

Kennedy Heights Community Council

April 20, 2021 7:30 PM

(Virtual meeting, 22 Attendees)

I. Minutes from March meeting approval: Motion made by Eric Armstrong, 2nd by Steve Grieser. Vote: Ayes 100%, none opposed.

2. Public Safety (Off. Rice): Assault on Montgomery Rd... Burglary on Northdale Pl... Rape at the Woodford school lot. 16 year of suspect in custody.

A. **Question** regarding "Ballet Tech" by Jim Zarnowiecki: a number of parked cars on the lot. Inspectors are not enforcing the ordinance right now.... **Response:** Mr. Bean is ill from a head injury. We are waiting for the family to contact us.

3. Fire (Capt. Harris): There was a fire on Wyatt; no injuries.

A. April focus is Spring Cleaning and Working Smoke Alarms

1. Leading cause of fires in clothes dryers is due to dirty lint traps. Dryer vent tube should be cleaned at least once per year. There are kits available.
2. Most cooking fires occur on the stove top. Keep flammable items away from the stove top... Stay in the kitchen When using the stove.
3. Extension cords: avoid using them. Do not overload plugs.
4. A clean house is a safe house. Declutter.
5. Storing items: Remove kerosene before storing Kerosene heaters... clean electric blankets before storing away... Oily rags – store in a closed metal container... dusting rags – store in a closed container.
6. Prepare for hazards: Have an emergency plan, enroll in Smart 911.
7. Burning is illegal in Cincinnati. Seasoned wood should be burned only in a fireplace or fire pit. Call the City for Special pick-ups... Consider a "Yard Waste Day." Consider getting a neighborhood dumpster for the event.

4. Financial Report (Romona): Motion made to accept the report by Steve Grieser, 2nd by Eric Armstrong. Vote: Ayes 100%, none opposed.

5. Events

A. Green-Up Day: May 15, 9 AM – 12 Noon at Kennedy Park. Focus is preparing and sprucing up flower beds at both Entrances to the park. Meet at the shelter house. KHDC will bring donuts. Community Happens here will supply _____... Bring gloves and gardening tools. COVID-19 Protocol will be followed.

B. KH Bridge Dedication with a walking parade/ribbon cutting May 15, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM. Lunch to be provided by KHDC and possibly live music.

C. Neighborhood Plan Update (Mary): Thanks to all who are helping. Working group/quadrant updates to be in the coming newsletter(s).

1. Business District Working Group to start soon.
2. Neighborhood surveys: hard copies are available at The Caring Place, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM – 2 Pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

1. **CRC** (Pleasant Ridge Community Center – Christian): Summer Day Camp is full (60 children).
 - A. After school program spots available.
 - B. Pools open beginning May 29. No swim passes this year. Swim blocks with max of 10 per group.
*Swim lessons 10 – 10:45 AM and 11 – 11:45 AM.
 - C. Question: How have budget cuts affected the PR Center? ... Not sure, have not heard anything yet.

2. **KHAC** (Ellen): Next week we will welcome our 2021 Artists in Residence: Helen Atkins and Will Geusz.
 - A. Creative Writing Camp starting; register soon.... See the website for more upcoming activities.
at www.kennedyarts.org.
 - B. Juneteenth: Coming in June. It will be virtual again this year. Theme: “Wade in the Water.”
www.juneteenthcincinnati.org.

3. **SCHOOLS**: Kennedy Heights Montessori Center, Kate Z. Pinckert, Executive Director, 513) 631-8135
www.kennedyheightsmontessori.org.

4. **KHDC** (Mary):
 - A. Cincinnati Business United – applying for a grant to purchase the “Spotlight” property on Montgomery Rd.
 - B. Cianciolo now owns the whole block on Woodford Rd at Kennedy. The small barn may have historical significance.
 - C. Loretta Banks: Could we start a Tool Library? Per Steve Grieser, a possible location could be the old Wilson Grocery store on Zinsle and Red Bank. Interest was expressed.

5. **Aging in Community** (Steve): Sharon Hale, the Senior Service Coordinator continues to be available at the Caring Place.

6. **The Caring Place** (Sharifah): We will not be accepting clothing for the next two weeks. We are still changing **over clothes to the current season.**
 - A. We are accepting housewares, toilet paper, nonperishables and personal care items. Do not leave items outside after hours. Please limit drop offs to hours of operation only.
 - B. Volunteers are needed. The Caring Place is located at 6312 Kennedy Avenue (rear basement of the KH Presbyterian Church), Tuesdays and Thursday, 9 AM – 2 PM, 513-841-1499, by email: caringplc@yahoo.com, and on our Facebook page.

7. Community Garden (Sharifah): 6 raised beds (8’X4’) are available. Woodford School is currently using 3 beds.

OPEN COMMENTS

1. Sunday, for Earth Day: Pleasant Ridge is having a clean-up event at 1 PM. Meet at Community Happens Here.
2. Traffic Tuesday Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/PleasantStreetsTrafficTuesday>.
3. **Senator Cecil Thomas is a candidate for Mayor of Cincinnati.** He will out of the Ohio Senate due to term limits. He is a former City Councilman. He stresses a Clean, Safe, and Vibrant city, Affordable Housing (the abatement process is out of control), Lifting families out of poverty. He is a former City Councilman.
*Thoughts on Issue 3: He is not for it. Affordable housing is important, but this is not the method to do it. The 2018 Report on Affordable Housing should be followed.

7:30 PM: Motion to adjourn made by Eric Armstrong, 2nd by Aaron Burton. Vote: Ayes 100%, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

