

# Pleasant Ridge Community Council

## January 4, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

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

### Treasurer's Report

Ryan Sevek distributed a report of PRCC's financial activity through November 2010.

### 2011 NSP Budget Vote

On behalf of the Executive Board, Ryan Sevek proposed that PRCC apply for 2011 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds as follows, with the provision that if the city allocates less than \$5,000 per neighborhood for the program, we will submit our application based on the percentage allocations rather than the projected amounts:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Percentage Allocation</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
Beautification	15%	\$750.00
Web site	5%	\$250.00
District A	14%	\$700.00
Business District	6%	\$300.00
Safety	20%	\$1,000.00
Hilton Davis	10%	\$500.00
Informant	30%	\$1,500.00

The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of the residents in attendance.

### Fire Department Report

Lieutenant Neal of CFD reported that the city's 2011 budget includes no firefighter layoffs, but that the department's staffing will be reduced through attrition this year. He anticipates that the city will need to brown out 8-10 firehouses per day to meet its budget, which will result in longer overall response times. Engine 8 is not currently expected to be part of the brownout rotation. The community's feedback to City Council was critical to keeping Engine 8 open this year. The new city fire chief will start by the end of January. John McCarthy noted that PRCC will discuss the new Engine 8 firehouse with the new chief and that it will probably be very close to the current firehouse.

The Engine 8 company made 108 EMS runs in December and responded to 16 fires and 24 non-fire calls. For 2010, the company made 1,810 total runs and performed 3,516 building inspections.

### Police Report

Officer George Engleman reported that the city's 2011 budget also includes no police layoffs. He also reported that the police have some leads related to the murder on Gloss on November 17<sup>th</sup> and that he'll try to get more details about the case. He encouraged residents to keep valuables out of sight in their vehicles, because there were a high number of thefts from autos in the neighborhood in December. Residents should call 765-1212 with the license number and description of any suspicious vehicles we see.

### Recreation Center Report

Former Recreation Center director Rick McCollum has retired. Sally from the Recreation Center reported that the center's new director has a strong background in physical fitness. The center's pool will be closed this summer due to cuts to the city's recreation budget; however, our pool is first on the list of pools to be re-opened if more funding becomes available. She encouraged residents to be sure to clean up after their dogs when walking them in the park.

### Community Entertainment District Update

John McCarthy reported that City Council has approved the Community Entertainment District for Pleasant Ridge, thanks to the efforts of the Pleasant Ridge Development Corporation. We hope that this designation will help us attract more restaurants to the neighborhood.

### Call for Executive Board Nominations

John McCarthy encouraged residents to submit nominations for new members of the PRCC Executive Board. Three of the current members will be ending their terms and stepping down this spring. Nominations should be e-mailed to [president@pleasantridge.org](mailto:president@pleasantridge.org).

### District A Report

Maria Kreppel reported that Elliott Jordan has expanded his studio space on Ridge Avenue and will have an exhibit of portraits titled "Beyond Black & White" at the Pleasant Ridge library in February. The Playhouse in the Park will be performing "Dis/Troy," an adaptation of the Iliad, at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church on January 29<sup>th</sup> and at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Both shows are at 7 PM.

### Library Committee Report

Mary Ann Phalen reported that the library only has to raise about \$10,000 more for its accessibility renovation project. The library has recently received a \$40,000 grant and \$15,000 from other sources. They received more than \$28,000 in individual donations in 2010. The project should be going out for bids in February. Mary Ann requested that PRCC write a letter of support to present at the city's zoning hearing to approve the project, and that PRCC make a commitment to release the money that is being held in a restricted account for the project. Both requests were unanimously approved by a vote of the residents in attendance.

### Informant Report

Josh Krekeler reported that the Informant is being published in spring, early fall, and winter this year. The submission deadline for the spring issue is January 31<sup>st</sup>. A resident requested an article to inform residents about the proper use of the new recycling bins and the bi-weekly pickup schedule. Articles and/or article ideas should be sent to [informant@pleasantridge.org](mailto:informant@pleasantridge.org).

### Events Report

Beau McGrath reported that details of the monthly Shop Hop events, as well as coupons for the events, can be found on the front page of the neighborhood Web site, [www.pleasantridge.org](http://www.pleasantridge.org). He encouraged residents to sign up for the weekly e-mail announcement bulletins and to join the neighborhood's Facebook group (Pleasant Ridge, Cincinnati).

### Zoning Committee Report

Bonnie Dixon reported that she is working on getting something done about the bumpiness of the railroad tracks on Lester.

### Schools and Churches Report

Carl Evert reported that the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School Foundation is kicking off its fundraising year with a dance at the Losantiville Country Club on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets can be ordered in advance through [www.supportprm.org](http://www.supportprm.org).

### Hilton Davis Report

Marjorie Evert reported that Governor-elect John Kasich has appointed a new director for the Ohio EPA. She isn't sure if the money for the consultant with whom the community has been working on the Hilton Davis project survived the city's budget negotiations.

### Business Committee Report

John McCarthy reported that a law office and a naturopathic doctor's office will be opening in the neighborhood soon. Participation in the Shop Hop events is going well.

### Safety Committee Report

Don Trummel reported that between 20 and 30 people attended the Block Watch training session in November. Dates for this year's training sessions will be set soon. The Safety Committee meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at noon at Molly Malone's. All are welcome to attend!

*Respectfully submitted by Josh Krekeler*