

**Pleasant Ridge Community Council  
Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2011**

Cincinnati Police:

Officer Engelman reviewed the crime statistics from 10/3-10/31. They include burglaries and car-break-ins. He also issued a reminder to all to keep valuables locked away while shopping. Several Auto break-ins have occurred at LA Fitness and a task force has been put together to try and arrest the vandals. Citizens on Patrol distributed “report cards” to cars at PRM, PR Rec Center, Mullaney’s and other businesses. Report cards issue a pass/fail for valuables visible in the car. Residents from Auten Ave discussed recent drug activity on their street and requested a sit down with Officer Engelman and VCS Squad Sergeant to try and step up pressure on drug deals in their neighborhood. Residents from Lawndale also mentioned issues and reported a large bust on Friday 10/28 and a bust at the Glendale Apartments. Officer Engelman encourages all residents to keep reporting any suspicious activity to police, block watch and copy the VCS ([Jeffery.scholl@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Jeffery.scholl@cincinnati-oh.gov)). Beau McGrath mentioned there is some additional budget that PRDC and PRCC have and plans to discuss options to spend on increased police patrols in both the residential and business area.

Cincinnati Fire:

Fire Department not in attendance.

Pleasant Ridge Rec Center:

Christian Armstrong-Owens discussed the upcoming Winterfest event (12/2 from 6-8p). It was also mentioned that there are some lighting issues PRRC is working to get resolved. And everyone was reminded that the park closes at 10pm. If there are kids in the park after 10pm, please call the police. CRC is participating in the Remembering Our Troops collection and are collecting new or gently used DVDs for soldiers and their families. It was also reported that Ghoul Fest was a success.

Finance Report:

Ryan Sevek Not in Attendance. No Finance Report was presented.

October Minutes were approved by general consent.

Hilton Davis:

Marjorie Evert reported that the OEPA has required Kodak to report their progress to several parties on a monthly basis. PRCC is included on those updates. They hope is to have it cleared up by December. The OEPA will also send representatives to the site to check on Kodaks efforts.

Library

Mary Anne Phalen reported that the Library has given PRCC the ok for a plaque. Anyone who donated over \$5,000 will be listed. Plaque will be located going up the stair. The new addition will be opened to enter in a few weeks. They are on schedule to finish 12/31. Dedication is planned for January and all our encouraged to come. The Library is \$6,000 short of reaching ultimate goal and is waiting on two grants that will hopefully get them to their goal.

### School / Churches:

St. Peter's United Church of Christ on Ridge is in search of a new Pastor and hope to have one in place soon.

### PRDC:

Brian Smith from PRDC briefly discussed the committee and their goals. Orion lot is a free lot with 3 hour parking. Recently an agreement was made between TCP, PRCC and PRDC to alleviate traffic flow issues. If you would like to contact/participate with PRDC email [prdevcorp@gmail.com](mailto:prdevcorp@gmail.com). Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm at Molly Malone's. A resident in attendance asked about empty buildings on Montgomery Rd. Brian discussed PRDC's efforts to fill those buildings.

### Business Committee:

Update on Orion lot. Pleasant Perk is looking for new ownership, because of personal issues, they must sell the business. If you are looking, or know someone looking to buy a business contact Jason Chamlee at [prdevcorp@gmail.com](mailto:prdevcorp@gmail.com)

### Safety:

Don Trummel reported that 11/15 is the final Block Watch training for 2011. Please RSVP. Second Good Guy Loitering was very successful. It will begin again in the spring.

A PRCC resident and Citizens for Civic Renewal member (whose purpose is to involve citizens in their community) spoke at the meeting. She is looking for ideas to gain involvement. Director is working with the police to form an advisory committee.

### Guest Speaker: Matt Kemper

Matt Kemper spoke about the new banners. Printer has the banner and they are ready to print. There are 3 different templates. They will hang on Montgomery and possibly Ridge and go from the Library to PRM.

He also spoke about trees in the neighborhood and the importance of mature trees. The City of Cincinnati has a ReLeaf program where the city offers trees to residents. If you are willing to plant a tree at least 30 feet from the sidewalk, the city will give you a free tree. The resident receiving the tree would be willing to dig the hole. Kurt Kasnor is the contact for trees on the tree lawns.

Additional comments made by residents to discuss street lights being burned out. To have the lights fixed, residents should know the pole #s and report the outage to Duke. An additional issue being reported with utility poles is having the ground wires cut and stolen, (presumably for copper), which could cause safety issues. Duke and Police should be called if you notice this. Not all cut wires are dangerous, but all residents are encouraged to report cut wires.