

**Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting**

**October 20, 2020 7:30 PM via Google**

**Attendance 26**

**I. September Minutes:** Steve Grieser motioned, Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> for approval. Vote: ayes- 26, Opposed: none.

**II. Budget Review (Sr. Carren):** Eric Armstrong motioned, Steve Grieser 2<sup>nd</sup> for approval. Vote: ayes- all, opposed- none.

**III. Police (Capt. Arron Jones):** Crime stats

- A) Aggravated assaults down 70%. YTD 2019 = 14, 2020 = 4.
- B) Thefts from autos are up. YTD 2019 = 16, 2020 = 23.
- C) No questions or comments for the Capt.

**IV. Fire (David H. Carthage Company Commander):**

- A) **Fire Prevention in the Kitchen:** Home cooking fires are the most frequent due to forgetting about the food or falling asleep while the food is cooking. Keep a close eye on cooking food. Keep flammable items 3 feet away from the stove. DO NOT use the stove if alcohol has been consumed.
- B) **Fire Pits:** Should have a screen top... use clean seasoned wood... have water available to extinguish an uncontrolled Fire... keep the fire contained in the pit... keep the pit 15 ft. or more from the house... keep the pit 25 ft. from an Apartment building... do not use the fire pit on "air quality days"... do not use in "No Burn " zones or in drought Conditions... do not burn yard waste or anything else.
- C) **To request a smoke alarm,** call the Fire Prevention Department at (513) 357-7584.
- D) **Smart 911:** Sign up for this service. It provides additional information for the fire department to assist you faster.

**V. Elections/Nominating Committee (Sharifah):** Steve Grieser, Lydia Morgan, and Kate Elliott. One additional person is considering coming on board.

A) Nominations are open and you may nominate for these positions. Current nominations are:

Co-Presidents- Sharifah Tafari/Kate Elliott  
Treasurer- Ramona Mayo (move to this office)  
VP Planning- Mary Kidd Ray (Steve Grieser will assist)  
VP Administration- Eric Armstrong (will oversee fund raising)  
Secretary- Peggy Brown

Members-at-Large:

1. Jean Bange (Neighborhood Support)
2. Anita Hisle
3. Cassandra Jones
4. Steve Grieser

Voting will take place at our November meeting.

**VI. Neighborhood Plan (Mary/Steve):**

- A) We need a quadrant leader for each of the 4 quadrants.  
~ Quadrant 2 is divided into two parts; Abigail McKenzie will take one part.
- B) Per Loretta Banks: does anyone drive KH streets to assess their condition?  
Mary: This is the time to do this and present it to the city. There could be a rolling audit per quadrant.  
Sr. Carren: Suggested the beautification Committee could do this.  
Quadrant Leader could be the "Point Person."

**VII. Vote on Community Budget Request (CBR) Projects (Mary/Cassandra):**

A) Capital Improvements – example: roads, sidewalks

~ Historic Walking Trail is not a capital project.

~ Acquisition – this is not the appropriate money pool.

~ Traffic Study – great capital project.

~ Former Shroder School site – Presented again by C. Siegel Hart and Abigail McKenzie for a vote.

Previously a farm, it was cleared and Shroder School built in 1954. The property was sold to a nonprofit.

If approved, it goes into effect in 2022. Fill out the survey and not what you'd like to see on the site.

B) Vote taken to integrate the Shroder School site into Kennedy Park. By voice vote, Ayes - 100%, Opposed – none.

C) Suggested ideas for the property included: Dog Park (by Samara Ramudit)... Combination of retail and housing (by Anita Hisle)... New builds to match design of current homes (by Samara Ramudit).

**VIII. Bridge Update (Kate):** The concrete for the new roadway deck surface on the bridge has been place, the bridge sidewalks and railing will be completed over the next several weeks followed by building the new roadway curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons and blacktop. Things have gone well, but not perfectly and there have been some delays. Currently, they are anticipating that the road will reopen in early December, which is later than originally scheduled. The contractor is preparing an updated schedule and it will be shared soon.

**IX. Partners:**

A) **CRC:** absent... Trunk or Treat, October 23, is cancelled.

B) **KHAC (Ellen):** Holiday Market, November 14 – December 31... Retold, Drive-Thru installment, December 1-31. Winterfest- to be determined.

C) **Neighborhood Schools:** absent

D) **The Caring Place (Sharifah):**

1) Clothing Room (Teddy's Closet) is now open on Tuesdays 9am-2pm. Volunteers are needed.

Email: [caringplc@yahoo.com](mailto:caringplc@yahoo.com)

2) Neighborhood Surveys are available.

3) Thanksgiving Bags will be given out to needy families November 21, 9am-12noon.

4) League of Women Voters Voting Guides are available.

E) **KHDC:** absent

F) **Aging in Community:** Social Worker Sharon Hale of CASS continues to be at The Caring Place.

G) **KH Yard Signs (Jean):** contact Jean Bange at [jean@kennedyheights.org](mailto:jean@kennedyheights.org). She also has at least 1 KH flag left.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM... There will be no meeting in December.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary