

Kennedy Heights Community Council

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday, January 22, 2005

This General Meeting was previously announced in the Newsletter, and was convened during the lunch hour of the Community Council's Town Meeting held at Shroder Paidea School, from 9:30-2:00. In attendance at the General Meeting were approximately 30 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40p.m. by Noel Morgan (President). Each resident was provided a detailed one-page agenda.

Duane Holm reported on status of efforts to persuade the Cincinnati Board of Education to relocate Silverton School to Kennedy and Montgomery. We will be asking members of the Board to request that Administration undertake a cost/benefit study of the current Silverton site versus the Kennedy/Montgomery site. We also will be encouraging Kennedy Heights' parents to discuss their concerns with members of the Board. After some discussion of Duane's report, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve KHCC's request that the Board of Education develop a cost-benefit study of Silverton School's current site versus the Kennedy/Montgomery site. No one voted against the motion.

The question of the merger of Eastwood and Parker school was discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for _____.

Noel made some comments about the Neighborhood Support Program, a program funded by the City of Cincinnati. Funding for '05 has been decreased from \$12,000 to \$7,000. Our proposed NSP funds would be utilized as follows:

- Newsletter printing and mailing.....\$4,000
- Telephone service..... 750
- Beautification (refurbishing/replacing entry signs..1,250
- Fundraising activities..... 500
- Audit..... 500

After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed NSP budget request. Nineteen persons voted in the affirmative; no one voted against the motion.

Noel reviewed the *proposed 2005 budget*, which was detailed on the reverse side of the agenda. He noted that we are now receiving moneys from a variety of sources, such as the United Way (\$10,000), City of Cincinnati (\$30,000 for the feasibility study), Community Business District grant (\$3,000), and Safe and Clean grant (\$37,000 for the Arts Center). The budget includes funds for renting additional office space and for contracting a part-time community support worker. In comparison to last year, the budget has grown from \$48,000 to \$126,000!

Josh introduced the budget item related to the *Cincinnati Business District grant*. The grant proposal would enable us to purchase two radios, install fencing under the Kennedy bridge (to discourage drug transactions), and safety/security improvements on the bridge. During our discussion, several other funding needs were identified (such as additional lighting at the corner of Kennedy and Montgomery); Josh will see if the grant can be increased by several thousand dollars. After additional discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the

proposed CBD grant proposal. Twenty-six persons voted in the affirmative; no one voted against the motion.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the proposed 2005 budget. No one voted against the motion.

A resident noted that the Wilson liquor license issue on Zinsle is resurfacing. Apparently the license is up for renewal, and it may be transferred to a relative. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed for the KHCC to actively oppose the renewal of the Wilson liquor license.

Residents expressed concern about two other issues:

- *Speeding* on Zinsle and Kennedy, and wondered what strategies could be developed to ameliorate safety risks
- *Mr. Kelly's* property was recently sold, and since that time many cars have been parked for days along the front of the building; some of the cars do not have licenses. We have asked the Police Department to investigate, and we will continue to search for the owner.

Noel provided an update on the *Beverage Cave*, and noted that Mr. William Jackson of SKYY Properties was present and had attended today's Town Meeting. Noel asked Mr. Jackson to make some comments, but he declined the invitation. Noel stated that Judge Ethna Cooper had ruled in favor of SKYY's complaint about the City's handling of their application for a building permit. The City has already indicated that they will appeal the decision. Also, the hearing before the Ohio Liquor Commission has been rescheduled to an undetermined date in March. Several persons from the Community Council have been subpoenaed for that hearing. It is important for the community to have many persons present at the hearing. With that goal in mind, the Council will contract bus service to Columbus. Richard Cooke has agreed to coordinate our effort.

Joanie Weidner, co-chair of *Litter Magic*, made a brief report and distributed a flyer. Noel noted that with the leadership of Joanie and Jeff Weidner, our Little Magic program has for the past five consecutive years been recognized as the best program in the City. Joanie reminded us of the next Magic day: Saturday, April 23, 8:30-11:30. Also, Joanie has structured our neighborhood into several zones, and has sought volunteers to pick up litter during the intervening months of Litter Magic Day. If we are to significantly improve the appearance of our community, we need additional volunteers for the Magic Day and for the intervening months.

Noel noted that at each place was a one-page Resource Registry. The intent of the survey is for each resident to identify her/his talents and community projects or issues that the resident would be willing to engage as a volunteer. The Board wants to develop a directory of human resources in our neighborhood, and the Registry is the first phase of that effort.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1:20p.m.

Ernie Barbeau
Secretary
January 31, 2005