

## Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting (Hybrid)

April 18, 2023 7:30 PM

Attendance: Virtual: 14, Signed in: 19

The meeting was called to order by President Sharifah Tafari.

**I. Minutes:** Motion: Caitlin, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve to approve the March minutes. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0%. Minutes accepted.

### II. Public Safety

**A. District 2** (Off. Rice): there was a question on the problem of teens (thought to be 17 yr. olds) causing problems at Red Bank and Zinsle. Please give info to Off. Rice. This issue has been discussed at a previous meeting.

\*Crime report included: auto theft; vandalism: broken window, broken car windshield; burglary; aggravated menacing, aggravated robbery; assault.

**B. Fire** (Engine 8): no report.

### III. Treasurer's Report (Mary): See full report.

\*We got the NSP funds.

\*SAP Run: raised over \$1,000.

\*New signs were purchased for Green-Up Day.

\*For the City Grant Project (NDBID) we budgeted \$60,000 but the estimate for the work came in at \$200,000. It was suggested that we change the focus and ask for the full funds of \$60,000 to go toward demolition.

~**Motion:** Kate K., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Caitlin. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0%. Motion to change focus accepted.

### IV. Committee Reports

**A. Parks and Recreation** (Kate K.): Events:

1. Wild Flower Inventory to start.
2. Tree of the Month Award Program to start.
3. Green-Up Day is May 20, 9 am – 12 pm; bring your own tools.
4. Email Kate if you can volunteer: [kate@kennedyheights.org](mailto:kate@kennedyheights.org).

**B. Youth Council:** No report. The next meeting is May 20, 11 am – 12 pm at Community Happens Here.

**C. Communications** (Amber): The May/June newsletter is at the printer's.

\*The June/July issue will be finalized in early May. News/updates should be turned in by first week of May.

**D. Events and Engagement** (Samara):

1. The summer will include Play in the Park.
2. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be in the fall; details to come.

**E. Hospitality/Welcome:** no report

**F. Housing & Aging in Community** (Steve): nothing new to report.

**G. Safety:** no report.

### V. Community Partners

**A. KH Development Corporation** (Mary): nothing to report.

**B. CRC** (PR Community Center: Christian): Sign-up for Summer Camps/Specialty Camps is available on the website.

\*Hiring: Lifeguards and Center help.

**C. Schools:** Shroder (Pam Wilder): Testing currently... The Women's Conference was a success... Jr/Sr Prom coming... Volunteers continue to be needed for tutoring.

D. Library: no report.

E. KH Arts Center: no report.

F. Caring Place (Sharifah): Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm. Personal care and household items always needed.

### **Other News/Presentations**

**Cincinnati Metro:** Mark Samaan: Short Range Planning Manager & Scott Enns: Sr. Manager of Capital Projects and TOD.

\*Transit Enhancement Improvements (see handout): Bus stops, benches, lighting, shelters, real-time countdown clock.

\*Busiest bus stops in KH are at Tyne, Kennedy at Orchard/Robison, KH Presbyterian Church, Woodford at the bridge.

\* Rapid Transit in the future.

\***Bus Drivers Needed:** Metro will help you get your CDL.

**KH Presbyterian Church:** Don Johnson: Chairman of Session Committee

\*The church was established in 1909; the main building was built in 1929.

\*"Session" (the church governing body) formed a committee to explore options for the church's future.

~Don stated the best prospects for the church is to sell the building, but they are open to suggestions.

~There is space at another church they are considering.

~They WILL NOT be a storefront.

\*How can we help the church?

~Identify funding sources.

~Refer someone who does grant writing.

~Recommended engineers/architects who can assess the cost of maintenance.

~Volunteer on periodic "workdays."

~Attend/shop at rummage/garage sales.

\*Contact Don at [johnsondon@cincir.com](mailto:johnsondon@cincir.com).

**Shroder Development Project:** (Clete)

\*Tonight is a beginning; it will continue through the Planning Commission Meetings. Let us know if something missing.

\*There will be additional opportunities to be involved in the final plan. City Council must approve submissions.

\*Get concerns to the Board as soon as possible by sending an email to [board@kennedyheights.com](mailto:board@kennedyheights.com).

\*We are trying to create a Collaborative Will with Vandercar.

### **Questions/Comments:**

Kate K: Requests more detail on item 5 in the letter; felt that the current language is too general.

Online question: Abby: Can we add to the letter something about tax abatement for homeowners affected?

~Clete/Vandercar Rep: Rob would be amenable to this.

Clete: To move forward, we need to put things in the hands of City Planning, City Council, the Parks Department, and Vandercar.

Caitlin: Can sewer overflow issues be addressed in the letter?

~Clete: MSD will vet this.

Tom Haffner: The vote tonight is to get things started; get a general outline to get things started.

Clete: The vote is to give the Board the authority to finalize and submit the letter to get the process started.

Include/consider for the letter the following:

~Tax abatement

~Specificity on clearing and site grading (item 5);

~Sewer/overflow issues (MSD).

~References: the working group's vision plan.

~FAQ's, additional comments emailed to the Board.

**Motion:** Caitlin, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jan Lane. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0. Motion accepted for the Board to submit the Letter of Support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by the President.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary.