

# PLEASANT RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Public Meeting Minutes

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center • January 3, 2017• 7:00pm-8:30pm

### CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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#### **Police, Officer Engelman**

- Review of monthly crime report for December: 1 breaking and entering, 1 neglected assault, 1 aggravated burglary, 3 burglaries, and 7 thefts, 2 of which were shoplifting, and another 2 of which were theft from unlocked vehicles.
- Owner of 5729 Montgomery has taken some concrete steps to improve the building, but there is still more work to be done.

#### **Rec Center, Christian**

- The Rec Center has a new personal trainer named Chris who is looking forward to meeting everyone. His phone number is located on the bulletin board at the Rec Center. He charges \$30 for 30 minute sessions, and \$270 for 3 sessions which includes nutrition.
- Cake decorating class: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30. January: Basic Buttercream. February: Basic Fondant.
- Art class: Wednesdays 10:30-12:30
- Homeschool Music Class: Thursdays 11:30-12:30
- Youth Ballet Class: Thursdays

### SPECIAL GUESTS

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#### **Angela Robertshaw, Pleasant Ridge Montessori**

- Go for the Gold: This month PRM is focusing on growth.
- Anyone is welcome the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) meetings: 1st Wednesdays of the month at 6-8pm at PRM in Art Room.
- PRM is connected to a community learning center which offers great resources for students
- PRM has a full-time nurse, a therapist, and various other support resources
- Anyone can reach out to Angela for any questions, comments, or suggestions

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### **Safety Committee, Don**

- Don will be stepping down as the Safety Committee Chair, but will remain until we find a new replacement.
- The Safety Committee Chair is responsible for coordinating and leading the safety committee meetings, block watch formation and training, and planning Good Guy Loitering.
- If you need help forming a Block Watch on your street, contact Don Trummel or Officer Engleman. Educational and technical training will be provided.
- Email Don at [dtrummel@fuse.net](mailto:dtrummel@fuse.net) to join Good Guy Loitering in 2017 or organize a Block Watch on your street

#### **Citizens on Patrol, Valerie**

- COPS is a volunteer organization with the police department that patrols the neighborhood in groups of 3, and reports any suspicious activity, reports graffiti/blight to the City's website, etc. It's a great way to get outside, get exercise, and meet your neighbors. Goal is to have enough people to do 1 patrol per week. After the 9-hour training with the police department, there is a 1-patrol hour minimum per month requirement. Download the application at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/linkservid/285F4555-8E91-4884-8F8Fo8833AABDE88/showMeta/o/>

#### **Beautification Committee, Jordan**

- Thanks to Denise of Gateway Orchard for coordinating the Giving Tree under the Gazebo this year!
- Our most recent bench permit applications for Gateway Cypress were denied, but we will work with the City to determine a new location for two new bench locations

- If anyone wants to sign up to water flower pots starting this spring, please email me at [secretary@pleasantridge.org](mailto:secretary@pleasantridge.org). If you are unable to take care of a flower pot full-time, you and a few of your neighbors can sign up to take care of one flower pot together.

### **Parking Committee, Bill**

- Partial public parking is now available at the Moler Beauty Academy parking lot (next to Burger King). A sign will be installed in the upcoming months to outline the terms of the parking. Parking spots delineated by white stripes (closer to the Moler/Youthland building) are available for parking after normal business hours, and the parking spots delineated by yellow stripes (closer to Burger King) are available for parking 24/7.
- Reminder that parking lot behind Walgreens is public parking
- PRDC and the PRBA will now be leading the parking committee now that we have an agreement in place with Moler Beauty Academy.

### **Pleasant Ridge Business Association, President, Joe Peters**

- PRBA is a newly formed association for the businesses and business owners, and a 501c organization with the State which will allow them to obtain a tax identification number, and collect dues. They could use community support to raise awareness that the PRBA is now in existence. Encourage your friends to reach out to PRBA. Closed meetings are monthly, first Wednesday of the month. Emily Frank of Share Cheese is the Secretary, and the best person to contact to learn more about PRBA
- 2 levels of membership: (1) brick-and-mortar businesses in Pleasant Ridge, and (2) Pleasant Ridge home-businesses membership

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES**

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### **Secretary, Jordan**

- A motion was raised and the November minutes were approved by a majority vote.

### **VP Communications, Sarah**

- Pipeline Committee: (1) January 12<sup>th</sup>: N.O.P.E. meeting & (2) January 19<sup>th</sup>: Duke meeting: location TBA

### **President, Bill**

- Website is up and running again thanks to Chris Norris and Brandon Losacker.
- Our goal for 2017 is to utilize the website and email blasts for council communications rather than through Facebook
- Housing Committee: We've had 4 meetings now with City Council and the owners of poorly managed Pleasant Ridge apartment complexes. City Council, notably Smitherman, have been extremely helpful in assisting with our Housing Committee.
- 3C Market on Lawndale & Montgomery: Their liquor license is up for renewal, however, the owner has failed to work with PRCC to reduce crime around his store. As a result, PRCC has submitted a letter of non-support to the Liquor Board until the owner works with the community to reduce crime surrounding the store.
- 2016 Year-in-Review distributed at meeting
- An Enquirer journalist has reached out to us wanting to write articles about Pleasant Ridge's growth and development. PRCC will meet with him to discuss topics for articles.
- We have received 4 new liquor licenses.
- Traffic Committee: Someone from the City has expressed a willingness to walk around Pleasant Ridge and pinpoint traffic issues in the neighborhood and help improve crosswalk and pedestrian safety, as well as traffic congestion.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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- A resident asked about how the City handles pedestrian violations, the 71-southbound exit changes, and further questions regarding pedestrian/traffic safety.