

Kennedy Heights Community Council
Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting the first meeting of the
Board of Directors
July 13, 2004

Voting Members Present: Noel Morgan (President), Charles Clingman (Vice-President for Administration), Paul Makin (Vice-President for Community Planning), Bob Kamp (Treasurer), Ernie Barbeau (Secretary); the following members-at-large were present---NeCe Bassett, and Van Foster (Chair of Commercial and Office Development)

Voting Members Absent: Nancy Algauer and Josh Swain (members-at-large)

Other Persons Present: Sybil Cooper, Ce Holm, Bruce Long (Chair of Housing Committee), and Amy McHenry

After some introductory comments by President Noel Morgan, especially of the fact that at the April meeting of the Council the old Executive Committee was replaced by a board of directors. Today, marked the very first meeting of that new Board.

Bob distributed and reviewed the June 30 financial report.

Noel then distributed the Council's revised Constitution, and the Board proceeded to discuss a document which was developed and distributed by Noel---Task and Assignment List (below). During discussion assignments were agreed to.

Administrative and Governance Committees and Activities

Audit Committee: The Constitution mandates that the Audit Committee must be appointed by the Board at its April meeting and that the Committee must present at the Council's June meeting a report of findings. Bob will ask Donna Faulk, an accountant, to review our financial records and submit a report to the Board at its August meeting. Over the past six or so years the Council has not contracted an external auditor to review its records. We will probably set aside some funds for an audit in the '05 budget.

Advertising Sales: Since the loss of Kathy Spoon, as our primary sales person, there has been a very significant loss of sales. We need to identify and recruit individuals who can assist with this fund-raising area.

Board's Vision/Program Planning Retreat: Ernie Barbeau has agreed to be the lead person. The intent of the Retreat is to reach consensus on priorities and goals for the '05 program year. Noel and Ernie recently submitted a proposal to the United Way of Greater Cincinnati for assistance in securing a facilitator, for what might be a three- or four-hour retreat, some time during the late summer or early fall. There was some discussion of what services could be accessed from XUs Community Building Institute. It was suggested that we consider how to market our community more effectively.

Budget Planning Process: The planning process for the '05 program year will begin in September with the Finance Committee.

Constitution Review Committee: Ernie Barbeau, Chair. Ernie reported that the Committee will present its second and final round of proposed changes at the September meeting of the Council.

The intent is to have the Council take action at the October meeting. The proposed changes will be extensive and significant.

Fundraising:

Progressive Dinner: Bob Kamp, Coordinator. Due to Bob's absence, extensive discussion of the Dinner was postponed. The Dinner will be held Saturday, September 18. We hope that Nancy Algauer, Jody Barkley, and Kathy Spoon, will agree to coordinate the Dinner's silent auction. Lydia Morgan has volunteered to produce desserts for the auction.

Neighborhood Networkers: Diana Faulk, contracted Coordinator. This very important program is highly valued by the Board. Paul volunteered to be active with the program.

Newsletter and Website: Noel Morgan, Editor and Developer. Noel would like to turn over editorship of the Newsletter to a person with prior experience with this kind of significant communication tool. Liz, our website Mistress, now resides in another community; she will soon be training three of our residents. It was agreed that website is underutilized.

Invest in Neighborhood: Currently Noel is KHCC's representative. He would welcome having another person serve as the Council's representative.

Program Activities and Committees

Community Survey: The idea of a survey was originally proposed by Charles. Recently, Noel and Ernie submitted a proposal to the United Way for assistance in securing a consultant who could assist in the development of a survey instrument, and in analysis of findings. We have allocated \$2,000.00 for the employment of neighborhood youth as surveyors. The survey would explore perceived problems, concerns, resources, and opportunities for participation.

Beautification Committee: Diane Santos, Chair. For this year the Committee has been allocated \$4,000.00. Charles Johnson, a long-time resident and previous volunteer with the Committee, has expressed interest. Charles was very active volunteer in the landscaping of the Redwood Carryout. We need to identify and recruit additional volunteers.

Beverage Cave Opposition: Richard Cook, Coordinator. We assume that the Columbus hearing before the Ohio Liquor Commission will not be held until late Fall or in the Winter. The hearing is based on an appeal from the applicants (Jackson family) of the earlier decision by the OLC to reject their application for a liquor carryout permit. Rev. Wilson has already arranged for a bus to be available. We assume that a second bus will probably be necessary; and we may need to set aside some funds for contracting an additional bus. The Jackson's have also sued the City about the IDC; a court hearing will be held in the near future, and if the Judge agrees with the applicants our community will experience a major reversal.

Commercial and Office Development Committee: Van Foster. Van reviewed the status of the feasibility study (to be funded by the City of Cincinnati), the special meeting on July 22 for key neighborhood stakeholders, and the status of various matters related to the Beverage Cave and nearby commercial/business properties. We discussed the possibility of reestablishing a development corporation. The COD is a very dynamic group.

City of Cincinnati's Citizens' Priority Request: During the discussion it was suggested that we should initiate discussions with the City for a community-wide program to discard large household items, such as couches, refrigerators, etc. Noel will look into that suggestion.

CPOP, SARA, Safe/Clean application: The Citizens on Patrol group is our primary representative to CPOP. The focus of concern is Kennedy Avenue.

Education Committee: Charles Clingman, Chair. There are several key and complex educational issues that require active monitoring and advocacy, such as school sites. Ce discussed many of those issues and of the dynamics involved.

Housing Committee: Bruce Long, Chair. Bruce reviewed the recent volunteer effort for an elderly resident in the 6600 block of Kennedy Avenue. The residence requires additional volunteer work. Recently assistance has been given by PWC, and they have been very helpful with the Committee. At the present time the Committee has only three members.

Recreation Committee: Karen Thomas, Chair. Karen has devoted considerable attention to the Ken-Sil program. There is a need to review where we are financially with that program.

Everybody's Backyard Picnic: Karen Thomas, Coordinator. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Council to allocate \$400.00 for a musical group to provide entertainment at the Picnic.

Litter Patrol: Joan and Jeffrey Weidner, Coordinators. The Patrol had a successful Saturday morning outing several weeks ago, and on Saturday, July 24, there will be a neighborhood Litter Patrol Recognition Event at the KH Arts Center.

Safety and Environment Committee: Josh Swain, Chair.

Neighborhood boundaries: The significance of boundaries was discussed, and several concerns were identified. Those concerns will be explored by Ce and reported to us at a later meeting. The Constitution Review Committee will also be involved in those explorations.

Committees and activities to be developed---Senior Citizens, and Youth.

Other Business: Noel gave an update on the car dealership situation at the corner of Montgomery and Rogers Park, and of other matters related to that property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Ernie Barbeau
Secretary
July 18, 2004