

South Fairmount Community Council Meeting Feb 13, 2024

7 pm Dunham Recreation Center

Bill Heimbrock presiding

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. CPD District 3 Report: Officer Uteck
  - 18 offences this month, down from 23
  - Mostly autothefts and theft from auto. Hundai and Kia are targeted. Stop by District 3 to pick up a wheel lock to protect your vehicle. Many incidents are recorded on camer. 2-3 kids break windows and climb in. Fire arms are stolen from vehicles. Do not keep firearms in vehicles.
  - Mattress dumper was found guilty in court. Owner of mattress shop on Marshall Ave in Camp Washinton fined for dumping 63 mattresses in South Fairmount
  - Investigating break ins at Lunkenheimer
  - Police non emergency number is 513-765-1212. Use this line to report illegal parking
  - Dumping on private property is Health Department domain. Report to 311 fix it cincy app
  - Drones in the neighborhood could be police or news, but rarely deployed in the city. Used if looking for a felon or lost kid. There are FAA rules that govern drones, including how close they can fly to people, license for commercial use, may not fly out of line of sight, must be in daytime. If a drone is flying by your house, document with video and notify FAA.
3. Fire Station 21 report
  - See fire prevention flyer. New monthly flyer includes updates from the 5 bureaus of the fire department.
  - Monthly report: mostly EMS, no large fires, new vent unit has 1-2 runs per month to outlying communities such as Lebanon and West Chester, which supports networking between fire departments.
4. Dani Isaacsohn, State Representative House Districe 24
  - State House update
    - This is a capital budget year. Last year was an operations budget year. There are two segments.
      - They have just approved large projects. Hamilton county received funds for convention center, UC breast cancer center, Xavier medical school, and symphony renovation of riverbend.
      - Community projects budget will be voted on in April. Hamilton County will have 20-24 million dollars. The process is run by Cincinnati business community. Chamber of commerce will send request for proposals to non profits and community groups. The commission will review proposals and make recommendations to the legislature, who will vote

on the recommendations. Rep Dani pointed out that it is unusual for a business community to control distribution of state funds so closely and gave examples of systems in other Ohio counties.

- Civil Justice Committee is negotiating terms for marijuana sales laws in response to vote to legalize recreational marijuana
- Introduced freeze on senior property tax so that persons with fixed income would have fixed property tax: bipartisan joint sponsor, has had 4 hearings in committee. Working to include in committee recommendations for legislature vote.
- Supporting bills that have been introduced to increase graduation rates, instill universal background checks for government employees, freeze concealed carry of firearm without permit
- Reach out if you have questions [Rep24@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep24@ohiohouse.gov) office 614-466-5786 77 South High Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 45215

#### 5. Traffic Update

- Speed bumps on westwood between grand and van hart installation has begun. Will take about 2 weeks. Westwood will be down to one lane 9am-4 pm. Contact Ursela Miller at DOTE
- Beekman Corridor Coalition Traffic Meeting will be at San Antonio Church, 1950 Queen City Ave Tuesday February 20 at 6 pm. Bring yourself and a neighbor to meet with City Council members Scotty Johnson Mark Jeffreys, and Melissa McVay, Senior Planner at Cincinnati Department of Traffic and Engineering to begin planning complete streets design to slow traffic in the Beekman Corridor. Contact Mary [mmetzmeier@wincincy.org](mailto:mmetzmeier@wincincy.org), 513-541-4109 ext 105

#### 6. NSP planning:

- Bill Heimbrock is the manager of these funds and just filed 2023 report. Passed out proposed budget for 2024.
- \$2,500 less available than 2023. The neighborhood will receive up to \$7,375. Funds must be used to benefit the community.
- Projects proposed include
  - increasing council membership (website, zoom membership, and flyers),
  - beautification (refreshments for street litter cleanup, fire department monument, and flower pots),
  - community engagement events (pumpkin fest decorations, pumpkins, treats, and signage),
  - community holiday dinner (food and flyers),
  - council support (required po box rental).
- We will vote on the budget at March meeting.
- In 2023 SFCC purchased a marble stone monument to honor fire station 21. Need to pay for concrete base to install in 2024 (beautification).

- Troy suggested using funds for signage to slow traffic. Bill stated that the funds cannot be used for something that the city will pay for. For traffic signs to be approved, we would need a letter from the city stating that they would not pay for traffic signs.
7. EarthDay Planning:
    - Earth Day Celebration falls outside of NSP funding period, so is not included in NSP budget
    - We will reuse vinyl sign from last year
    - MSD Deb Leonard and Jim Casey, president of SFCC will meet soon to plan the “Greenup” event
    - Morning includes litter cleanup with festivities in the afternoon.
    - Contact Jim with ideas for the event
  8. Housing Update: Mary from Working In Neighborhoods
    - Jan 25 Housing report summary: Study results show #1 request from North and South Fairmount is resources for home repairs
    - Passed out handout on home repair resources and housing study result packets
    - Life as a Homeowner workshop, targeted to new homeowners 2/27/24 6-7:30 pm
    - Contact Mary [mmetzmeier@wincincy.org](mailto:mmetzmeier@wincincy.org) 513-541-4109 ext 105
  9. Fish Fry at Immanuel Church of Christ: Joyce Smith
    - Needs community volunteers for setup/cleanup
    - March 29, 4-6 pm (Good Friday)
    - \$5 meal
  10. Market Update
    - Beekman Community Market is this Saturday February 17, 3-5 pm at Millvale Recreation Center
    - Markets are a fun opportunity to connect the neighborhoods that share the Beekman Corridor. The third Saturday of each month, markets change locations. March will be at North Fairmount Family Center, April at Earth Day Celebration at Lick Run, May at Ethel M Taylor Academy
    - Support neighborhood entrepreneurs, makers of crafts and baked goods
    - OhioCAN purchases food from local farms which we distribute free to income eligible individuals
    - 4-H and Library provide activities and information about services
    - Passed out two sided flyers with market and traffic information
    - Contact Heather [hsayre@wincincy.org](mailto:hsayre@wincincy.org) 513-541-4109 ext 116 with questions and vendor referrals.
  11. Next Steps towards South Fairmount’s Community Development Corporation (CDC)
    - Bill: Jan 12, Jim and Bill met with West Africa at his office on Harrison Ave south of viaduct where the flower shop used to be. He asked the council to be involved in a CDC and we are learning about what a CDC can do. A CDC is a nonprofit that can channel money for development. Now that we have zoning change, we want to bring people back to South Fairmount. West has lots of ideas and we are learning about it. He is not

ready to share his ideas with the group until they are further planned. January 28 SFCC Board, 7 people, met to explain what a CDC is and decided it would be a benefit.

Homebase is a non profit that would help us set it up once we have a better idea of how we want to attract residents and businesses.

- Mary: Working In Neighborhoods is a CDC
- Bill: this CDC would not replace Working In Neighborhoods, but would work alongside it.

12. Adjourned