

Kennedy Heights Community Council

Meeting of the Community Council

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

7:30p.m.-9:00p.m.

Approximately 25 persons were in attendance, with 17 eligible to vote.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and review of the agenda was given by Ernie Barbeau, President.

Minutes of the September meeting of the Council were distributed by Michelle Dillingham, Secretary. MOTION PASSED to approve the Council's minutes.

Treasurer's Monthly Report was provided by Kevin Holt. MOTION PASSED to accept the report. Kevin Holt is also Chair of the Nominating Committee. He offered the 2nd Preliminary Report from the Nominating Committee. Copies were made available at the registration table.

The Community Asset portion of our meeting included a presentation by Ms. Emily Davies, Recycling Intern with the City of Cincinnati's Special Recycling Focus. She reported that the City wants to increase its recycling participation rate, and Kennedy Heights is one of the selected neighborhoods with great potential to increase participation in this free service. If you need a bin, please call 591-6000. She also answered questions on how to sort recyclables.

An extensive presentation was also made by Mr. John Boyd, Treasurer for Cincinnati Public Schools, on the upcoming Operating School Levy. He reported on the financial impact if the Levy does not pass. Many questions were raised during the Q&A session.

Lt. Ken Sheehan of the Pleasant Ridge Fire Station made a report on calls for service. He reported there was a large fire in Pleasant Ridge in September.

A detailed Police Report was offered by Lt. Joe Williams of District Two. Overall, he reported crime is down. He also reported that Captain Gregory retired. Our Council would welcome the opportunity to meet Capt. Gregory's successor.

Ernie led the presentation of several reports which included the following, and on the agenda a list of meetings, conferences, and events that he has attended.

-A motion was approved by the Board on October 9th that Kennedy Heights Community Council give an Outstanding Donor/Investor Award. Copies of the document were made available at the registration table.

-KH will hold a special 2 ½ hour Meet-The-Candidates and Ballot Issues Program, Tuesday October 23, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Kennedy-Woodford Recreation Center, 6065 Red Bank Rd.

-Copies of KHCC's "Volunteer Opportunities for our Neighborhood's Development" were made available on the registration table.

-Reminder of change of date for the Community Council's November meeting from the 3rd to the 4th Tuesday: November 27th, 7:30-9:00.

-We still need help identifying and recruiting at least two adults to serve as volunteer leaders for the development of a Boy Scout Troop in KH.

-Litter Pick-Up Day is Saturday, October 13, 9:00am, to meet at the KH Presbyterian Church.

-Kate Kern of Robison Road was recently appointed to the Cincinnati Arts Allocation Committee. Her appointment came upon the recommendation of the Mayor to City Council.

Natalie Boyer, Vice-President for Administration, reported on the success of the 24th Annual Progressive Dinner, and initial planning for next year's 25th Annual Progressive Dinner. She hopes it will be even "bigger and better" event. This includes starting preparations earlier, such as May. Also, she has compiled a database from the last two years of the Progressive Dinner.

Clete Benken, Chair of the Commercial and Office Development Committee, gave the Board an update on the KH Urban Design Plan and the Urban Design Overlay District. This includes plans for a Hearing on October 19th before the City Planning Commission, at which time KHCC will be presenting the basis of its request, with the goal of having Commission endorsement of our request. The Commission's decision will then be referred to City Council for final action. City Council's Economic Development Committee, chaired by Chris Bortz, will make a recommendation to Council.

Clete also reported that the Ohio Secretary of State has issued a Certificate for reinstatement of the neighborhood's development corporation which was discontinued in 1983. The corporation, then known as the Kennedy Heights Community Urban Re-Development Corporation was originally established in February 1977. The reinstatement's expiration date is September 24, 2012. The issuance of the Certificate was the result of assistance by Mike Harmon, a long time neighbor and attorney, and past president of KHCC, who at the request of our President, volunteered his services.

Duane Holm gave an update from Education Committee which included pros and cons for supporting the CPS Levy. He offered a MOTION to support the levy. MOTION PASSED. Duane and a dozen or so other neighbors attended the October 11 planning session on development of a New Woodford and its Community Learning Center, hosted by Ms. Sharon Siereveld, Chair of Woodford's LSDMC. The next planning session will be held on November 26, 6:30p.m., Woodford School. It is reported that the Board of Education is not interested in getting the Montgomery-Kennedy property sold right now.

Contact Rick Boyer at rick@kennedyheights.org if you have suggestions or comments about our web page.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m

Michelle Dillingham, Secretary