

Kennedy Heights Community Council

General Membership Meeting of February 15, 2005

Announcements

- *Beverage Cave* hearing appeal with the Ohio Liquor Commission in Columbus has yet to be announced, but it is expected to be in mid-March. Cornerstone Church & KHCC both intend to take buses. will have a busload of parishioners.
- Jeff Weidner reported that *Litter Magic*/Great American Clean up day is set for Saturday, April 23. Cleasn-up will focus on Zinsle, Ravenwood, and Northdale.
- Noel Morgan reported objections by George Wilson to Council's opposition to renewal of liquor permit for Wilson's grocery. Kathy Tyler, Paul Makine, NeCe Bassett, and Josh Swain will form committee on this issue. City Council hearing on all liquor permit renewals on April 5 and 19.
- Jim Zarnowiecki reported on *Kennedy Heights Arts Center* activities.
- The Board will be signing an agreement with George Kalomeres to rent a store-front office at 6463 Kennedy. The two rooms need to be painted and made more attractive. We expect to have many of Council committee meetings held in that space.
- Building on success of last December's *Winterfest* residents of Pleasant Ridge & KH are working together to plan a joint *Summerfest*.
- East Walnut Hills residents are opposing Family Dollar's plan to build a store at DeSales corner and looking for support from neighborhoods with Family Dollar stores. Residents noted that litter has been a problem.

Two representatives from the Cincinnati Park Board gave a 15 minute presentation and discussion of the Board's services and programs. They urged residents to participate in the *Green Up Day for Parks*, which will be in Drake Park on 5/14.

Police Officers Engleman and Miller reported on the recent homicide in a Northdale apt. between two people who knew each other. That immediate area continues to be of great concern.

During our discussion, residents identified specific areas where there appears to be some criminal activity.

Officers continue to target abandoned automobiles. Officer Engleman said that the cars now accumulating on the former "Mr. Kelly's" lot have been towed there by Deer Park Auto. KHCC has formally complained to the Building Dept. because the present use appears to violate the new zoning (CC-P)

The City has declared a vacant house at the corner of Standish and Red Bank to be a nuisance. We support that declaration.

As advertised in the February *KH NEWS*, KHCC is taking applications and intends to contract a part-time *Neighborhood Support Worker* by April.

Ernie Barbeau, chair of the *Constitution Review Committee*, presented proposed amendments to the Constitution. This is the second Membership meeting where this matter has been discussed. Final vote on the proposed amendments will occur at the Council March meeting.

Ce Holm, Education Committee, gave an extended and detailed overview of what has been occurring with the *Board of Education's facility plans* for schools that are of particular interest to us, and especially as it relates to having a school at Kennedy and Montgomery. She emphasized the need for residents to appear at meetings of the Board of Education and to write letters to members of the Board.

Members voted to urge the Board of Education to include representatives from the Kennedy Heights Community Council as participants in the planning process for the development of a Montessori program at the new Pleasant Ridge School, which is planned as the neighborhood school for about 70 KH children.