

Kennedy Heights Community Council
Meeting of the Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2008

In attendance were at least 18 residents, a quorum.

During the meeting several documents were distributed: agenda, minutes of the Council's September 16 meeting, financial report for October 2, proposed 2009 budget, and KHCC's ballot for 2009. Available at the registration table was a variety of flyers, documents, and literature.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by Ernie Barbeau, President. After welcoming remarks, Ernie led the Pledge of Allegiance, reviewed the agenda, and introduced Desmond Smith of Coleridge, a Woodward School student. As part of a School assignment Desmond was here to observe our deliberations. Ernie asked Desmond to join him and Ardell at the head table.

The meeting began with reports from the Police Department's District Two. Capt. Wiesman gave an overview of the intent, process, and criteria for selection of safety camera locations in neighborhoods, particularly when funds are limited and many neighborhoods prefer having several cameras at several locations. The criteria will focus on sites with serious crimes, such as aggravated robberies. Capt. Wiesman also reported on the role of a police officer in apprehending a criminal with an assault weapon. Officers Engleman and Brown gave reports about neighborhood concerns and activities, with particular emphasis about the need for residents to be observant of activities at or near vacant dwellings. Residents are encouraged to immediately contact the police if they observe any suspicious activities. (Other officers in attendance were Lt. Williams and Sgt. Tucker.)

Lt. Lepera gave the Fire Department's report and encouraged residents to periodically check their dwelling's smoke detection apparatus. A limited number of free smoke detectors are available the Pleasant Ridge Fire Station.

Ernie noted that some weeks ago a representative from Better Ballot for Cincinnati Committee, proponents of Proportional Representation Initiative ballot issue, requested the opportunity to make a presentation at a meeting of the Council. We agreed with their request, with the understanding that we would offer the same opportunity to an opponent. Nevertheless, the proponent was not present for this meeting. Ernie then introduced an opponent, Councilmember Jeff Berding. During the Q&A that followed Mr. Berding distributed a flyer: "Protect All Your Votes for City Council. Vote NO on Issue 8."

Ernie introduced Judge Jody Luebbers, a candidate for Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, who made a brief presentation.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the Council's September 16 minutes.

In behalf of Kevin Holt, Ernie presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report. Ernie then reported on the Board's approval of the proposed 2009 budget, which includes the budget for the Neighborhood Support Program; a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adopt the budget for 2009.

In behalf of Kevin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Michelle Dillingham presented the Committee's final slate of officers and Trustees for 2009; she noted that no candidate has been found to replace Ernie, who will not be available for reelection to a fourth one-year term as President. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate included reelection to the following one-year term: of Natalie Boyer as VP for Administration, Clete Benken As VP for Planning, Kevin Holt as Treasurer, and Ardell Barkley as Secretary; and re-election to a two-year term as a Member-at-Large, Clyde Otis. The two-year At-Large terms ending in December 2009 are Michelle Dillingham, Mary Ray, and Joshua Swain. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect the slate presented by the Nominating Committee.

Ernie presented the President's Report.

- Since the Council's September 16 meeting he has participated in twenty-two conferences and meetings.
- Based on recommendations from Jody Barkley, in behalf of the Interim Board of the KH Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC), KHCC's Board recently adopted the following motions concerning the relationship between KHCC and KHURC:
 - A/ That the KHCC Board shall appoint a majority of KHURC's members, and with the KHURC Board now consisting of 15 members, the KHCC shall immediately appoint eight residents to the KHURC Board
 - B/ That the KHCC appoints the following eight residents as KHCC representatives to the KHURC Board: Ernie Barbeau, Jody Barkley, Clete Benken, Charles Clingman, Mike Harmon, Noel Morgan, Cynthia Hale Price, and Natalie Schoenfeld
- The Council continues to need volunteers who can generate services for our neighborhood, such as Boy and Girl scout activities, recreation services, Litter Magic, and Citizens on Patrol.
- As President of KHCC, Ernie was recently appointed to the Mayor's Census Complete Count Committee.

Natalie Boyer, VP for Administration reported on the success of our recently held 25th Progressive Dinner---more than 125 guests attended; revenue of approximately \$4,500; participation of dozens of volunteers as planners, selling tickets, hosting the Reception at the Geier Apartments, host families, making desserts, donations for the Silent Auction, etc.

In the absence of Clete Benken, VP for Planning, Ernie reported on the design and selection phase of a gateway for our Montgomery Road Business Corridor, and signage at six other neighborhood locations. This initiative is based on a \$30,000 allocation from the City.

Jim Zarnowiecki reported that he and Ernie recently participated in the ninth meeting of the Design Team for the new Woodford School and Community Learning Center. That meeting was followed by a Town Hall session, so to receive input from one and all.

Jim also noted that immediately prior to tonight's meeting, the Beautification Committee sponsored its first annual Giant Plant Swap, which was held on the lawn near the Fellowship Hall.

Rick McCollum, Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Service Area Coordinator for Pleasant Ridge and Woodford-Kennedy Recreation centers, gave a report of the Center's programs and services available to KH residents.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Ardell Barkley, Secretary