

Kennedy Heights Community Council Meeting
March 15, 2022
(Virtual Meeting, 26 Present)

1. **Minutes:** Motion to accept February minutes: Steve Grieser, 2nd by _____. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

2. **Public Safety** (Off. Rice, Capt. Pettis): Crime report was given.

A. Reminder to always LOCK YOUR CAR and don't leave items inside or in plain sight.

B. Question from Loretta Banks: She was mugged 2/21/22 between Kroger and Meijer. Warned neighbors to be aware of their surroundings. Wanted to know if there was any information on this.

*Capt. Pettis reported a vehicle was identified; Off. Rice will follow up on this.

C. Per Capt. Pettis: there will be a District Wide Traffic Safety Initiative, to address the speeding problem.

It starts Sunday and will go on for 14 day. A report will be given at the next Council meeting.

3. **Neighborhood Plan** Overview and Vote (Samantha McClean: City of Cincinnati): to see the plan go to www.cincinnati-ohio.gov/kennedyheightsplan.

A. **Caitlin and Eric:**

*Add shelters and trash cans at the bus stops

*"Dumpster Day," ... Montgomery and Kennedy (?)

* Crime: continue collaboration with the police department. Install cameras in key locations.

* Street lights – reports ones that are out.

B. **Kate Kern:** Parks, Green Space and the Environment

*Add green Space, possible at Old Shroder.

*Promote wellness

*Start an inventory

*Increase the Tree Canopy at Montgomery and Kennedy.

C. **Caitlin for Mary Ray:** Community Development

*Enhance the Arts

*Develop the business district – small scale establishments at Zinsle/Red Bank and Woodford/Kennedy.

D. **Steve Grieser:** Housing

*Stabilization Program

*Affordable Senior Housing (50 Units) on Montgomery Rd.

*Community Engagement

*Future Use

E. **Next Steps:** Present to City Council April 1 and bring to the Community Council for a vote at the April Meeting.

4. **Greater Cincinnati Water Works:** Water shut offs for delinquent bills will resume **April 4, 2022**.

A. Contact GCWW to get on a payment plan.

B. See the newsletter for available programs. Kennedy Heights has about 25% of its water service accounts past due (about 408 accounts). A **Senior Discount Program** for low-income homeowners is available. Go to

www.msdcg.korg/CAP or call (513) 244-5101.

5. **Fire** (per Kate): Change your smoke alarm battery and sign up for Smart 911.

6. **Financial Report** (Caitlin for Mary Ray): See the report.

A. Funds received:

*\$600 Friends of Kennedy Heights

*\$7638 Invest In Neighborhoods Support Program

*\$10,000 Activation Grant

B. Board approved \$2500 for The Caring Place. This is an increase from previous years.

C. A motion made to accept the financial report by Kate Elliot, 2nd by Eric Armstrong. Ayes: 100%, Nays: 0.

7. **SAP Run** (Paul): April 9, 2022, 8:00 AM.

A. A "To Go" Breakfast Bag will be given.

B. Volunteers needed. The sign-up sheet link is in the chat.

8. **Partners**

*Kennedy Heights T-Shirts (teal) are available for \$15.

A. Pleasant Ridge Community Center/CRC (Christian):

*Team Art Program "I'm Listening," 9 am- 11 am, every other Saturday until May 21.

*Free Lifeguard Training is available. Check the website to apply.

*Apply for Summer Camp: 20 more spots are open. \$400, June 5-august 12.

*Summer "Drop-In Program": \$40 for the summer, ages 5-12 years old, Monday-Friday, 12-4 pm.

*Pickle Ball "disagreements": Court rules to be established... Work on sharing... Paddle system to be established.

9. **Library and KHAC:** no reports

10. **Schools** (Sharifah): Woodford and Shroder- Crossing Guards needed, \$11.01 per hour, split shift, 3 hours per day.
Call Angela at (513) 352-1472.

11. **Aging in Community** (Kate for Steve Grieser): find ways to support Sharon Hale's (Social Worker) salary.

*Neighborhood stabilization – grant money to help seniors, People Working Cooperatively is helping.

*Contact Steve Grieser at Steve@kennedyheights.org

12. The Caring Place (Sharifah): TCP is now accepting spring & summer clothes, especially men's clothes.

*Teddy's Closet and The Boutique are open.

*Easter Bags will be given out Thursday, April 14, 9 am-2 pm. A photo ID and mail no more than 30 days old is required.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Brown, Secretary.