

**Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting**  
**January 18, 2022 7:30 PM**  
**20 In Attendance**

1. **Minutes** (Peggy): Motion to approve by Steve Grieser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samara. Ayes: 100%,  
Opposed: 0%. Approved.
  
2. **Public Safety** - Police (Off. Jason Rice):
  - \* Uptick in domestic violence, possibly COVID related.
  - \*Update: Shroder: Back door open. Pleasant Ridge parents voiced concern that Nativity students, are breaking in as a "Right of Passage." The front door also open.
  - \*Update: We "Love" Beverages – regarding the liquor permit – Off. Rice will let us know when a decision is made.
  
3. **Public Safety** – Fire (David H.):
  - ~Kitchen Fire Safety
  - \*Don't leave foods unattended.
  - \*Don't put plastic or flammable items on the stove.
  - \*Don't cook at night, you may fall asleep.
  
  - ~Smart 911: Please sign up for Smart 911. This will give the Fire Department additional health information about you which can help them to provide more and faster treatment.
  
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Mary): See Report for details.
  - \*\$7638 NSP Funds to be used for operations
  - \*\$10,000 Covid Relief to be used for Community Engagement
  - \*Up to \$200,000 Kickstart Business District. Application due 2/4/22.
  
5. **Grants** (Mary):
  - \*Concept of Corner Plaza Gathering Space. Due February 4. Working with the architect.
  - ~Vote taken to approve Kennedy Heights pursuing this grant to activate the corner of the Annex. Voting done per link provided. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.
  
6. **Neighborhood Plan updates** (Caitlin)
  - \*Community Engagement Event, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 1 pm, at the KH Art Center (inside). Overview given by Samara... Volunteers needed... Vendors interested?  
Girl Scout Cookie sales will be available. Email Samara.  
Facebook page created.
  
7. **Quadrants** – (Mary): contact Quadrant Leader for problems.
  - \*Consider rotating quadrant clean-up.

**8. Neighborhood Partners:**

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Pleasant Ridge Community Center – Christian):

- \*School Day enrichment 7am - 6pm register
- \*After School program in place; Nativity is not remote
- \*Still hiring - 2 locations and for summer. Call and ask for Christian 731-7894.
- \*Pool memberships can be purchased at CRC website
- \*Saturday hours: 9 am - 2 pm
- \*Indoor Pickleball Courts: Monday - Friday 9am – 12noon.

**9. KHAC (Kennedy Heights Art Center):** Kate Tepe, Director of Arts Engagement and Learning.

- \*Openings and programs are delayed until Saturday, January 29, 6 – 8 PM .
- \*Art for Difference Day: February 21.

**10. Schools**

Shroder HS: Pam Wilder, Resource Coordinator

- \*Need tutors for 7th grade students. Fundamental Math, one hour a week. Training sessions are available.
- \*The building is at capacity. More space is needed. The building was built for 600, now has close to 800. Beginning a project for building expansion.
  - ~Anyone with expertise that can help make sure the plan makes sense would be appreciated. Working with Mind Peace to develop a calming space.
  - ~Very beginning stages; could use help from architects and construction estimators.
  - ~ Also needed are volunteers who can help paint the “Quiet Room.”
- \*Contact Pam Wilder at the school for any of these opportunities.

**11. KHDC (Mary):**

- \*Spotlight Social Club was purchased. The building will be demolished and the cars will be Removed by January 21.
- \*Stabilization program is still developing.
- \*Quarterly Dumpster Days: Quadrant 3 will be the first to get it, possibly by the end of March.

**12. Aging in Community:** No report.

**13. Caring Place (Sharifah):**

- \*Closed this week due to COVID. Will reopen Tuesday, January 25.
- \*For the next month, prepackaged food boxes will be distributed via drive-thru instead of the Choice program
- \*Teddy’s Closet and the Boutique are closed currently. We are not taking donations at this Time.

**14. Open comments for the public:**

Call for volunteers for the community garden/litter clean-up, to pass out flyers, and set-up at events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

