

# Pleasant Ridge Community Council

## March 1, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved by general consent.

### Treasurer's Report

John McCarthy reported that PRCC has received \$7,000 in 2010 NSP/NBD funds from the city.

### Fire Report

Lt. Dan Goins from Engine 8 reported that the company inspected approximately 750 fire hydrants in February and performed approximately 100 building inspections. The city has hired a new fire chief. Among the changes he is planning is making every engine company in the city an Advanced Life Support company.

### Police Report

Officer George Engleman distributed a report of crime in the neighborhood during February and tips on preventing identity theft. He advised residents who are victims of identity theft to call CPD's financial crimes department at 352-3545. He also reported that there has been some drug activity reported behind an apartment building at Montgomery & Silverleaf.

### Recreation Center Report

Christian Armstrong Owens reported that the Recreation Center will be hosting a Miss Pleasant Ridge Princess Pageant for girls ages 5-12 on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The center is currently registering kids ages 6-12 for summer camp. The total cost per camper is \$1,000. The center is also seeking two Youth Commissioners, aged 16-18, to advocate for youth in the city through CRC's Youth and Family Services Department.

### Pool Fundraising Discussion

The city's 2011 budget calls for closing most recreation center pools this summer. Our pool is the first pool in the first of three tiers, which means that if sufficient money is raised to open some pools, we will be the first in line to open. There's no guarantee that this will happen, so we may have to raise money ourselves to open our pool. Pool money must be raised by April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the cost to open our pool is \$48,000. Madisonville has set up a separate bank account for pool fundraising. There was general support for trying to raise the money, as long as the effort is well-planned. Residents suggested holding fundraising events such as a yard sale and reaching out to other neighborhoods.

### Safety Committee Report

Don Trummel reported that there will be a Block Watch training at the Recreation Center at 7 PM on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers from Silverleaf will be organizing "Good Guy Loitering" events later in the year; these will be opportunities for residents to gather in spots known for criminal activity for an evening to deter criminals from doing their usual business there. Details will be announced through the Informant and weekly e-mails.

### Business Committee Report

Beau McGrath reported that the former BP site on Montgomery was purchased by a gas station investment company, and may re-open as a new gas station. PNC will be closing their branch on Ridge Avenue. Coupons for the monthly Shop Hop events are available on [www.pleasantridge.org](http://www.pleasantridge.org).

### Hilton Davis Report

Marjorie Evert reported that Steve Simon has written to the new Ohio EPA director, asking to meet with him regarding their recommendations for cleaning up the Hilton Davis site.

### Schools and Churches Report

Carl Evert reported that Pleasant Ridge Montessori School will be losing its school nurse next year due to city budget cuts. He is hoping that the school will be able to find a qualified volunteer to serve in her place.

### Events and Communications Report

Beau McGrath reported that upcoming events are being posted on [www.pleasantridge.org](http://www.pleasantridge.org). If you have information about an event that you'd like to share, please e-mail [communication@pleasantridge.org](mailto:communication@pleasantridge.org). Ridge Day is in need of a parade coordinator. Ridge Day will be on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

John McCarthy reported that the Red Cross will be providing a disaster relief training session at the Recreation Center from 7-8 PM on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>..

### Informant Report

Josh Krekeler reported that the spring Informant has been sent to the printer and will be delivered within a couple of weeks. Articles and/or article ideas should be sent to [informant@pleasantridge.org](mailto:informant@pleasantridge.org).

### Library Committee Report

Mary Ann Phalen reported that ground will be broken on the library's accessibility remodeling project in mid-April or early May. The library will try to stay open during the remodeling, but parking will probably be displaced.

### District A Report

Maria Kreppel reported that the May Festival Chorus will be performing at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> as part of ArtsWave's Fine Arts Sampler weekends. Additional events will be happening at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center and aim (formerly ballet tech). The next Playhouse in the Park performance will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Pleasant Ridge Sign

Pleasant Ridge resident Dale Palmer will be re-building the "Pleasant Ridge" sign on Ridge (by Donovan's) this month. He is asking for approximately \$100 from PRCC for materials.

### Boulevard Banners

Matt Kemper announced that David Mill, the local graphic artist who has worked on the Informant's design for the past few years, has provided an attractive design for new neighborhood banners to hang along Montgomery Road between Pleasant Ridge Montessori

and the library. These banners will enhance the neighborhood's appearance. Matt is organizing a committee to raise funds for the banners. They would like to raise enough for 15-20 banners; the cost for each banner would be approximately \$150. To join the committee, e-mail [mattandrachel200@yahoo.com](mailto:mattandrachel200@yahoo.com).

#### Power Cincinnati Presentation

Karen Whitcomb from Power Cincinnati attended the meeting to announce that her group is working with Ohio Citizen Action on a citizen's audit of the proposed expansion of the Rumpke landfill. The expansion would double the size of the landfill. The groups are promoting a zero-waste initiative to divert waste from the landfill. For more information, see [www.powercincinnati.com](http://www.powercincinnati.com) or [www.ohiocitizen.org](http://www.ohiocitizen.org).

#### Triangle Park Sign

A resident commented that the sign at Triangle Park that contains a history of the neighborhood was removed during the park renovation. PRCC will work to get the sign returned to the park.

*Respectfully submitted by Josh Krekeler*