

# Pleasant Ridge Community Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2008

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

## Treasurer's Report

Robert Ramsay distributed copies of PRCC's balance sheet and spending record for September and the year to date, and ideas that have been submitted for the 2009 budget.

## Police Report

Captain Wiseman from District 2 reported that the district now has four Segways that officers will be using during their patrols. Officer Engleman provided the monthly police report for the neighborhood and recommended that residents check the Web site [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) for local crime statistics. He also asked residents to report any thefts of sewer grates, which have been taken for scrap metal.

## Fire Report

Ken Sheehan from the Engine 8 firehouse reported that the company made 140 runs in September (14 fires, 88 EMS runs, and 38 non-fire responses). He advised that the city is taking some debris to Drake Park, but that residents should not dump yard waste or other personal trash there. Since there is a lot of dry grass in people's yards, he asked residents not to burn debris or leaves, and to be careful about grass fires when barbecuing.

## Recreation Center Report

Rick McCollum reported that recreation centers get to review local liquor license renewal applications and indicated that the recreation center would support the community's position on specific applications. PRCC is considering filing an objection to the renewal of the license for the Sunoco station at 6244 Montgomery.

Gary Price has organized a Pleasant Ridge Youth Council that meets at 6:30 on Fridays at the recreation center. Youth Council participants are available to help with community activities (call Mr. Price at the center at 731-7894).

## Library Presentation

Representatives from the Public Library and the architecture firm that worked on the designs for the Pleasant Ridge Library's renovation presented renderings of the designs. The renovation will feature a new ground-level entry area from the parking lot at the right of the building, an elevator, a pre-aged green copper roof, and larger, fully accessible restrooms. The improvements will be focused on accessibility, but the library will look for opportunities to incorporate environmentally-friendly elements such as furniture made from local wood.

The library committee has raised \$103,000 to date and has two grant applications in process, but **needs strong additional community support**. Donors can make contributions through the library (call John Reusing at 369-6970) or through PRCC.

### Business Committee Report

James Devanney reported that the Business Committee is hosting an open house for local businesses at the Pea Pod Café at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

The new National City Bank branch on the former K-Mart site on Ridge has a “green roof” that will help absorb stormwater. The branch is holding a community celebration through October 18<sup>th</sup> with door prizes and other fun activities.

### Hilton Davis Report

Concerned local residents sent letters to the Governor and the Ohio EPA director last month, encouraging them to support a final remediation process for the Hilton Davis site that conforms to the existing consent decree. Ohio Citizen Action may be willing to help generate some additional support and awareness as appropriate.

Marjorie Evert reported that the Ohio EPA has not responded to a request that they give the community advance notice of their decision and seek an independent analysis of possible remediation processes.

### UDOD/Zoning Report

Jim Abbott reported that the new 5/3 Bank parking lot has been completed, but that one of the street lamps on the sidewalk was removed in the process and may not be replaced. He also noted that Emanu seems to be doing well at its new location at Montgomery & Losantiville.

### Communications Report

Josh Krekeler reported that the Fall Informants will be delivered this week and solicited volunteers to help pass out newsletters to streets for which nobody had signed up yet. Thanks to Beau McGrath for recruiting additional volunteers to work on the newsletter.

### Schools Report

Carl Evert reported that the dedication ceremony for the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School building was a success, and described some of the items from the 1909 time capsule that was opened for the occasion. The school was part of a statewide “solar tour” this month. They are expecting to receive a 2-kilowatt solar panel system for the roof of the school, donated by Duke Energy. National City Bank has also donated \$500 to the PRMS Foundation.

*Respectfully submitted by Josh Krekeler*