

# MINUTES

## **Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting**

*September 17, 2013*

The meeting was called to order by Jim Zarnowiecki at 7:30pm

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes from the August meeting.

### **Sunflower Awards**

Ally Nurre presented the winners of the 2013 Sunflower Contest. There were 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place winners, all receiving original nature prints from a local artist.

### **Litter Magic/Landscape Awards**

Jim shared that there will be 4 landscape awards given out. Annette will make announcements and acknowledge the winners at the Progressive Dinner Silent Auction.

Jim announced that there will be a dumpster in the neighborhood as part of the Litter Magic Clean up Day for three days from Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Police Report**

Officer Engelmann shared the police responses from August-September 16<sup>th</sup>. He shared that there was an assault at the Nativity Festival and that officers were going to do some training and have a Citizen On Patrol presence at next year's event. They also plan to have a roving officer throughout the weekend. Officer E. said to contact **591-6000** for any quality of life issues impacting the neighborhood including abandoned cars, cars that are parked for long periods of time. Officer E.'s direct line is 979-4465. One resident expressed concerns about the Champion Cleaning Trucks using the fire hydrants and coming to the neighborhood to clean their vehicles. Officer E. says he will investigate.

Kate Kern mentioned that there were many neighbors concerned about the parking along the Robison Road entrance to Kennedy Park. There is unwanted loitering and drug activity. Officer E. said they are aware of the activity and encouraged neighbors to call him when they witnessed something and to call if there were abandoned vehicles parked there.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kennedy Heights Neighborhood**

A date for the anniversary celebration has been set: **June 28<sup>th</sup>**. A planning committee has been formed and will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month right before the council meeting. So far the activities for the event will include: Food trucks, a picnic, ice cream, live music, a parade with marching bands, etc.

### **Play in the Park Update**

Nearly 200 people attended the last **Play in the Park** event on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Roxanne Qualls attended the event and proclaimed it official "Play in the Park Day in Kennedy Heights Park." The Pleasant Ridge library and KH neighbor Lois Patterson attended and made crafts with the kids. Neighbors had a free dinner donated by friends in the community. Kate Kern released a bag of seeds into the air representing the seeds of peace and friendship made over the summer. Partners for the summer events included: Cincinnati Parks, Pleasant Ridge Public

Library, Mr. Softee Ice Cream, Baba Charles Drumming, and many neighbors who donated time, popsicles, games, side walk chalk, kick balls, and bottled water.

### **Budget**

No Report

### **Progressive Dinner Update**

Natalie Boyer gave an update on the planning for the Progressive Dinner. There will be appetizers at 5:30 from Maggiano's and donated by neighbors. There will be live music at the Arts Center during the appetizer hour. So far, there are 15 families who are hosting. The landscape awards will be given during the silent auction time. A request was made for community members to help with event set up, desserts, donating silent auction items and hosting. Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate on the KHCC website for \$21 each.

### **Kennedy Heights Development Corporation**

No report

### **Schroder Padaiea**

Pam Wilder, the resource coordinator at Schroder spoke about the need for reading and math tutors at Schroder. She also mentioned that on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> they would be hosting a Fall Bash from 11-4 for all the community. They will also be hosting a public issues forum on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. KH neighbor, Craig Rush is facilitating that event. For more information contact Schroder High School.

### **Newsletter**

Deadline for submissions to the KH Newsletter will be Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Winterfest**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, two locations, Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center from 6-8pm and the Kennedy Heights Arts Center from 7-10pm

### **Pleasant Ridge Public Library**

Kate Denere branch manager at the PR Library shared some new initiatives. They will now have key ring library cards available. They also have new features of their website which include streaming music, movies and television. They will be hosting Connect Ohio computer classes and will continue to offer free homework help from 3-6pm Monday-Thursday. They will also be hosting a creative writing class for adults starting Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Library Meeting Room.

### **Announcements**

October 8<sup>th</sup> is Candidates Night at 6pm at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center.