

Pleasant Ridge Community Council
Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2011

President Introduction, Updates & Comments:

Thanks to the Rec Center for the PRCC Sponsored day at the pool. The PRCC Day at the Pool offered free soda, pizza and admission to local residents. Update on the house at the corner of Woodford Woodmont: House is bank owned with a tenant who refuses to leave; council had conversations with both the city and health department at the request of a concerned citizen. Update on signs outside of TCP World Academy: Signs have been replaced so they are clearly visible. Also continue to work with TCP to assist in acquiring parking property. As school starts, city will be out to observe and investigate. Beau also request donation of storage space from any of the area churches or businesses.

Cincinnati Police:

No one in attendance; Officer Engelman at National Night Out.

Cincinnati Fire:

No one in attendance.

Pleasant Ridge Rec Center:

Emily Casagrande (casagrandeart@gamil.com), an art teacher at the Rec Center talked about a Mural Collage that camp students worked on inspired by African American Artists and the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood. Mural is made from recycled material and was made by the 12 year old group. Approximately 20 students helped on the mural which is about 33" x 110".

Finance Report:

Ryan Sevek reported that the Invest in Neighborhoods meetings are being held on 8/4. It is expected that the budget should be approved. There might be some revisions to Ridge Day / Ridge Night budget depending on City's insurance policy. The Pay Pal account also took in a good amount of donations for the mural and banners.

July Minutes approved by general consent.

Library Report:

David Dukart reported that July was a very busy month with children's programs. Construction is well under way on the addition at the Library. Estimated date of completion is early 2012. The dedication is planned for March.

Street Captains Report:

Beau McGrath explained the theory of the street captain program and is going to head the program. Ideally one captain per street and they assist with passing out the Informants and other information, such as welcome packs to new neighbors. Beau's first step is to revamp the welcome packs with welcome letters, pertinent city information and business information/coupons. Any ideas or volunteers are welcomed. Please email Beau at president@pleasantridge.org.

Communication Update:

Chuck Tabri reported that he is working to streamline communications. Any information or details you would like to get out to the community, please let Chuck know. Chuck & Maria Kreppel also met with Kennedy Heights community council on ways to collaborate to offer more to each community. First project will be Meet the candidate night at Kennedy Heights. The second is planned to be an opportunity to meet the new police and fire chief hosted by Pleasant Ridge. There will be more details to follow.

Beautification:

Beau McGrath reported on behalf of Jason Chambless. Mark your calendars because Make a Difference Day is October 22nd. Teams will meet with Pleasant Ridge Rec Center and leave from there to pick up trash and clean up their neighborhood. Holiday wreaths were located in the PRCC storage and will be placed around the business district this season. The banners are on hold until insurance from the city is approved. PRCC should have approval on 8/4, and will hopefully be back on track on 8/5.

Fundraising:

Brian Drapp reported that fundraising will be a larger focus as our budget keeps getting smaller. Stickers have been ordered and should be here soon. Working on cost and will be distributed in business and on Ridge Day. Brian is also working to revamp Ridge Night. The current plan is to have it in the parking lot at Mullaney's.

Business Committee:

Adam Pratt reported that he and Wendell Robinson will co-chair the committee. The meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rec Center. Adam also reported that there have been lots of ideas and interest for the Entertainment district. The PRDC has been talking with several business owners and developers.

Ridge Day:

Beau reminded everyone that Ridge Day is September 24 and will start at 11:15 with the parade leaving from Nativity. There is a call for streets to get involved with floats and a dogs parade. The festival will start in the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian church at 12n. Ridge Night will be in the parking lot at Mullaney's with music, food & beer.

District A:

Maria Kreppel thanks all who have donated to the mural fund. She is in planning mode for the Arts Festival on October 8th. On August 27th, there will be the Community Arts Center Day hosted by Arts Wave. It will include a parade starting at Walgreens and ending at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. PRCC & PRDC are meeting with District A three times a year. Also on 9/24, Kennedy will be hosting their annual progressive dinner.

Guest Speakers:

Bart Cosgrove is the assistant Attorney General in charge of consumer issues. His office investigates any consumer scams from door to door scammers to more elaborate schemes. His office investigates over 32,000 complaints each year. He reported on various scams that might confront some residents and

offered his office as a resource if they think something is a scam. For more information or to report a possible scam please call 800-282-0515 or email www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

Melissa McVay is a city planner with the Department of Transportation and Engineering. She discussed the possibility of placing bike lanes from Mapleleaf or Auten up Ridge to end at the rec center. The lane is currently 20ft. Most traffic lanes are 10-11ft. The bike lane can be a complete bike lane or a shared lane for bikes and cars. To create a bike lane, the parking lane on the north bound lane would be eliminated. The department has been authorized to explore options on the streets by the community council and those in attendance at the meeting. They will report on their findings and a vote on the plans will be held at a later meeting.

Next Meeting is September 6th, 2011