

Kennedy Heights Community Council
April 21, 2020

The meeting was brought to order by Kate Elliott and Sharifah Tafari at 7:30 PM, online via Google Meet.

Fire Station 8 (Lt. Ed W.): 1) Electrical fires December-March = 45,000 per year.

2) Smart 911: All are encouraged to enroll. It is a time saver for caller and a help to the firefighters in an emergency.

3) COVID-19: 15 cases in the area to date. To protect yourself it is recommended you: *wash your hands a lot. Wash them for 20 seconds with soap and water... *wash your hands before touching your "T-Zone" (eyes, nose, and mouth)...

*Stay Home if you don't have to go out.

4) Questions: How to get speed bumps around Triangle Park to protect playing children from speeding drivers. The fire department does not recommend them. The speed of the trucks is slowed down significantly by the bumps thus causing a delay (up to 2 minutes) in how fast they are able to get to an emergency.

Police: absent

Minutes: February, unavailable. (No March meeting due to Stay-at-Home order from Gov. DeWine.)

Budget Report (Sr. Carren): Revenue and Expenditures reviewed. Motion (Kate Elliott) to accept, 2nd (Steve Greiser) ayes 100% voice vote.

Cincinnati Preschool Promise (LaKeisa Ealy): This is a non-profit organization that allows families access to quality Pre School Education.

1) Applications being taken May 1 for 3 year olds based on financial guidelines.

2) Essential workers who need child care, go to the website: Cincy-Promise.org.

3) On the YouTube channel are "Promise Readers" - volunteers reading to preschoolers.

Kennedy Ave Bridge Update (Brandon Lecrone): The bridge has now been demolished. The next step is the construction of the underground foundation. He will follow-up with transportation regarding detours. Traffic will be monitored once it increases. There are no issues currently due to traffic being minimal.

Parks/Green Spaces Committee Update:

1) Play in the Park (Sharifah): The regular season has been cancelled. Alternative plans being considered. When they are complete, the community will be notified via Facebook, Twitter, and eblast.

2) Cleanup Day (Kate K): We are not sure if this event will occur; waiting on word from the Parks Department. If it occurs, you must bring your own tools and gloves.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Woodford Paideia (James Lacey): He is the new Community Resource Coordinator for Woodford. Contact information:

Laceyja@cps-k12.org OR (216) 682-6760

1) School is out for the remainder of the year.

2) Woodford is a distribution site for the student meal program. Distribution hours Mon/Wed/Fri, 11am-12noon.

*Donations can be dropped off at 10:30 am on the distribution days.

*Allie Goodman of PR Montessori transitioned their supplies to Woodford.

*Working with KHAC on Activity Kits.

*Books provided by the Library

*City Gate Church provided 700 Power Packs.

*Student Learning Packs can be picked up at the school.

(Note: Meals/Snack Packs are also being distributed by John P. Parker School and the Pleasant Ridge Library)

Kennedy Hts Development Corporation (Mary Ray):

1) Guardian Savings Bank: completion is scheduled for the end of April, with a "soft opening" early to mid May.

CRC (Pleasant Ridge Rec Center) Update (Christian):

- 1) Ready-to-eat meals for pick-up for anyone ages 18 and under are being distributed Monday-Friday, 2:30-4:30 pm.
- 2) Check the website for classes, journals, arts and craft activities.
- 3) CRC YouTube channel also has activities.

Community Garden Update (Sharifah):

- 1) We have 12 raised beds: 2 for Woodford School and 10 for community members.
- 2) This season the beds are being offered at no charge. To use a raised bed, email Sharifah at Sharifah@kennedyheights.org or call her at (513) 226-0505.

Kennedy Hts Art Center - KHAC (Ellen):

- 1) Creativity Kits are available at Woodford Paideia School Mon/Wed/Fri, 11am-12noon.
- 2) The Artist-in-Residence, Leesa Haapapuro, is revamping her project. See the newsletter or website at kennedyarts.org for more information and to get a Garden of Hope Kit.
- 3) The Founders Day celebration is Sunday, May 3. It will be virtual. Check the website.

Juneteenth (Sharifah): The celebration will not be at Eden Park this year. The 2020 "Virtual Juneteenth" will be on Cable TV and YouTube. More details to come.

Lt. John Lehr 100th Birthday Celebration May 17 (Sharifah): There will not be a physical celebration this year.

- 1) Stop by KHAC to see the memorial garden dedicated to him.
- 2) See the "Honoring a Hometown Hero" in the newsletter for a short bio.
- 3) Sharifah read a longer version of Lt. Lehr's bio she wrote.

Community Plan (Mary): The last update was 2003.

- 1) A steering committee is being created for brainstorming.
- 2) City Planners are on furlough.
- 3) Interested in being on the steering committee? Contact Mary at Mary@kennedyheights.org.

Census Reminder (Sharifah): Census day is April 1.

- 1) Please fill out your census form promptly. This is what determines how much money the federal government gives to our city.
- 2) If you did not get a unique census form go to the website at www.2020census.gov or complete it by phone at (844) 330-2020.

Open Floor Comments

- 1) **Bill Frost:** He is a candidate for the 2021 City Council election and would like your vote. He is running as a Charterite. Please go to his website at www.Frostforcincy.com.

The next meeting is May 19, 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary