

Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting
September 20, 2022

II. Minutes: unavailable

III Public Safety

a. **Police (Off. Rice)** Report given.

b. **Public Safety/Fire (Lt. Peace)**

1. September is National Preparedness Month. Theme “Fire Won’t Wait, Plan Your Escape,”

*Week observance: October 9-15

*Open House, Station 9, October 15, 1-4 pm

*Open House, Station 46, October 15

2. A call to action:

*Be prepared for national disasters

*Have on hand: water: 3 gallons per person... food: 3 day supply... weather radio...dusk masks (can make a difference in survival).

IV. Treasurer’s Report/Budget Update & Grant Activities

V. Committee Reports

A. Parks & Greenspace Goals (Kate Kern)

1. Tot Lot update given

2. Drake Park Fall Event, October 2, grant from the Parks Department to help with the cost.

3. Expand the tree canopy

4. Historic Walking Trail

5. Mother’s Day “Big Clean-Up”

Volunteers needed.

B. Youth Council (Brandon): a new Youth Council is being formed.

1. First meeting: October 15, 11am-12noon, at Community Happens Here.

C. Communications (Amber):

1. Newsletter- sign up for it on the website. It comes out 6 times per year.

2. The November/December edition of the newsletter needs information on celebrations celebrated at the end of the year in the neighborhood.

3. Christina (Editor of the newsletter): The January/February, 2023 issue will have a Valentine’s Day Love Story. Please contact her if you know of a story.

D. Events & Engagement (Abbie): for questions, email communications@kennedyheights.org.

1. Daniel Drake Park Event, October 2, 1-4 pm, rain or shine. More info to come, check the website. Volunteers needed.

2. KH T-shirts will be available, \$15 donation, BLM signs available for \$15 donation.

E. Hospitality (Anita): absent

F. Community Development (Mary): absent

G. Housing & Aging in Community (Steve Greiser):

1. Kennedy Hts “Housing Stock” – 2023 will look at Quadrant 2.

- *9 single women homeowners interested and SSRG has interviewed them, assessed things needed.
 - *will start with jobs that can be done by volunteers in any capacity.
 - *Guardian Bank has donated money.
 - *We're back in contact with People Working Cooperatively.
2. Working on Model Group and GRS. Looking for funding
 3. Episcopal Retirement Services: funding, help building and managing them.
 4. Shroder Property: KH ready to meet with developer; is the developer ready to meet with us?

(online comment: Cynthia Wright: steer clear of Mark McGrath)

H. Safety (Eric):

1. Petitions on key streets for traffic calming. 3-4 more signatures needed to take them to the City.
2. Block Watchers: send info to the board@kennedyheights.org
3. Blighted properties.

(online questions: Gloria Lehr (1) a large white truck on Robison obstructs vision causing near misses. Can the committee follow-up regarding parking? ...(2) Hilltop Apartments – gate open between Edgeview and paved area. See the email sent.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any committee send your info to communications@kennedyheights.org.

Community Partners

- A. KH Development Corporation- no report.
- B. CRC/Pleasant Ridge Community Center (Christian):
 - *Trunk or Treat, October 14, 6-7:30 PM, FREE
 - *Gym and weight room open Saturdays, 9am-2pm.
- C. Schools: Shroder – new principal: Ms. Lavonne Neal
 - * Volunteers always needed: KH Montessori, Woodford and Shroder.
- D. Library- no report.
- E. KH Arts Center (Shondale Thomas, Afterschool Arts Program Director)
 - *The Create Club, afterschool program, Mon-Fri, 4-6 pm, need sponsor for snacks.
 - *Community Day, 11 am-3 pm September _____.
 - *Winterfest, December 2, volunteers needed, Call KHAC. Organizing committee needs volunteers.
- F. The Caring Place (Sharifah): Need volunteers to unload Freestore Foodbank Senior Boxes and food order, deliver Groceries to seniors.
 - *Donate plastic and reusable bags
 - *Contact info: 513-841-1499, caringplc@yahoo.com, sharifah@kennedyheights.org.

Comments:

1. Mary Kamp: KH Presbyterian Church Family Fall Festival, September 22... Church Clean-up, September 24, free lunch.