

Kennedy Heights Community Council
General Council Meeting
January 17, 2023 7:30 PM

I. **Minutes:** Motion by _____, 2nd by Brandon to approve the November minutes.
Vote - Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

II. **Public Safety**

A. **Police, District 2** (Off. Rice absent but report sent): several warrants – assault, child endangerment, telecommunications harassment. Auto theft: Kia Optima.

*Note: Keep cars locked and valuables out of sight to deter theft. Fire

B. **Fire, Engine 8** (Lt. Peace – absent): Capt. Harris had no audio but left comments in the chat.

III. **Treasurer's Report** (Mary): Actual Budget from 2022/Projected Budget for 2023. (see handout)

A. 2023 Budget: Motion to accept - Steve, 2nd – Amber. Vote - Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

B. NSP Grant: 1) Newsletter (\$4000; continue as is: 8 pages, bimonthly) and Events/Engagements.
Motion to submit – Amber, 2nd – Brandon. Vote - Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

C. Motion by Caitlin, 2nd by Amber to accept the treasurer's report. Vote – Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

D. Mini Grants: don't forget the "Mini Grants." Submit ideas to improve the neighborhood to Mary.

E. Duke Energy Small Business Coaching Program (Catlin): Small business services to help small businesses in Kennedy Heights grow and thrive. They will work one on one with the business. See the flyer. Info will also be on the website and in the Newsletter.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **Parks and Greenspace** (Kate K.):

1. Site visits to Kennedy Park by Cincinnati Trails and the Parks Department. They were impressed with our 10 year Plan and gave positive feedback.
2. Green-Up Day – Saturday, May 20, 2023.
3. New Event: Inventory on Wildflowers (date?) with follow-up on how to care for the flowers. Anyone interested, please contact Kate.
4. Six new trees planted on McHugh were vandalized and one chopped down. If you have any information, Questions or comments on the trees please contact the Board at board@kennedyheights.org.

B. **Youth Council** (Brandon): Meets every 3rd Saturday. The next meeting – Saturday, January 21, 11 am – 12 noon at "Community Happens Here." Please encourage youth in the 4 surrounding neighborhoods to attend: Kennedy Heights, Silverton, Pleasant Ridge and Golf Manor.

C. **Communications** (Amber): There are several ways to access neighborhood information: Website, Facebook Page, Email Blasts (a link is on the website), and the Newsletter. Let us know if there are any problems or if you have Ideas for content at communications@kennedyheights.org.

D. **Events and Engagement** (Samara): no report.

E. **Hospitality/Welcome**: no report. This is open for a committee chair.

F. **Housing and Aging in Community** (Steve): Because of winter things will start in the spring. People Working Cooperatively is aware of the projects and ready for summer. Volunteers will be needed.

G. **Safety**: no report. This is open for a committee chair.

V. **Community Partners**

A. **KH Development Corporation** (Mary):

1. Shroder Property (Caitlin): We hope to adopt the plan as part of the Neighborhood Vision (6 main points). This is planned to be presented at the March meeting.
 - *Clete Benkin will give an update in February.
 - *A recap will be sent out with the Shroder plan included.
2. NuView: the closing on the property is scheduled for mid-February. The owners will continue to be there for now.
3. Business District: to include Affordable Housing/Senior Project.

B. CRC (Pleasant Ridge Rec Center – Christian):

1. Teen Life Skills Program, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm.
2. Teen Basketball, Fridays, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
3. Career Expo, January 20, 10 am – 2 pm, Duke Energy Center.
5. Valentine’s Day Dance and Lunch, 10 am – 2 pm (?), Evanston.
6. Lifeguard Academy, starting at Mt. auburn Pool.

C. Schools

1. Shroder (Pam Wilder)

- a. Teen-Parent Committee: starting Parent Newsletter and would like info from KH that can be included.
- b. Plans to connect with Brandon regarding the Youth Council.
- c. Student Volunteer Opportunities: please give her information as much in advance as possible.
- d. Tutors needed: 7th grade... Algebra 1 (9th-10th grade).
- e. Crossing Guards needed.

2. **Woodford Academy** (Sharifah)

- a. Two Crossing Guards and tutors needed.
- b. They currently do not have a Community Resource Person.

D. **Library**: Pleasant Ridge Library is closed for renovations. It hopes to reopen mid-February/early March.

E. **KH Arts Center** (Ellen):

1. Winter Term classes for adults and youth start next week.
2. Saturdays: Teen and Children’s program. Fees are based on sliding scale.
3. Summer Program enrollment opens March 1.
4. Opportunity for teens to be published: Online Zine; any writing, any art form; deadline is beginning of March.
5. New afterschool reading program at JP Parker School, Monday - Thursday, Kindergarten – 6th grade. To volunteer contact the After School Program Coordinator, Shawndale Thomas, at shawndale@kennedyarts.org, or call (513) 431-3576.
6. A paid fellowship is available: The Vibrancy Fellowship: for an early career artist; 5 months. Apply by February 6.

F. The Caring Place (Sharifah): Thanks to KHAC and all who participated in “Art for a Difference.”

The bags will be use for the clients who walk to The Caring Place.

1. The hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm.
2. We are currently taking winter donations. Please bring donations when we are open or, call or email to make other arrangements at (513) 841-1499 or caringplc@yahoo.com.

VI. Public Comments: **Neighborhood Summit**, March 11, 2023, Cintas Center. It’s FREE but you must register.

Motion: Amber, 2nd: Brandon to adjourn the meeting. Vote – Ayes: 100%. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

