

## Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting

May 18, 2021 7:30 PM

19 Attendees

- I. April Minutes:** Motion by Capt. David Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Grieser to accept the minutes. Vote: Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0%.
- 2. Public Safety** (Off. Jason Rice): Report given with noted theft and criminal damaging.
  - A. Loretta Banks** (Ravenal Ct.): Reported increased foot traffic in the cul-de-sac at a known prostitution/drug house is “on the radar.” She has reached out to “vice.” Had questions regarding the use of Project Zero in reference to speeding dirt bikes and ATVs. Can we use speed signs? Pleasant Ridge bought their own. Off. Rice will check on this.  
**Mary Ray:** document this in the neighborhood plan surveys in area for signage, speed.
- 3. Fire** (Capt. David Harris, Truck 2):
  - A. Propane use**
    1. Not toxic, but can hurt you if you get too much.
    2. Does not damage the soil or ground water.
    3. Often confused with methane.
    4. A skunk smell, old garbage smell ... it may be propane. The smell may go away. If you have allergies, have with a “fresh nose” check it out. Call 911... If indoors, DO NOT turn on the light due to possible spark... leave the area immediately and get a safe distance from the smell... Shut of the gas if comfortable doing so. (turn clockwise – to the right).
    5. Leaking from an appliance – call the dealer to have it checked.... Worse case, call 911.
  - B. Sign up for Smart 911** at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)
- 4. Treasurer’s Report** (Romona): Report was reviewed. Noted- \$270.68 received for Friends of Kennedy Heights. Motion made by Steve Grieser and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Harris to accept the April report. Vote: Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0
- 5. Community Plan Updates** (Mary Ray): to see the plan, go to [www.cincinnati.oh-gov/kennedyplan](http://www.cincinnati.oh-gov/kennedyplan). Look at the plan. Add anything you think is missing. The vision for Kennedy Heights will come from the goals.

## EVENTS

- 1. Green-Up and Bridge Celebration** – very successful event. Thanks to all that came out. See the list of “Thank yous” in the Newsletter.
- 2. Volunteers needed** for a possible June event – “Movie Night.” Contact the board. Things to consider: how to execute this... what to show... licensing... communication.
- 3. Play in the Street** – the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in July. Volunteers needed... Students needing volunteer hours could pass out flyers.
- 4. Mrs. Daniel Mitchem:** A “Clean-Up Day” for Kennedy Heights??  
Kate Elliott would like to designate a day.  
Greater Vision Baptist Mission Church has a Family Clean-Up Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month, 6-8 PM.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### 1. Amber Kelly – Citizens Fest 2021

A community engagement collective identifying “Gifts” of the neighborhood and the neighbors.

Purposes it to be a virtual and in-person event.

\*Per Mary Ray – this is a good way to present “the plan.” Place a notice in the newsletter announcing the event.

\*Per Chris Miller – suggested post card sized flyers be put in stores/businesses/laundromat.

Content from Amber by June 1.

### 2. CRC/Pleasant Ridge Rec Center (Christian): Masks are required for all program.

\*There is a waiting list for Summer Day Camp.

\* Pool is open May 31 – September 6... swimming blocks available... Cost \$1: youths, \$2: adults, \$1: seniors.

\*Swim Team, ages 6-17, practice M-F.

\*Junior Lifeguard Program for ages 11-14.

### 3. KH Arts Center (Ellen): Last week for Artists in Residence Helen and Will. Sculpture unveiling Saturday at 1PM.

\*Summer Camp: a few spots left. Call or check the website at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org).

\*Gallery: Student/Faculty Art Show.

\*Annual Founders Day celebration, Sunday, June 13, 3 PM.

Recognition: Ernie Barbeau – Leadership, Allie Goodman - Volunteering

### 4. Shroder High School (Principal Larry Williams): Graduation will be held at the Univ. of Cincinnati and streamed live.

\*COVID vaccines available May 24 for Cincinnati Public School students.

\*Credit Recovery ...

\*Summer Enrichment Program in July.

\* Teaching vacancies at Shroder HS include math, English, art, science.

### 5. Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (Mary): Wednesday the owner of Spotlight Club as agreed to sell.

\*Grant request for Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts will be presented to the City next week.

### 6. Aging in Community (Steve): Nothing new to report.

### 7. The Caring Place (Sharifah): We are now accepting Spring/Summer clothes.

\*Volunteer opportunities are available. Call, email, or check the Facebook page for more information.

(513) 841-1499, email: [caringplc@yahoo.com](mailto:caringplc@yahoo.com), FB Page: The Caring Place-Kennedy Heights

\*Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 – 2 PM. PLEASE, bring donation during hours of operation only.

\*Items needed: toilet paper, personal care items, household supplies, non-perishable (unexpired) food items.

### 8. Community Garden (Sharifah): there are a few raised beds available.

\*Volunteers are needed to help clean out and prepare the beds for planting. If interested, email Sharifah at

[Sharifah@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Sharifah@kennedyheights.org).

## OPEN COMMENTS

Chris (KH Newsletter): think about how you can incorporate what you do into an article for the newsletter.

Kate: Landscaping Awards: nominations will be open beginning in June. Michelle Dragga heads the committee.

7:40 PM, Motion to adjourn by Steve Grieser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Mitchem. Vote: Ayes – 100%, Nays – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

