each working group have a monthly “clean-up day” around the neighborhood.

GUESTS

1. Herman Najoli – Cincinnati Mayoral Candidate, Independent

His platform includes Public Safety, Affordable Housing, Transit and Public Health.

Contact: 513-Leaders (532-3377)... email: drnajoli@gmail.com... website: www.drnajoli.com

2. Reggie Harris – Cincinnati City Council Candidate

Clinical Social Worker and work in Affordable Housing.

Goal: meeting people at immediate need levels.

Contact: 513-334-7126... email: reggie@reggieforcincinnati.com... website: reggieforcincinnati.com

3. Robert Harris – Cincinnati City Council Candidate

Gun violence and youth are concerns.

Contact: 513-807-8501... website: robharrisforcouncil.com

4. Mickey McClanahan: Representative for **Liz Keating** (Cincinnati City Council Member).

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Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary