

KHCC General Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2023

7:30 p.m. Sharifah calls the meeting to order.

- A. Long pause in time as people read over the September Meeting Minutes and sign in.

7:44 p.m. Movement to accept the September meeting minutes

- A. Movement is made.
- B. Movement is seconded.
- C. Ayes carry it; the meeting minutes are accepted.

7:45 p.m. Safety Update - Officer Monique Martin

- A. Crimes for Kennedy Heights
 - a. Robbery through social media marketplace sales. Reminder to meet people in a public area when participating in online sales.
 - b. Auto break-ins went down, so please continue to remove all valuables from vehicles.
 - c. One vehicle theft, a Kia—this has been an ongoing issue, so if you have a Kia, go to your dealer and get the mechanism fixed.
 - i. The car was ultimately found.
 - d. One burglary, was committed by a suspect known to the victim.
 - e. One incident about two weeks ago involved a non-resident visiting a friend who began shooting at people on the street.
 - i. The man was arrested, and will be receiving the mental health services he needs.
- B. Public Questions
 - a. Someone asks about the local fire and that it was committed by someone who had been in and out of jail, did anyone have comment about that?
 - i. Officer Martin was not familiar with this. There was a fire at 3922 Standish that was an unattended cooking fire.
 - b. Other attendees talk about the fire they saw on Pace and hearing that it was arson.
 - i. Officers confirm there was a fire two nights ago but the cause had not been determined yet; it was still under investigation.
 - c. Question about whether or not there will be stepped up patrols for Halloween
 - i. There are not enough personnel for extra patrolling; all people are occupied with the calls they receive.
- C. Reminder of contact: Officer Martin, 513-979-4481

7:55 p.m. Safety Update: Fire, Captain Herbert

- A. Reminder to check your smoke alarms with the upcoming time change.
 - a. Change the batteries.
 - b. Press the test button; if it beeps and alerts after, you're good to go
 - c. Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

- d. Go to the City website, click on “Fire,” and there is a link you can fill out to request a free smoke alarm. Or call 513-357-5785.
 - i. They will come out and help install it.
 - ii. There are all kinds of different smoke alarm types. They all work, just in different ways. The ideal is to have one of each kind, but as long as you have any kind.
- B. Most fires are unattended cooking. Don’t leave burners on if you’re not going to be in the kitchen.
- C. Be cautious using space heaters—make sure everything is six feet away. And make sure
- D. Have your furnace checked regularly.

7:59 p.m. Treasurer Report - Laura Weisbrod

- A. \$1,300 in donations deposited.
- B. Costs included:
 - a. Maintenance things like emails and yearly website domain charges
 - b. Pizza for the September meeting
 - c. Purchases for the 60th Anniversary celebration
 - d. Liquor license for the 60th anniversary celebration
- C. Motion made to accept that Treasurer report
- D. Motion seconded.
- E. Treasurer report approved.

8:01 p.m. Annual Campaign - Mary Ray

- A. Launching an annual campaign: “\$60 for 60,” in honor of the 60th Anniversary
- B. It is meant to support upcoming projects
 - a. There will be a display at the 60th Anniversary celebration that will talk about the upcoming projects this could support.

8:02 p.m. Committee Reports - Parks and Green Space - Kate Kern

- A. Upcoming Events
 - a. Bird Watching event in Drake Park, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.
 - i. Co-sponsored by KHCC and Pleasant Ridge Branch Library
 - ii. Some binoculars will be available, but if you have your own you are encouraged to bring them
 - iii. Asked about how to pay for some hot beverages and snacks for attendees; instructions were to email the Treasurer
 - b. Orchard Project
 - i. This is a community orchard, and was a key part of the Green Spaces Working Group’s contribution to the neighborhood plan
 - ii. Fruit Trees are preparing to be delivered and planted; could use volunteers to help, also on November 11, but in the afternoon
 - iii. The orchard will be on the property at the corner of Robison and Kennedy, owned by Jessica Wieman. It is part of the Common Orchard project

8:05 p.m. Community Orchard Project - Jessican Wieman

- A. Jessica and her husband have lived in Kennedy Heights for six years
- B. Learned about the nonprofit The Common Orchard a while back and put in an application to have their extra lot converted into a community orchard.
 - a. Figured it would be a great asset for the neighborhood, in line with goals of maintaining the tree canopy, and a great tool for education
- C. Common Orchard Project helps install and maintain small orchards around the city. This would be their 40th project, but also one of their largest.
 - a. Usually, their orchards are 10 trees, but this lot has room for 20-30.
 - i. They have mapped out a plan for the planting, which includes two dozen trees to be planted on November 11, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 - 1. 5015 Kennedy Ave
 - ii. Then in the spring, a second phase would be planting berry bushes, cherries, and perennials
 - b. It is a permaculture approach, as opposed to just rows of trees.
 - i. The plan is to have a path and signs about what everything is.
 - ii. The Common Orchard Project would supply all those materials, including deer protection and irrigation supplies, and some volunteers to help during the planting day.
 - iii. They will train Jess Wieman to take care of the orchard.
 - c. Currently, Jess has been putting a pollinator garden at the corner.
 - d. Contact Jess: jwieman23@gmail.com
- D. Public Questions
 - a. There is a budget request to go with this project; it was sent to the Board; is this the right forum to discuss this?
 - i. The Finance Committee will look over it later this month, and get back to everyone.
 - b. Looking to know that if all the funds cannot come from the Community Council, then are there suggestions of other organizations they could turn to for the funding?

8:10 p.m. Committee Updates - Finance Committee - Sharifah

- A. Now is the time to send budget requests for the General Budget 2024 and for the Neighborhood Support Program funds.
- B. Finance Committee will be going over the budget and presenting at the November meeting.
- C. Email any requests to treasurer@kennedyheights.org

8:12 p.m. Committee Updates - Youth Committee - Sharifah

- A. Youth Council monthly meeting is coming up this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - a. Teens will be canvassing the neighborhood with flyers for the 60th Anniversary event.

- b. If you have teens who would like to get involved, email board@kennedyheights.org

8:13 p.m. Committee Updates - Communications - Amber Ziegler

- A. Newsletter for November/December just went to print, should hit mailboxes in two weeks
- B. Deadline for Jan/Feb issue is December 1
 - a. Community events or Community Resources can be emailed to board@kennedyheights.org
 - i. This information can be emailed out, put on social media, or put on the website

8:14 p.m. Committee Updates - Engagement - Samara Ramudit

- A. 60th Anniversary Event
 - a. At the KHAC Annex this Sunday, October 20, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 - b. Vendors, food trucks, High Grain, cornhold, face painting, bounce house, will all be outside.
 - c. Indoors there will be a display of past, current, and future initiatives, founding members, etc, plus performances by My Nose Turns Red Circus and cake for all.
 - d. If you want to volunteer, email samara@kennedyheights.org

8:15 p.m. Committee Updates - Hospitality - Jane Patty

- A. Reminder to people arriving in person, please sign in on the sign-in sheet.
- B. We have swag for sale regularly: Kennedy Heights t-shirts and lawn signs. They are free but we have suggested donations.

8:17 p.m. Committee Updates - Aging in Community - Steve Grieser

- A. The work continues to occur thanks to The Caring Place and Sharon
- B. There is also the Home Repair program. In contact with more than a dozen people they are working with, completing light repairs on their homes.
 - a. The program is winding down for the season, being most active in the summer.
 - b. Always looking for volunteers
 - c. Connected with Woodward High School to work with students on some projects, and with local contractors like plumbers
 - d. Building up partners to help complete projects.
 - e. Questions can be directed to steve@kennedyheights.org or slgrieser@gmail.com
- C. Public Questions
 - a. Is there an age limit? It is for seniors (65+) or veterans.

8:21 p.m. Committee Updates - Safety - Sharifah

- A. No official report, but let's celebrate the new four-way stop sign at Coleridge and Zinsle, and the lines at Red Bank and Woodford to prepare more safety projects

8:22 p.m. Partners - Kennedy Heights Development Corp

- A. Opportunities to volunteer for Home Repair program are ending, but what we are planning is a Resource Fair or Resource Guide.
 - a. If you have any resources like legal, utility payments, contractors, etc. They will be assembling a guide to share with seniors.
 - b. Send to mary@kennedyheights.org

8:23 p.m. Partners - CRC

- A. Ghoul Fest is still looking for “trunkers” on October 27th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- B. Ball till you Fall Teen Event on November 17 from 6-8:30 p.m.
 - a. Teens 13-17 can come out and have fun

8:24 p.m. Partners - Schools

- A. Shroder - Always asking for math tutors for fundamental math, but also looking for ways to support Kennedy Heights.
- B. Woodford Academy - Looking for volunteers and tutors

8:26 p.m. Partners - Library

- A. Events are mostly in the newsletter
- B. League of Women Voters coming Saturday, October 28 to talk about seven issues on the ballot. Non-partisan presentation. LWV papers can also be found at the library with Voter Guides.
- C. LEGO program on Monday featuring someone from *LEGO Masters*.
- D. Bird-watching participants should sign up in advance. Link can be found on the website.

8:27 p.m. Partners - The Caring Place

- A. The Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church is going to be sold, so the Caring Place has to move. Would like to stay in the service area: Silverton, Golf Manor, Pleasant Ridge, Kennedy Heights.
 - a. Are exploring all available commercial spaces
 - b. Please email any leads to sharifah@kennedyheights.org
 - c. They will be doing fundraising in preparation for the big move.
 - d. Will be in place through the end of the year at least

8:29 p.m. Public Comment

- A. Anna Albi, Running for City Council
 - a. Also on Madisonville Community Council
- B. Shelley Jarrett Bloomberg with the League of Women Voters
 - a. Provided a sample ballot. Reminded everyone that it is an important election with a lot of issues. Can find election information at vote411.org
 - b. Also works with Vote Riders, which drives people to all the places people need to go to get registered to vote (getting birth certificates, IDs, etc).

8:33 p.m. Closing Comments - Sharifah

- A. Please join committees
- B. Please send budget suggestions

C. Email board@kennedyheights.org

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.