

Kennedy Heights Community Council Virtual Meeting  
November 16, 2021 7:30 PM  
Attendance 18

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM

**1) October minutes** approved. Motion: Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samara. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

**2) Public Safety** (Off. Rice): report given on theft of auto (car recovered), breaking and entering, burglary (Zinsle), aggravated menacing (Northdale), domestic violence (with an arrest, Woodford), discharge of firearm (Ravenwood), credit card scam, phone harassment, theft of dog (Montgomery Rd.), theft from auto (Dune).

\*Question (Mary): regarding Shroder housing court. Off. Rice will reach out to Mark or Jackie regarding this.

**3) Fire:** Chief Michael Washington, 49 yrs. old, Cincinnati Public School and UC graduate.

\*Engine 8, "8 Ball Company," Montgomery and Langdon Farm Roads.

\*Cincinnati is 72 fire fighters short. A new recruit class is in February. Average age is 41 of Cincinnati fire fighter.

\*Initiatives: New Safe House, Educate the elderly on Fall Prevention, Educate parents/guardians on Car Seats for children, Paramedic on all fire trucks, more Public Education.

**4) City DOTE report:** Traffic Calming (Melissa "Mel" McVey)

\* 2 Streets cap with greater than 5000 cars per day. She will look up crash data for us.

"Bump Out," or "Speed Cushion."

\* Separate neighborhood program for smaller residential streets with less than 5000 cars per day, "street hump" program.

\*To recommend a street send an email to [board@kennedyheights.org](mailto:board@kennedyheights.org).

**5) Treasurer's Report:** approved. Motion: Jeffrey Weidner, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Ray. Ayes: 100%. Nays: 0.

\* Donations collected by Bob Kamp, can be made online through Paypal, or by mailing a check.

#### Grants

**6) NSP** (Jean): we apply yearly and have used it for Play in the Park and KH Art Center in the past.

This year it will all go to the Newsletter. Formal vote taken and approved. Ayes: 14, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

**7) Neighborhood Activation Grant** (Mary): \$10,000 grant, suggested to be used Sr. Services Coordinator at The Caring Place to pay a portion of the salary. The agency covers the rest. Services are provided to residents of all four neighborhoods served.

\*Deadline to apply is December 31.

\*Safe and Clean Cincinnati Grant coming in February, 2022. It was suggested this could be used to add a camera and security light to the back of the Annex.

**8) Neighborhood Plan Updates** (Mary): Next meeting December 14, 6:30 – 9:30 PM at the Annex.

\*Land use map: change zoning?

\*Underused land: a better use for it?

\*Look at what's in the plan, come up with a Vision Statement.

\*Send summary afterwards.

**9) Election:** Waived Bylaws temporarily regarding number of trustees on the board and term limits.

Vote taken for 2022 Board members and Trustees with results as follows:

\***Co-Presidents:** Kate Elliott and Sharifah Tafari

\***V.P. Community Planning:** Caitlin Siegel-Hartzler

\***V.P. Administration:** Samara Ramudit

\***Secretary:** Peggy Brown

\***Treasurer:** Mary Kidd Ray

## **Trustees-At-Large**

- \*Eric Armstrong
- \*Steve Grieser
- \*Anita Hisle
- \*Cassandra Jones
- \*Brandon Nixon
- \*Amber Ziegler

## **PARTNERS**

### **Pleasant Ridge Community Center (Christian):**

- \*Toy Drive now through December 3, new/wrapped toys for ages 5-12.
- \*Family Ornament Workshop, December 4, 10 AM – 12 Noon.
- \*Saturday Hour: activities from 9 AM – 2 PM.

### **Kennedy Heights Art Center (Ellen):**

- \*Community Card Exchange: get free kit out of bin at KHAC; drop off completed cards in painted box on the porch. All ages.
- \*Holiday Art Market now through the end of the year.
- \*Art Camp during winter break: a fun 1 day camp. Sliding scale fee.
- \*Light the tree after Thanksgiving: the big tree and little ones.

### **Woodford School (Sharifah): Coat and Winter Gear Drive. New and gently used coats, new hats/gloves/socks.**

- \*Contact **James Lacey** at the school, 513-363-6418, or [board@kennedyheights.org](mailto:board@kennedyheights.org), or [sharifah@kennedyheights.org](mailto:sharifah@kennedyheights.org).

### **Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (Mary):**

- \*Close to purchasing the Spotlight property. Awaiting soil/gas tests.
- \*June, 2022 Neighborhood Blitz Clean-Up Drive. Solicit people needing help or wanting help.

### **Aging in Community (Steve): nothing to report**

### **The Caring Place (Sharifah): Volunteer needed to help with Thanksgiving Food Bags. Blue Ash Kroger, 8 Am, stuffing/passing out Bags 9 AM – 2 PM.**

- \*Need coats/hats/gloves.
- \*Christmas Bags given out December 16, sign up until December 9. Serving KH, PR, Golf Manor and Silverton.
- \*Questions: 513-841-1499

### **Community Conversation: Westwood Town Hall, November 22, 7 PM – 8:30 PM. Look in the chat box for the survey.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Brown, Secretary

