

Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting

November 19, 2013, The meeting was called to order by Michelle Dillingham at 7:30pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September and October were approved by Jim Zarnowicki and Clete Benken

Police Report

Officer Engelmann shared information about a homicide on Robison. He also told us about two incidents involving drug seeking individuals at the Walgreen's in Pleasant Ridge. One was an armed robbery of the cashier where the suspect got away; the other was an attack in the parking lot and the person was apprehended.

Officer Engelmann also shared the success of the October **Play in the Park with Pumpkin** event which had over 100 people present. He said it was a great show of community support and involvement.

Fire Report

Chief suggested that everyone check their furnaces for maintenance. He also mentioned to be careful of using space heaters as they are a leading cause of fires this time of year.

Treasurer's Report

A budget was shared with everyone, but we did not formally approve any budget items or discussion because the treasurer was not present.

Community Dinner Announcement-Lydia Morgan

Lydia announced that the community dinners co-sponsored by the Kennedy Heights Community Council and the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church Hospitality Committee have been a big success going from 15 neighbors to 55. Dinners will continue in January at the next meeting on Jan. 21st. Volunteers who can help with the set up, cooking and clean up for the dinners are always welcome. Please contact lydiajmorgan@gmail.com

100th Anniversary of Kennedy Heights Neighborhood

June 28th 2014 A planning committee is meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month right before the council meeting-anyone is welcome to join in the planning. So far the activities for the event will include: Food trucks, a picnic, ice cream, live music, a parade with marching bands, baseball games, and a booklet about the history of Kennedy Heights. The committee is looking for ways to get teens involved in the planning and hosting of the event. They are also looking for reporters for the booklet. The council has currently budgeted \$1500 towards the 100th anniversary event.

Winterfest

The event is planned for Friday, December 6th, 2013 from 7-9pm at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. There will be dancers from Shroder, musicians, a magician, dessert and drinks and holiday ornaments and craft making for the kids. Those who can make desserts or volunteer at the event are asked to contact Christine Schumacher at christine@kennedyheights.org

Shroder Paideia High School

Larry Williams, Principal at Shroder announced they will be having several service learning events coming up including the students collecting canned goods. They are also looking for any volunteers who would like to tutor 7-12 grades students at the school. Interested individuals can contact Mr. Williams or Pam Wilder, the school resource coordinator at 363-6900.

Kennedy Heights Development Corporation

Ernie Barbeau announced that he will be stepping down from the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation to be replaced by long time Kennedy Heights' resident, Teresa Davis Mulligan. The

KHDC is still looking for a third party to take over the space vacated by the Cincinnati Art Museum for the KH Cultural Arts Center building.

Good Neighbor Agreement Proposal

Steve, the housing chair for the KHDC, is seeking the approval for a partnership between the KHDC and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority. This partnership would look to increase housing opportunities in the neighborhood and keep us aware of all housing decisions that may impact our community. Currently there are 12-13 site based managed housing programs in our neighborhood. This motion could impact the increase in site based managed programs, as well as vacant houses for demolition. **Steve's statement reads as follows:**

The KH Development Corporation meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the KH Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

Civic Engagement Proposal???? (Peter?)

All I have in my notes is the Citizen Engagement Action Team for Plan Cincinnati is looking at the concept of planned engagement and where this is working??

Newsletter

Deadline for submissions to the KH Newsletter will be **Friday, ???**.

Health and Safety Committee

The Pleasant Ridge Community Council Safety Committee has asked for a collaborative statement with PR and KH to present to the Cincinnati city council regarding the increase in violence and homicide we've witnessed in our two neighborhoods since the spring of 2013. Our board president, Michelle Dillingham, has agreed to work with PR Council to develop a statement and come up with the best approach for working with city council and the police department.

Communications Report-Christine Schumacher

Christine shared the latest installment of the Elder Series about KH resident, Jeanette Bronson who along with her family and thirteen other local families-brought a class action desegregation lawsuit against the Cincinnati Public Schools' Board of Education in an effort to gain equal access to quality education in all communities. The full story is available at our website www.kennedyheights.org and in the January/February community newsletter. If you know someone who should be recognized in the Elder Series, contact Christine Schumacher at christine@kennedyheights.org or 351-8785.

Election for Board of Trustee Positions

The following members were voted in for the 2014 Board of Trustees

President: Michelle Dillingham (continuing, Odin Ave)

V.P., Community Planning: Christine Schumacher (formerly Communications Chair, Wyatt Ave.)

Treasurer: Sarah Stamper (continuing, McHugh Place)

Members at Large:

Sharyl Barnes (new, Wyatt Avenue)

Jayne Dressing (formery Secretary, Valley View Ave.)

Daniel Kasprovowicz, (new, Valley View Ave.)

Sharifah Tafari, continuing, Red Bank Road)

Secretary:

Announcements

Lela Ruth Cooper has opened a new massage and energy therapy center located across from the Arts Center at 6566 Montgomery Road. She is a seasoned health care practitioner with years of experience as an RN and massage therapist. She can be contacted at lelaruthcooperrn@me.com

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (No meeting in December)