

## Minutes of the Kennedy Heights Community Council – March 2024

Public Meeting – KHAC Annex, 6620 Montgomery Road - Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:30 pm

In Person: Sharifah Tafari, Pat MacVeigh, Laura Weisbrod, Caitlin Siegel-Hartzler, Steve Greiser, Mary Ray, Carren Herring, Charlie Patty

On Line: Approximately 12 people online.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.
- II. Pat MacVeigh moved and Caitlin Siegel-Hartzler seconded the motion to approve the February minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Safety Reports: See separate handouts from District 2. Officer Martin reported that crime is down. She made the invitation for us to put events on the Police Chief's calendar, we mentioned the Sap Run. There was no report from Engine Co 8.
- IV. Treasurer Report: See separate handout from Treasurer. Sharifah moved and Caitlin seconded the motion to accept the February Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously. Laura W. presented the budget for the 2024 NSP Grant application, \$4,000 towards printed Newsletter and the remaining \$3,375 for Events and Engagement. Caitlin moved and Mary seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
  - a. Sister Carren asked about the status of 2 mini-grants that were voted on earlier in the year. The grants are approved, but award letters have not gone out. Board is working on the letters. These are reimbursement grants, there is some concern that this will not work for all recipients.
- V. Community Partners:
  - a. CRC/Christian Armstrong: Friday Comedy Show canceled. Christian presented a full slate of activities, including an Art Program, a Youth Work Program paying \$12.45/hr, Jr. Lifeguards, Summer Camp Registration. All programs can be found at the CRC website.
  - b. *Shroder High School /Pam Wilder*: Next week is spring break. The students will dive into state testing when they return, so if you see a student, give them encouragement.  
*Woodford Academy/Kaitlin Dauner*: Sharifah gave a big THANK YOU to all the Woodford students who volunteered to move the Caring Place. Kaitlin said the students were glad to volunteer and they had a great time at Goodfella's after the move. Kaitlin presented a grant opportunity with KHAC through Common Orchard to improve outdoor spaces, several ideas were presented including an Orchard at Woodford, improvements to playscape and/or other outdoor spaces. May 21 will be the "Kennedy Heights Block Party at Woodford", more info to come, businesses that want to partner on this event are welcomed.  
Caitlin asked about any update on the proposed merging of public schools. Kaitlin reported that the CPS board created a resolution requesting a detailed, multi-year plan from the Superintendent. There will be no action this coming school year.  
*Community Garden Beds at Woodford* – Sharifah reported that there are 12 raised beds available at Woodford. 2 are reserved for Science Teachers. The PRM cub scouts weeded the beds for this season. Please email [Sharifah@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Sharifah@kennedyheights.org) if you would like to rent a bed. They are located to the left of the blue canopy.
  - c. *Library/Jennifer* introduced Nature in our Neighborhood, a new program with activities at Kennedy Heights Park. April 8 is the Eclipse, the library will have an event from 1:00 – 4:30 pm and they will have glasses and a telescope. April 13 is the Human Library, come meet a "human book" at the library.
  - d. KHAC – No report.
  - e. *Caring Place/Sharifah*: The Caring Place has moved! They are located at 5950 Montgomery in the PR Presbyterian Church. Opening Day is Thursday March 21 and they are open Tues and Thurs 9-2. Please don't use the parking lot, park on Montgomery in front of the white pillars and helpers will assist you. [caringplc@yahoo.com](mailto:caringplc@yahoo.com). There is no longer a boutique or furniture, but they are taking donations of small appliances, dishes, linens. Call 513-841-1499 for assistance.
- VI. Kennedy Heights Development Corporation/Mary Ray: April is the time to object to any liquor permit in Cincinnati. KHDC suggests that we vote that we do NOT object to any of the existing

liquor licenses in Kennedy Heights. Pat MacVeigh moved and Laura Weisbrod 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion for no objections to existing liquor permits. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Other Committees:

- a. Parks and Greenspace/Kate Kern: There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> planting in the Gateway Grove on Sunday, May 5. They need 15 volunteers. This planting will be perennials, not trees and should be a little easier than the tree planting.  
Shroder High School students will be spreading mulch in Kennedy Heights Park this coming week.  
The Wetlands identification project is beginning if anyone would like to participate.  
The committee is planning a composting event for the fall.
- b. Sap Run/Eric Ziegler: There will be a Sap Run this spring, date and location TBA.
- c. Safety and Infrastructure/Pat MacVeigh: Pat attending the PR Safety Committee meeting with Sgt Isaacs. They are recruiting for Citizens on Patrol. You need 4 people to attend training to form a group, or volunteers could join the PR CoP.  
TriState Trails is looking for volunteers interested in expanding the Low Stress Bike Map. Experienced bikers who can suggest routes through KH should contact Pat.
- d. Audit Committee/Pat MacVeigh: The audit committee has conducted a preliminary audit of the KHCC books and have created a list of questions. They are working through the questions and will report again next month.
- e. Nominations and Elections/Steve G: Volunteers are needed for the KHCC Board and its Committees. We are pushing the elections out a few months, the slate will be announced in May, Elections will be held in June. Anyone interested in learning more about being on the Board should contact [Board@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Board@kennedyheights.org).

VIII. Other News, Public Comments and Shout-Outs:

There were no public comments.

Laura W moved and Caitlin S-H seconded a motion to adjourn, The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ray