

**December 12, 2023**

**South Fairmount Community Council Public Meeting  
Minutes by Heather Sayre, Recording Secretary**

Bill Heimbrock, Vice President presiding.

This meeting was live only due to technology failure.

**Report on Beekman Street Corridor Coalition Traffic meeting**

**Bill Heimbrock:** Two city council members and a representative from each Beekman Corridor Neighborhood spoke about traffic concerns in their neighborhood. Department of Transportation representative did not attend. Council members agreed to pursue community requests for complete streets design on Queen City and Westwood Northern Blvd, updated traffic signal patterns, and improved communication on traffic projects in our neighborhoods.

Heather clarified that “complete streets” are designed to meet the needs of commuters using automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrian modes of transportation. This is a design alternative to our current style of streets which prioritize the convenience of automobile commuters.

Ernstine elaborated Councilman Scotty Johnson committed to attend the traffic committee’s February meeting with an update from the Department of Transportation and Engineering.

**2. Engine 21 report**

Fire prevention: Be careful with Christmas trees and lights. Check for frayed cords. Don’t run too many cords on one circuit. Don’t run cords under carpets where they can become damaged without noticing.

Smoke detector install signup for CPS families: Contact 513-357-7584 Fire prevention department.

Residents without kids can call Engine 21 as they have smoke detectors donated from time to time. To check availability call 513-352-2321

Stats for this month: 171 responses, 5 working fires (more than typical), 152 EMS runs

Something cool: Engine 21 has a new ventilation unit, purchased from Point Pleasant Kentucky. The unit gets 2-3 calls each month from the Greater Cincinnati area to clear smoke out of large indoor areas.

**3. CPD District 3, Officer Uteck**

28 offenses this month, quite low for our neighborhood. Mostly auto theft (Hyundai and Kia) and porch pirates.

Officers have been lasering speeds on Westwood Ave during morning traffic. Measured one car at 90 mph

Discussion regarding litter and traffic solutions

#### **4. Housing study update, Odessa Carr**

Odessa and Brenden have been door knocking in North and South Fairmount with flyers and surveys. They have knocked on every door four times already,

The study ends December 31

The purpose is to find out where to focus resources to improve housing. Working In Neighborhoods intends to renovate a cluster of homes with limited funds as a demonstration that will lead to further investment

January 25 the study findings will be presented at the Beekman Street Corridor Coalition meeting, 6 pm  
1418 Dreman Ave (Working In Neighborhoods)

#### **5. Market update, Heather Sayre**

Beekman Community Market will host third pilot market December 15, 3-5 at Millvale Recreation Center

Ohio CAN purchased produce, eggs, and ground beef from local farms, which will be free for eligible families. Community vendors will have crafts, baked goods, and curated items for sale.

Market committee will visit South Fairmount January 2 to scope out potential host site.

Contact Heather to participate in market planning. [hsayre@wincincy.org](mailto:hsayre@wincincy.org), 513-541-4109 ext 16

#### **6. Community Holiday Dinner**

December 20, 11am-12:30 at Immanuel Church of Christ on Queen City

Catering by The Farm: Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, roll. desert

Free to everyone in the community

Increased production this year because Rev Bud included carryout for St. Francis Court residents

Need volunteers to serve, bus, and set places. Arrive at 10 am to volunteer

#### **7. San Antonio Lunch on the House**

resumes in January second and fourth tuesday of every month

Sit down meal, restaurant-like experience

Free, donations accepted

#### **8. Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) update**

Need to spend \$1000 on beautification before end of year

Plan to purchase large planters

Sarah from Dunham: Price Hill council pays parks for planter management

Mary Joe from Price Hill Garden Club and Lloyd Library: City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry Department charges \$45 per year per pot to provide pot, soil, spring, summer, and fall plants, and keep watered. Contact Robin 513-861-9070. Neighborhood volunteer checks the pots and reports if care is needed.

Bill will follow up on the parks planter program, and make sure beautification investment is made.

#### **9. Dunham Recreation Center, Sarah**

Personal connection to South Fairmount: Great grandpa operated a fruit truck in SF and she was a lifeguard at SF pool

Community Share Fundraiser: donate to support Dunham

Senior programs are wrapping up for the year. They have fun programs like pottery class and field trips

Program flyers are at front desk

**10. 8:10 pm motion to adjourn. Invited to join Price Hill council for pizza.**