

Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting (Hybrid)

March 21, 2023 7:30 PM

Attendance: Virtual: 17, Signed in: 36

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Sharifah Tafari. Several visitors were acknowledged including Jason Barron, Cincinnati Parks Director and Rob Smyjunas and Colleagues of Vandercar.

I. Minutes: Motion: Steve, 2nd: Caitlin to approve the February, 2023 minutes. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0. Accepted.

II. Public Safety

A. District 2 (Off. Rice): Report given including auto theft, attempted auto theft, burglaries, assault, violation with arrest. Streets involved include: Ravenwood, Bantry, Kennedy, Iris, Woodford, and Northdale.

B. Fire (Capt. Herbert, Engine 8): Capt. Herbert was transferred to Engine 8 in December.

*155 responses between January and now.

* Kitchen fires are the Number 1 reason for home fires. DON'T LEAVE COOKING FOOD UNATTENDED.

* We just had the time change. This is a time to change the battery in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Newer detectors have a 10 year battery and the unit is to be replaced when the time expires.

III. Treasurer's Report (Mary): See full report. There were a few transactions from February, sign-ups for the SAP Run, and the Newsletter bill was paid. The second page consists of the tracking of the year's budget projections vs actual.

*Motion: Kate E., 2nd: Amber to accept the report. No discussion. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0. Accepted.

IV. Announcements:

1. Congratulations to Ernie Barbeau for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

2. City of Cincinnati Accessory Dwelling Meeting: March 27. Call 513-352-3464 for the virtual link.

3. Caitlin: there will be a meeting Friday at 1 PM for "Concept for Redevelopment of Property on Northdale Pl.

This is a hybrid meeting.

4. There will be a meeting regarding the house at 6446 McHugh for determination of possible need for demolition.

March 31, 9 AM, 805 Central Ave, Suite ____.

5. Cincinnati Police Department is resuming Citizens on Patrol. Meetings April 13 and 20, 6-9 PM. For more information or to sign up, contact Andrea Taylor: andreasmythe@cincinnati-oh.gov or (513) 352-3533.

6. Amber: Cincinnati Metro will have discussion regarding bus routes of the Montgomery Corridor at the April meeting.

*SAP Run is Saturday, April 15, 9 AM. It is a 5K/10K Walk, Run. Tickets include breakfast and a T-shirt. Purchase by Sunday.

Email SAPrun@kennedyheights.org for questions.

7. Steve: Elections will be at the April meeting. Nominations are open for: Treasurer, Secretary, and 2 At-Large Positions.

*If interested or if you know someone who is, contact Steve at (513) 608-1400 or Steve@kennedyheights.org.

*The treasurer will probably have an accountant to work with.

8. Your Council Meeting: The 3rd Saturday of the month at 11 AM. The next meeting is April 14 at "Community Happens Here."

9. Steve: Affordable Senior Housing, 64 Units: The Kennedy Heights Development Corporation has control of the property at the corner of Montgomery Rd and Kennedy, across from the KH Arts Center.

V. Lumford Shroder Project Presentation - Clete Benken and Rob Smyjunas (Vandercar).

1. FAQs are on the Kennedy Heights website. If you have questions email Mary, Clete or Sharifah at board@kennedyheights.org.

2. The draft of the Letter of Support will be on the website.

3. Rob Smyjunas gave an extensive presentation of the project. Company background: The name Vandercar is his mother's Maiden name. Started company in 1992. Rob started in real estate in 1986-87. Other projects he has done are Oakley Station and Summit Park. The townhomes will be like a home with all the modern accessories of a house. Cost: \$2400/month. Patio homes: 2 BR/2 Baths, Townhomes: 2-3 BR, 2.5 Baths.

4. Jason Barron, Cincinnati Parks Director: Kennedy Park will improve. More info to come.

5. Next Steps: Look at the documents on the KH website: FAQs and Letter of Support, Concept Plan.

*April Council Meeting will include the vote for the letter of support.

***Al Gerhardstein:** remember that Rob is a partner. He is also a neighbor.

Motion: Amber, 2nd Steve that meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary