

KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 16, 2003 Opened: 07:41 PM. Adjourned: 09:25 PM. Attendance count - 53.

Noel Morgan, president, called the meeting to order and led the community in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The president introduced the officers and committee members.

The minutes from July 17, 2003 were accepted as posted on our website.

Summary of Bob Kamp's treasurer report: Balance of \$21,724 that includes \$1,000 escrowed to Ken Sil. Details are in the Executive Committee report. The treasurer report was accepted as summarized.

Announcements and Comments:

The Progressive Dinner was a great success with at least 50% more profit than the previous year.

Mimi Gingold suggested the sale of separate tickets for desert and the auction only. Another resident suggested separate tickets for the reception.

Carol Chamberlain, chair of the Youth Committee and also the director of the Caring Place announced several activities planned for the community youth including a job fair May 2004.

Ernie Barbeau was elected Citizen of the Year. Congratulations were expressed and various residents made testimonies.

October 18, 2003 Litter Magic Fall clean up. Our Litter Magic champion, Joanie Weidner was selected as Litter Volunteer of the Year. The Weidners will attend a luncheon in Columbus next week in celebration of this award.

Melissa Smith of Recreation Commission will be meeting with Karen Thomas, chair of the Recreation Committee, to discuss ideas and activities on 9/17/03. A GED class is being offered at the PRCC. PRCC has started a meeting called Narcotics Anonymous against drugs where 50 attended the last meeting. We need to investigate why Melissa's correspondences are not getting to the newsletter.

To participate in the planning for community schools i.e. Schroeder School, show up at the next planning meeting.

Kathy Spoon announced the Art show at the Ridge Center 9/18. The purchase of the KH Art Center is still in progress.

Ernie distributed a handout for The Overture Awards for High School arts students in Cincinnati.

Kay Briggs has resigned. The executive committee is considering individual contracts for activities and needs.

Joe asked about a report on the finding of a sawed off shotgun and revolver near an elementary school in our area. There is no status yet but Office Engleman will investigate and report status to KHCC.

Police report:

Junk Autos, 17 at one residence on Red Bank, 4 have been removed. Corey Killins and a juvenile were captured today. One prostitute has been arrested. Please lock your bikes to prevent theft. Several fights and assaults occurred during the Nativity Festival. To assist with the crime problems, the police will post more officers, request COPs to come out and parents to be present at these types of events.

Contact 352 1272 for Miss Ellie Topham to register homeowner security alarms.

The Block Watch Program was recognized for its contributions.

Residential Concerns and observations:

Resident: suspects that the gangs are using scooters for drug transport. Gang's members for identification are wearing white and black T-shirts.

Another resident reported that gang members have been advising residents of territorial boundaries. She has also observed them taking bikes from little kids and soliciting little boys. Her home has been vandalized.

Perhaps we need to get a resident to take pictures of these activities.

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Other observations include findings of white T-Shirts hanging on poles. Residents put them in the trash while walking their dogs.

KHCC is working on a grant proposal under the Safe and Clean Neighborhood fund to get cameras in some areas. Other suggestions for crime prevention need to be sent to Mimi. KHCC needs to decide on how best to use the funds to deter crime.

Richard Cooke, Stop the Beverage Cave adhoc committee chair: Richard recognized the members of the leadership team: Nathan Cannon, Richard Cooke, Van Foster, BJ Gardner, Al Gerhardstein, Mimi Gingold, Jennifer Hackman, Mike Kull, Noel Morgan, Mary Rae, Liz Schoenfeld, Kathy Spoon and Kimberly Tidwell. UNDERSTAND that the PROCESS HAS CHANGED; the Police will make the objection on our behalf to the KHCC. The leadership team is gathering crime data starting with 1985 to support that a similar type establishment relates to a rise in crime. With even more kids in the area because of the new KH Arts Center, Richard advised the community to be more proactive in the future. Richard asked the community to be prepared to provide physical support on request against the "Cave" in our community.

Community Business Summary:

Each of the following motions was made, seconded and passed unanimously:

- ❖ KHCC will allocate \$1,000.00 for use by the Stop the Cave Committee.
- ❖ KHCC will contract for a Youth Project Coordinator for \$1,200. The detail requirements for this position are in Mimi Gingold's document.
- ❖ KHCC will reimburse a member of the Office and Commercial Development Committee for expenses incurred attending the "Helping Communities Create Vibrant Commercial Corridors" conference for up to \$500.
- ❖ KHCC granted authority to the Executive Committee of KHCC to complete NSP Informal Amendments. The Executive Committee was granted the authority to reallocate NSP funds as determined by the needs for KHCC.
- ❖ The Executive Committee will investigate on the behalf of KHCC the zoning requirements for Tyne Avenue. The Executive Committee will work a proposal that no changes or easements be given for the empty lot on Tyne Avenue.

• Summary of Mimi Gingold's combined committee report:

Committee status or needs:

Very active Office Commercial Development Committee
Beautification committee off and running
NN is fine but need to replace Kathy Spoon
Safety and Environment is under way
Newsletter Adds need help

Please volunteer for any of the following activities: 150 free trees from the City needs planters, 300 bulbs need planters, Tot- Lot graffiti clean up, Holliday decorations contest coordinator and chair for the Seniors committee.

- Charles on Education: Most KH children do not go to school in KH. Need volunteers for this committee to be involved with the schools that our children attend. The committee will meet once a month to prepare information for the council.
- Register to vote, the community can receive \$2,000 if it gets the most new registries.
- Josh on Health and Safety: Announcement of new member for COPs Joseph Trout. Two persons passed the bike training and will be working with COPs. Josh asked residents to please join COPs walk and bike.
- Letter was sent to Hilltop owners and the fence/gate was repaired.

- Gene Goings and Joe Obermeir were welcomed to the meetings.
- Guests included Gwen Minnefe, principal of Woodford, Kitty Campbell of former T-Shirt committee and a representative from Provident Bank.
- Hilda of Hedge Avenue will contact folks to work on the recreation committee.
- George West NN for Tyne Ave. reported that an empty lot was purchased for building a duplex. Need zoning change or easement. Requested that the KHCC propose the no changes or easements be given for this property. Van advised he talk with Valerie. Valerie advised the rewrite is in progress but the existing zoning is in place. Valerie will inquire on Tyne Ave status. Motion amended to have this task delegated to the executive committee.

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- Meeting adjourned at 09:25 PM