

# Kennedy Heights News Interim Edition!

Meeting with Michael Burson  
of Cincinnati School Board  
8/6 at 6

It would be hard to miss the white elephant perched at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery...once upon a time it was Kennedy School, then Kroger, then Furniture Fair...and most recently **almost** Pleasant Ridge School.

The School Board now owns that corner. Now that the Board has rewritten its Master Plan, it's trying to sell a high priced piece of real estate (the Board reportedly paid \$1.8 million for it).

## Possible Uses for KM Corner

Our Community Master Plan proposes three alternative uses for that corner:

- ◆ Senior housing
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Education.

The Recreation Commission has assured us that it has no interest/money/or intentions to build a rec center there...which leaves housing & education.

## Meeting

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. we have scheduled a meeting with Michael Burson, CPS person responsible for "facilities" (i.e. structures & real estate). Our purpose is to discuss the Board's plans and our hopes for that corner. He was a proponent of locating PR School there (at the School Board meeting on that topic, he told the Board that the school "could" be built in Pleasant Ridge, but that it "should" be built at Kennedy & Montgomery). The Board, of course, chose the latter.

## Silverton-Kennedy Heights School at KM?

Some residents have recently suggested another way that the corner could be used for education. The Master Plan calls for demolition of Silverton School and rebuilding on the same site. The recent suggestion: Rebuild Silverton school not on the same site but, rather, at Kennedy & Montgomery, already Board-owned and identified as a place where a neighborhood school "should" be built. It could then be the Kennedy-Heights -Silverton Neighborhood School.

Mr. Burson is aware of this notion, and it will be included among the possibilities for discussion on Wednesday. There appear to be a number of factors favoring the KM site

- no displacement of Silverton students during construction;
- the present Silverton school's neighborhood enrollment is low, with almost one half already coming from KH;
- Silverton **might** have better uses for the land—uses that would benefit Silverton's tax base;
- etc.

This may turn out to be a pipe dream, but, nothing ventured.....

## Join Us!

There's no specified guest list for Wednesday's meeting. You're welcome to join us. It should be a pretty low key, information-sharing session. We're meeting at the Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. Also at the meeting with be Darlene Kamine, a CPS consultant working with the development of Community Learning Centers.

## Safe & Clean

We hope soon (by 8/15!) to submit a proposal to the City of Cincinnati for a "Safe & Clean Neighborhoods" grant. We will ask for money for a project aimed at reducing crime in Kennedy Heights—and making our streets safer. The grants are quarterly, and the next proposal deadline is August 15.

Click the red to review **summaries of grants** approved in the first round:

Because there is no Community Council meeting or newsletter in August, the next best thing is to look to our email alert list for comments (about 40 of you folks at the moment). We will post a summary on the website by the end of next week, with the hope that you will read, consider, & comment. I'll alert you when posted.

## Progressive Reminder

The Progressive Dinner (9/14) is our next "big" event. You can get tickets (\$20) from Bob Kamp....or let Kathy Spoon know you will host a dinner....or tell Kathy about your donation for the "silent auction"....or all of the above.

For the auction items, consider selling your own, unique services. For example, I'm considering offering private Swahili lessons (now, if that's not unique...!). In years past creative cooks have offered home-cooked meals, attorneys have offered simple wills, etc.

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## August Happenings at Kennedy & Montgomery

- **Carnival** **August 1-3** (courtesy of Rhema Word Church of God)
- **513 Concert** **August 9**
- **Tent Meeting** **August 12-17** (Rhema Word Church of God)





