

## Pleasant Ridge Community Council Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2010

The minutes from the March meeting were approved by general consent, with one correction.

### TCP World Academy Presentation

TCP World Academy Principal Karen French attended the meeting to tell residents about the school. TCP World Academy has achieved an “Excellent” rating for four consecutive years and has 410 students. The goal of their curriculum is to develop independent learners. Some of the school’s staff and students were also at the meeting. The students gave a dynamic demonstration of their reading and Spanish language skills.

### Treasurer’s Report

Robert Ramsay distributed a report of PRCC’s financial activity through March.

### Police Report

Officer George Engleman distributed crime statistics for the neighborhood for March. He reported that Colonial Ridge is starting a Block Watch group and that another may be forming on Ridgeland. A resident asked what they should do if they witness public urination. Officer Engleman recommended that they call it in, but noted that the officer can’t do much besides give the person a warning if they arrive after the offense.

### Fire Report

Firefighters Reginald Hocker from Engine Co. 8 and Lt. Prather from Co. 2 attended the meeting and reported that the department is currently doing spring hydrant servicing. In February, Engine 8 responded to 6 fires and 20 non-fire calls and made 137 EMS runs.

### Recreation Center

Rick McCollum reported that the center is currently signing up children for summer camp. The camp will run for 11 weeks, and the total cost per camper is \$1,000. The pool will open on June 1st. A team of volunteers from P&G will be doing painting and landscaping at the center and seeding the field in the park.

### Soap Box Derby Announcement

John McCarthy announced that PRCC is seeking a resident aged 8-13 to drive for Pleasant Ridge in the city’s Soap Box Derby. If we find a driver, PRCC may pay for the car and the entry fee.

### Business Committee Report

Molly Blenk reported that the Business Committee is having a meet & greet event for neighborhood business owners from 1:30 – 2:30 at Molly Malone’s on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee is still seeking Business Ambassadors to work with businesses around the

neighborhood. Adam Pratt encouraged residents to participate in the “350” project by spending \$50 at each of three neighborhood businesses that they value.

#### PRCC Nominations

Ryan Sevek was nominated for PRCC Treasurer, and Deb Chambless was nominated for Vice President. Current Vice President Molly Blenk and Treasurer Robert Ramsay are concluding their terms next month. Thank you for your service, Molly and Robert!

#### Safety Committee Report

Don Trummel reported that there will be another Block Watch training session at the Recreation Center on the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup>. If you’re interested in starting a Block Watch on your street, please e-mail Don at [dtrummel@fuse.net](mailto:dtrummel@fuse.net). The Safety Committee is seeking new members. The committee meets at noon on the fourth Friday of the month at Molly Malone’s.

#### Beautification/Clean-Up Report

The Spring Clean-Up Day will be from 8 AM – 12 PM on April 24<sup>th</sup>, with a focus on the southern business district. The Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers to water and maintain the planted area between Mullaney’s and UDF.

#### Hilton Davis Report

Marjorie Evert reported that the Ohio EPA is now reviewing the public comments they received on their recommended remediation measures for Hilton Davis. There will be a meeting for interested residents at 7 PM on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center to discuss the neighborhood’s next steps in the process.

#### Schools & Churches Report

Carl Evert reported that he is working with local pastors to organize a community Thanksgiving service for Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights.

#### Events & Communications

Beau McGrath reported that the Pleasant Ridge Web site ([www.pleasantridge.org](http://www.pleasantridge.org)) has a new “Get Involved” tab and that we will be posting online copies of the Informant. PRCC is seeking a volunteer to be the organizer for the neighborhood’s street captains.

#### District A Report

Maria Kreppel reported that District A’s second festival will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. They are making plans with the Playhouse for more “Off the Hill” performances in the District A area next year.

#### Library Report

Mary Ann Phalen reported that the Library Committee has raised \$196,000 for the accessibility project and is doing a lot of fundraising this month. They will be collecting a portion of the receipts from library supporters’ meals at City Barbecue the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. They are also having a garage sale on April 24<sup>th</sup> and a bunco night on April 29<sup>th</sup>. David Dukart announced that the library will have a used book sale on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Informant Report

Josh Krekeler reported that articles and pictures for the Summer Informant should be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please e-mail submissions to pridge-informant@fuse.net.

Community Building Presentation

Pleasant Ridge resident and community builder Isabelle Healy attended the meeting to discuss a project she's working on with the Police Department to find and encourage grassroots community projects around the city. If you are participating in such a project, or hoping to start one, please let a member of the Executive Committee know, and we can put you in touch with Ms. Healy.

*Respectfully submitted by Josh Krekeler, who regrets that he could not be with you this evening*