

**Kennedy Heights Community Virtual Meeting  
February 16, 2021 7:30 PM (Attendance 28)**

**I. January Minutes:** One addition: the address of the property on Lumford PL. is 3500. Minutes were then approved with 100% ayes.

**II. Fire (Lt. Ed Wallace, Engine 8):** 2020 Stats - 1900 EMS runs, 189 fire runs, 41 structure fires, Response time – 1 minute 15 seconds to 1 minute 33 seconds.

\*Carbon Monoxide Detectors: don't install them in the basement or kitchen. Place them where you spend the most time: living room bedroom, family room.

\*Smoke Detectors: check them monthly.

\*Sign up for SMART 911: I is a nationwide program. Download the mobile App or use the website. By signing up, your health information is preloaded and allows first responders to help you faster. Website is [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)

\*House address numbers: make sure they are visible at night.

**III. Police (Off. Rice):** January stats – 2 burglaries, 1 aggravated menacing, 4 thefts.

\*Shootings on Northdale PL. – there is an ongoing investigation and a suspect is in custody.

\*3500 Lumford PL. property – owner is open to selling it. The KHDC is interested.

**IV. Proposed Budget for 2021 (Sr. Carren/Ramona Mayo):** Budget was reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Jeffrey Weidner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Armstrong. Ayes 100%, Opposed none. Proposed Budget accepted.

**V. Neighborhood Plan Update (Mary):** Planning group has met... **Working Groups:**

\*Quadrant 1: working on history of the neighborhood, business district, Triangle Park, and signs on Montgomery Rd.

\*Quadrant 2: the leader was not on the call. Mary will follow-up with this group.

\*Quadrant 3 (Steve Greiser): the group met recently – are looking into problems with traffic on Zinsle, the Tot Lot, and the store on the corner of Zinsle and Red Bank Rd.

\*Quadrant 4: \_\_\_\_\_.

\*Community Engagement (Jean Bange/Sharifah Tafari): meeting day to be set; includes SAP Run, Progressive Dinner.

\*Communications Group: includes neighborhood safety, green space. Invitation extended to interested neighbors.

\*Parks (Kate Kern): includes parks, green space, recreation, and tree canopy. Increase the tree canopy, increase use of and accessibility of parks, and increase safety and perception of safety.

**Community Partners:**

**CRC:** absent

**KHAC:** absent. Check out the current event. Also the upcoming exhibition in partnership with Juneteenth, Reflections of the Harlem Renaissance: the Legacy Continues. Visit the website and sign up for their email at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org).

**Schools:** absent

**KH Development Corporation (Mary Ray):** trying to get a portion of \$2 million available to improve neighborhood Business districts. It will be divided among 34 business districts. It is very competitive.

\*Would like to purchase building at 6543 Montgomery Rd. (Need \$200,000)

\*Strategic Plan – affordable senior housing; to vote at the next meeting on this.

\*Old Shroder Property – extend the park, plan for senior housing, businesses.

**Aging in Community** (Steve Greiser): The City Manager in partnership with AARP are working to make the city "Age Friendly Cincinnati." Steve will share the work done in Kennedy Heights.

**The Caring Place** (Sharifah): continues to be open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm.

Volunteer opportunities are available. For information: call (513) 841-1499, send an email: [caringplc@yahoo.com](mailto:caringplc@yahoo.com), and check the Face Book page.

**Verizon 5G Towers** (Mary Ray): You may get a post card about them. They started on Red Bank and will install 33 with 23 being on KH properties. It takes about 2 days and consists of a telephone pole with a box on it.

\*Negative implications: no scientifically proven data.

\*They are required for autonomous vehicles.

\*Verizon is trying to be careful with placement on properties.

\*Documents received from Verizon will be passed along to the neighborhood.

**CUFA (Citizens United for Action)** looks at the "Cost of Daily Life."

\*Champion issue currently is the rising sewer fees.

\*If anyone is interested in attending the monthly meetings, contact the Board. Steve and Sr. Carren attended in the past.

**Open Comments for the Public:** Three candidates for Cincinnati City Council

1) **Jamie Castle** for City Council. Email is [castleforcincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:castleforcincinnati@gmail.com), website is [castleforcincinnati.com](http://castleforcincinnati.com).

She lives in Mt. Washington, works for Cincinnati Public Schools and has two children.

2) **Raffel Prophet** is a candidate for Mayor. Website is [prophetformayor.com](http://prophetformayor.com). He is a lifelong Cincinnati, a retired fire fighter, a veteran and friend of board member Eric Armstrong.

3) **Gavi Begtrup** is a candidate for Mayor. Email is [gavi@gavibegtrup.com](mailto:gavi@gavibegtrup.com), website is [votegavi.com](http://votegavi.com), and phone Number is (513) 620-4284.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Next Meeting is March 16 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary