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RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2022

**APPROVING** the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* as the planning guide for the Kennedy Heights neighborhood.

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Heights Community Council requested that the City of Cincinnati work with it, neighborhood residents, business owners, and other stakeholders to create a comprehensive plan for the Kennedy Heights neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in crafting the neighborhood plan, staff from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, members of the Kennedy Heights Community Council, and the community at large formed the Kennedy Heights Steering Committee to champion the planning process, establish working groups focused on themes and geographic areas of importance in the neighborhood, identify goals for the future of the neighborhood, and promote solutions to existing challenges; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 17 months, the Kennedy Heights Steering Committee convened community-driven brainstorming meetings, canvassed door-to-door, drafted proposed goals and strategies, and refined those drafts incorporating feedback from community members to achieve the desired neighborhood quality of life and to supplement and further direct implementation of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012); and

WHEREAS, these efforts led to the creation of the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* to serve as the guiding instrument for the development of the Kennedy Heights neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Heights Community Council and community stakeholders desire for the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* to be officially approved by the Council so that it may serve as the City of Cincinnati's official planning guide for the Kennedy Heights neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* is consistent with the Strategies for all five Initiative Areas of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012), particularly the Compete Initiative Area goal to “[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” (page 102); the Connect Initiative Area goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood vitality” (page 129); the Live Initiative Area goal to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” (page 150); the Sustain Initiative Area goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” (page 193); and the Collaborate Initiative Area goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” (page 210); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 1, 2022, the City Planning Commission reviewed the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* and recommended it for approval; and

WHEREAS, a committee of Council considered and approved the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan*, finding it in the interest of the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, Council considers the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* to be in the best interests of the City and the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

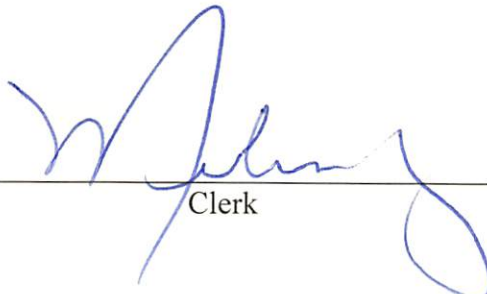
Section 1. That the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan* is in furtherance of the goals, strategies, and visions of the City of Cincinnati and its comprehensive plan, *Plan Cincinnati* (2012).


Section 2. That the *Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Plan*, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby approved.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be sent by the Clerk of Council to the Kennedy Heights Community Council at P.O. Box 36318, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

Passed: May 11, 2022

Attest:

  
Clerk

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor