

## KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 18, 2003 Opened: 07:30 PM. Adjourned: 08:53 PM. Attendance count was 96.

Joshua Swain, president, called the meeting to order.

Sheral Foster, secretary, read a summary of the February 18, 2003 minutes, which were accepted.

Bob Kamp's treasurer report for February was accepted. Account balance - \$9,795. Disbursements - \$2,652. Receipts - \$1,726

Officer Engleman reported that abandoned or junk cars (even in driveways), damaged buildings, drug activity and car parking on sidewalks are all being addressed by the city in the KH area. Officer Engleman advised that we contact Officer Ibold at 513-979-4420 with any drug issues or problems. There is a "clean Sweep" every Tuesday where junk cars are removed. 513 979 4468.

Harriet Russell from the Board of Education requested a resolution from KH to support of the School Bond Issue. Volunteers can sign up to campaign, assist with mailing or make phone calls by calling 513 531 1060. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Kennedy Heights will support the School Bond Issue.

Carl Schmidt, immediate past president of KHCC, advised that there is a typo in the constitution, Article VIII item 6 that should read ' must be submitted in writing at the previous two KHCC meetings...' A motion was passed to table until April, the consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment to create a new council member of Vice-President for Community Planning.

President Josh Swain presented the Education Committee's report. Ben Pipkin and Greg Reese made statements in support of retaining the PR School in PR. A motion was made that the KHCC support the unanimous resolution of the Pleasant Ridge Community Council for retaining Pleasant Ridge Elementary School in the community of Pleasant Ridge. The motion failed with ten votes for and 78 against by a show of hands.

Charles Clingman, Bill Brown, Noel Morgan, Mimi Gingold, Rev. Duane Holm, et al. presented arguments for a school at the Kennedy/Montgomery site with the focus being on what is best for the children.

The following motion of three parts was passed with 68 votes for and 8 votes against.

Be it Resolved that the Kennedy Heights Community Council:

1. Commends the Cincinnati Board of Education for planning & preparing to rebuild schools for the children of Cincinnati; &
2. Encourages the Board to fulfill its Facilities Master plan and support its superintendent's recommendation to build new elementary school of the most accessible and economical site: the corner of Montgomery Rd. and Kennedy Ave.; and
3. Commits to working with our neighbors in Pleasant Ridge to provide not only what's best for Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge but what's best for the school children of both communities.

President Josh Swain authorized Vice President Noel Morgan to take the above message to the School Board at the School Board meeting on March 24, 2003.

Mimi Gingold announced that work is under way to create a Kennedy Heights Art Center at 6546 Montgomery Road.