

Pleasant Ridge Community Council Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2008

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

Treasurer's Report

Robert Ramsay distributed copies of the PRCC's balance sheet and income/expense report through October. He also announced that PRCC has added a section to www.pleasantridge.org for officers to disclose any conflicts of interest (see <http://www.pleasantridge.org/ccdf.html>).

Fire Department Report

Hakiz Zuberi from the Engine 8 firehouse advised residents to be careful to leave adequate space for airflow around heaters. Over the holidays, residents should turn off their light displays at night and be sure to not overload extension cords. The Engine 8 company responded to 17 fires and 106 EMS calls in October.

Police Report

Officer George Engleman provided crime statistics for the neighborhood for September.

Recreation Center

Jocelyn Stevens reported that the Seniors' fundraiser dance to benefit needy families on Saturday, November 8th is sold out. If you know of any needy families in the neighborhood, please see Ms. Stevens or Rick McCollum at the Recreation Center.

Mark Selzer, CRC's East Region Supervisor, reported that CRC is unsure whether there would be room for a walking trail around the ball fields in the park. He suggested that community members working on this project discuss it further with CRC's engineer. PRCC has sent a letter of support for the rain garden and walking trail project to CRC. Janet Teske will arrange a meeting to discuss the details that remain to be worked out.

Street Captains

Michelle Boyles asked residents to sign up as street captains, who hand out welcome kits to new neighbors and pass out newsletters on their streets. Several streets in the neighborhood still need captains.

Safety Report

Andy Powell reported that the Cincinnati Police Department now has an online link to maps showing the specific location of crimes in the city.

Business Committee

James Devaney reported that the Business Committee's meeting at the Pea Pod Café went well. The committee will be organizing four subcommittees and will schedule another meeting in November. E-mail James at vp@pleasantridge.org to get involved. He also reported that he has heard that the old K-Mart building on Ridge will be

redeveloped as a LEED-certified office building. (LEED is a certification system for highly energy-efficient and environmentally friendly buildings)

Beautification & Clean-Up Report

Steve Simon reported that turnout for the Fall clean-up and planting day was unusually low, but that the Recreation Center staff provided much welcome assistance.

Janet Teske reported that a group of high school volunteers will be planting a rain garden in front of Pleasant Ridge Montessori.

UDOD/Zoning Report

Bonnie Dixon will be organizing a committee to address some zoning-related issues in the neighborhood.

Events Report

Beau McGrath reminded residents that Winterfest is coming up on December 5th.

Montgomery Corridor Arts Collaborative

Maria Kreppel reported that the District A opening celebration was a success. Although there are some things they'd like to do differently next year, the event generated good traffic for businesses. Happen, Inc.'s Norman Rockwell art panels from the event are currently on display outside Nativity School. The MCAC will host an open house and community conversation with artists at ballet tech on November 20th.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Krekeler