

**Kennedy Heights Community Council**  
**Meeting of the Community Council**

Minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting

In attendance were at least twenty-five residents were in attendance, three guests (see below), Mo Adlon of City's Community Development and Planning Department, as well as three police officers: Capt. Doug Wiesman (recently appointed Commander of District Two), Lt. Joe Williams, and Police Officer Curtis Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by Ernie Barbeau, President. This was followed by a welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a review of the agenda by Ernie.

Minutes of the October meeting of the Council were distributed by Michelle Dillingham, Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Council's minutes. **Motion unani-mously passed.**

Treasurer's Monthly Report was provided by Kevin Holt. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. **Motion unanimously passed.** Kevin provided information about the timetable and process for adoption of the '08 Budget.

Kevin gave a final Report from the Nominating Committee. The Report included one nominee for each officer slot, and five nominees for three Member At Large slots. There were no nominations from the floor. The ballots were distributed to each resident present. A vote was held, tallied, and the announcement of results followed.

President .....Ernie Barbeau (third one-year term)  
V.P. Planning ....Clete Benken (first one-year term)  
V.P. Admin. ....Natalie Boyer (second one-year term)  
Treasurer.....Kevin Holt (third one-year term)  
Secretary .....Ardell Barkley (first one-year term)  
Member at Large....Joshua Swain (second and final two-year term)  
Member at Large.....Mary Ray (first two-year term)  
Member at Large.....Michelle Dillingham (first two-year term)

A detailed presentation on the Kennedy Connector was given by John Brazina (City of Cincinnati, Department of Transportation and Engineering), Jeff McElravy (City of Cincinnati, Department of Economic Development), and Mike Lemon (Administrator, Columbia Township). Neighbors had a variety of questions and comments about the multimillion dollar project, which may begin in two years.

Ernie introduced and welcomed Captain Doug Wiesman, Commander of District Two, who then made some brief comments about personnel changes at District Two, and of his commitment to excellence and the development of a strong relationship with our neighborhood. A detailed Police Report was offered by Lt. Joe Williams.

Ernie led the presentation of several reports which included his participation and attendance at seventeen conferences and meetings.

- Melissa Smith has retired as Director of PR Recreation Center.
- Ernie distributed a Summary of the October 23 Meet-the-Candidates and Ballot Issue Session organized by KHCC, and of the Neighborhood Informational Sheet that was given to each of the 15 or so candidates at the session. The sheet was created by Jim Zarnowiecki. The session was held at the Woodford-Kennedy Recreation Center.
- Ernie presented a preliminary two-page foreclosure report, with focus on Kennedy Heights.
- Ernie presented a recommendation from KHCC's Board of Trustees that the Council cancel its December 19 meeting. By consensus the Council agreed with the recommendation. The next Council meeting will be January 15.

Natalie Boyer, Vice-President for Administration, reported on the date for the 25<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner which will be September 20, 2008. She is looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Jenn Hackman has resigned as Chair of the Commercial and Office Development Committee (CODC). Clete Benken has been appointed Interim Chair of the CODC.

Clete reported on the Commercial and Office Development Committee's activities. On October 19 there was a public hearing before the City Planning Commission (CPC) about our request that the CPC adopt our proposed neighborhood business district's Urban Design Plan (UDP) and Urban Design Overlay District (UDOD). During the hearing one KH business property owner objected to our proposal. Our UDP and UDOD were unanimously approved by the CPC. Shortly after that hearing, Clete and Ernie had a productive conference with Chris Bortz, Chair of City Council's Economic Development Committee.

Clete also reported on the next phase with neighborhood engagement on revisiting our logo, and that there will be another session to brainstorm ideas for a new logo.

Drake Park's parking lot and auto lanes were recently paved. This project was one of three priorities recommended by KHCC for the City's '06-'08 budget.

Two hearings have been scheduled by the Ohio Liquor Commission concerning the appeal from Wilson's Grocery for renewal of a liquor license. The hearings will be held in Columbus on November 13 and December 11. The City of Cincinnati and KHCC are opposed to the renewal.

Ernie and Clete reviewed progress that has been made on the reestablishment of the neighborhood's development corporation, which included the following.

- Overview of the why and what of our development corporation;
- Secretary of State recently issued a Certificate for the KH Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC); the certificate expires in 2012;
- KHURC's 1977 Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations (copies were distributed);
- Ernie submitted to the Council the following motion recently approved by KHCC's Board of Trustees, and now presented for action by the Council: to approve the first round of appointments to the Interim Board of the KHURC---Dr. Dana Bateman, Ernie Barbeau Jody Barkley, Clete Benken, Gus Grady, Mike Harmon, Noel Morgan. A motion was made and seconded to approve. **Motion unanimously passed.**
- A motion was made and seconded to authorize KHCC's President to make additional appointments to the Interim Board. **Motion unanimously passed.**
- A motion was made and seconded to charge the Interim Board with the task of providing recommendations, for action to KHCC's Board of amendments concerning KHURC's Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations, no later than February 12, and, of providing recommendations for action to KHCC's Board of individuals who should be

appointed to KHURC's permanent Board, no later than August 13; and the Interim Board shall be discontinued no later September 10, 2008, unless KHCC's Board, by formal action, decides otherwise. **Motion unanimously passed.**

-The Interim Board will have its first meeting in December, 2007.

Duane Holm gave an update from Education Committee which included a Letter of Support from KHCC's President to CASE, with copies to CPS Superintendent and members of the Board of Education, re. November's ballot about the school levy. Duane noted that Kennedy Heights residents, by a slight majority, voted Yes to the levy. Duane reminded residents of the October 11 brainstorming/engagement session re New Woodford and a community learning center; the third session was held on November 26; a fourth session will be held in January.

Michele Dragga, chair of our Citizens on Patrol, reported that we need more residents to serve on the Patrol. Capt. Wiesman then spoke of his strong support for this program, and of wanting our neighborhood to have a dynamic and successful program.

Contact Rick Boyer at [rick@kennedyheights.org](mailto:rick@kennedyheights.org) if you have suggestions or comments about our web page.

The following two informational items were noted: Lydia Morgan of Orchard Lane has been appointed to the KH Arts Center's Board of Directors; and Winterfest activities will be held on Friday, December 7.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michelle Dillingham, Secretary