

**Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting
October 18, 2022, 7:30 pm**

I. Minutes: September minutes approved. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0

II. Public Safety Reports

A. District 2 Police (Off. Rice): Crime report given; one was auto theft. **DO NOT leave your keys in your car.**

B. Engine 8 Fire Station (Capt. Harris): report given but audio was difficult to hear.

III. Treasurer's Report (Mary): Approved. Motion: Steve, 2nd: Amber. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0

* NSP funds have all been spent.

* NAF grant: approximately \$3000 left (some funds spent); will give an accurate amount on the next report.

* In October over \$8000 in annual fund money is coming.

* The city offering over 10 times the amount in money for safety grants.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Parks & Greenspace (Kate):

*Sept. 4: Triangle Park Planting was completed with the help of neighbors and UC students.

*October 4: Kennedy Heights Fall Festival held at Drake Park with thanks to Cincinnati Park Foundation.

* Relief Program offers free trees. It's too late to do this. We must submit again. Must discuss with each property owner. KH is on the list for left over trees.

*The parks have new signage.

B. Youth Council (Sharifah for Brandon): first meet-up at "Community Happens Here," 11 am – 12 noon. Youths ages 11-17 invited to come out because it's important for their voices to be heard. Refreshments will be served.

C. Communications (Amber): The November/December Newsletter will arrive in the next 2 weeks.

*Check out FB Page... sign up to receive email blasts.

*To share information to communications@kennedyheights.org.

*The deadline for the January/February newsletter is December 1.

D. Events & Engagement (Samara): The Fall Event, October 1, at Drake Park was a success.

*Winterfest will return December 2, the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

E. Hospitality/Welcome (Anita – absent)

F. Housing & Aging in Community (Steve): 12 Homeowners homes have been assessed. The list and photos have been given to PWC (People Working Cooperatively). Some are already on their list. The needs list is over \$100,000. We are now looking for contractors.

G. Safety (Eric – absent)

V. Community Partners

A. Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (Mary):

- *If there are issues with the old Spotlight property please let us know.
- *Food truck at Family Dollar – Mary will check on this.
- *Food truck was trialed at the Old Beverage Cave site for 1 month. When the owner was approached about a usage agreement he disappeared.

B. CRC (Pleasant Ridge Community Center – Christian): Saturday hours are 9 am – 2 pm.

- *Looking for contractors to teach classes: karate, sewing, etc.
- *Call Christian at 513) 731-7294.

C. Schools

- ***Schroder** (Pam Wilder): New principal – Lavonne Neal. Her goals are School Pride and Promoting Positive Behavior (looking for suggestions for rewards for this)... Volunteers needed for math in both middle and high school.
 - ~ Ms. Wilder will announce about the Youth Council. The students are required to have 50 volunteer hours.
 - ~ LSDMC meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed. There is a virtual option.

D. Library (absent)

E. Kennedy Heights Arts Center (KHAC – Sarah Walker): Next Exhibit “Local Talent: Roots,” ages 14 and up.

- *Drop off artwork at the Annex. See the flyer for the dates and times.
- *For more info and submission form call KHAC at (513) 631-4278 or go to www.kennedyarts.org/localtalent.

F. The Caring Place (TCP - Sharifah): Currently not accepting clothing; they are overflowing. Winter gear (gloves, hats, scarves, coats) are accepted anytime. Winter clothes will be accepted again in November.

- *Please bring donations when TCP is open: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm or call to arrange an alternate time at (513) 841-1499, email at caringplc@yahoo.com or FB message at The Caring Place – Kennedy Heights.

VI. Other News and Shout Outs

A. Mary: The Green Corner (the property at Tyne and Montgomery Rd): how can KH use this? Could it be purchased as a community property? Sends ideas/info to Mary@kennedyheights.org.

VII. Public Comment

A. Lanora Godfrey (guest): Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

- *Presented info on Issue 9, a renewal with an increase. Please vote YES.
- *Contact number (513) 946-8625.

B. Councilman Scotty Johnson: visiting all community councils. He is a former Schroder student.

- *There is almost a guarantee of an increase in the neighborhood budgets... The Safe and Clean Fund deadline is (he believes) December 1.
- *Contact info: (513) 352-4610 or scotty.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

C. Eric: Passed out a flyer on early voting, and general voting information with a QR Code link to a voter guide.

- *Please remember to Vote November 8 or sooner!
- *The voter information will also be available at The Caring Place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary