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Kennedy Heights Community Council

General Membership Meeting of March 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Noel Morgan (President), at 7:40p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 22 persons were in attendance. (The incomplete Attendance Roster is attached to these minutes.)

Ernie Barbeau (Secretary) noted that a few copies of the *minutes of the February 8 meeting of the Board* were available. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the *minutes of the February 15 meeting of the General Membership* be approved as distributed.

Bob Kamp (Treasurer) verbally presented the *Treasurer's Report*.

Due to the low attendance, it was agreed to defer action on the recommendations from the *Constitution Committee* until the April meeting.

The following brief reports were made:

- The Beverage Cave liquor permit appeal hearing has yet to be scheduled.
- Joanie Weidner encouraged residents to participate in the *Great American Clean-Up* of April 23, 8:30-11:30; we will meet at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for 8:30a.m., and 11:30-noon will be a celebration and bag count at the Church. Free pizzas and give-aways will be provided. Joanie also encouraged residents to participate in a Adopt-A-Spot initiative. Joanie also noted that our five-year old Clean-Up program has won special recognition for three of those years!
- Officer Engleman noted significant trash problems on Northdale and Tyne.
- Karen Thomas, chair of the Recreation Committee, noted that *baseball signup* for young teenagers will occur in a couple of weeks. The Committee continues to explore the possibility of a *Summerfest*.
- Karen Williams (both a resident and staff of the Pleasant Ridge/Kennedy Heights *Recreation Center*) noted that summer camp registration for 13-15 year olds will soon be announced. She also suggested that KHCC should seek grant money for the purpose of working with homeowners who do not have the financial resource to maintain minimal standards. Bruce Long, chair of the Housing Committee, noted that in 2004 the Board did set aside some money for such a purpose, and that additional resources are indicated. Karen also noted that the Kennedy Heights Senior Citizens Club meets at the Pleasant Ridge Center every Thursday 10:00-1:00p.m. The Council should explore ways to involve those residents in our activities, and Center staff would be willing to transport them to our meetings.
- Noel received a call from a person who is proposing to *build two homes on Tyne*, with frontage of no more than 75 feet. This will require zoning variance. By consensus we agreed to be in opposition to such a variance.
- Officer Engleman and Lt. Williams gave an extensive *police report*, and responded to a variety of concerns, such as the value of having a police sub-station, develop additional block watch clubs and block parties, car breaking and entering, abandoned automobiles, trash, and some incidents of prostitution on Montgomery. Noel noted that in today's mail we received a letter from an elderly person on Kirkup who expressed concerns about her

safety, and of drug/suspicious activities. Another resident related of an incident on Kennedy that had the potential to become very serious that occurred around 2:30a.m.

- The Family Dollar chain wants to establish a store in East Walnut Hills. We have been approached to provide information as to what has been our experience. Several residents noted that the trash problems with our store are minimal. We do not know of other difficulties or issues.
- Noel noted that on March 17 *Home Depot* volunteers will be painting our recently opened offices, and that Depot has allocated \$200.00. The money will be utilized to replace the lock on the front door and to replace and install two doors.

Noel reported on the availability of a \$9,000.00 *Neighborhood Business District grant*. Josh Swain has been extensively involved in this matter. During our discussion it was suggested that drug-free-zone signs should be posted at parks, tot-lots, and other places; this suggestion will be explored with the City. A motion was made, seconded, and approved (18-0) that the Council adopt the Board's recommendations that the following items be included in our \$9,000.00 proposal.

- The Caring Place...\$2,000.00 (for the JOY Program, with no funds for staffing)
- Large Tent..... 2,600.00 (to be placed at the Arts Center and for community events)
- Glue for Bumpers... 200.00 (for the Kennedy Street Bridge, as a crime deterrent)
- Summerfest..... 1,200.00
- Winterfest..... 1,200.00
- T-shirts (for Sap run)..... 1,400.00
- Banner/entry signs... 400.00

Ce gave an extensive and enthusiastic report on recent developments with our goal to establish a *neighborhood school*.

- At the Board of Education meeting of March 14, Nancy Allgauer gave the Board two packets of documents: a petition signed by 500 individuals, and 180 individually written letters that spoke to a number of concerns related to our neighborhood children. The petition "urges the Cincinnati Board of Education to build the new neighborhood school for Kennedy Heights and Silverton students at the corner of Kennedy Avenue and Montgomery Road."
- The responses from neighborhood churches to the petition and letters has been very positive.
- Next week representatives from KHCC will be making comments at a City Council meeting, chaired by Councilmember David Crowley. The comments will focus on the City's investment to the Arts Center and our Business Corridor, and the need for City and Board of Education cooperation.
- An invitation has been extended to Noel by the Cincinnati Board of Education to participate in a meeting with officials from six schools and the Mayor of Silverton, to be held in April.

Amy, chair of the *NSP Search Committee*, reported that the Committee has developed a Scope of Service, interviewed two applicants, encourages additional persons to apply, and hopes to have the part-time NSP person on board by the early part of April. We expect the staff person to be at the office about 10 hours each week.

Amy Krings reviewed the activities of our CPOP Team, with particular focus on domestic and family violence in our neighborhood. She recalled the recent murder on Northdale, which was related to domestic violence. The Team will be hosting a Saturday meeting to discuss what our

neighborhood might be able to do to prevent and to assist persons involved in those kinds of situations.

There was some discussion about the current status of the request from *George Wilson for transfer of the dormant liquor permit* to Frances Canty, member of his family. Some residents strongly oppose the permit, and others believe that we do not have all of the necessary facts. Proponents and opponents may express their views at an upcoming meeting in City Council chambers. On March 14 our President sent a letter to the Cincinnati Police Department requesting that the City of Cincinnati object to the renewal of the permit.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Ernie Barbeau
Secretary