



“ A Growing Diverse Community ”

Agenda

Tuesday, September 8 , 2026 @ 6pm

Carll Street Family Center

1769 Carll Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

6:00 Welcome: Darlene Capell

6:05 Prayer: Ms. Yates

Early Community Reports

6:07 Vice Mayor Kearney

6:15 Millvale Rec Center

6:20 Treasure Report : Deanna Franklin

6:25 Approval of August Minutes + looked over

New Business

6:30 Presidants Report: Darlene Capell

Community Report Outs

6:35 Hopple Street Health Center
Leap Academy
Carll Street Family Center
Working in Neighborhoods

6:50 Q/A

6:55 Announcements

7:00 Adjournment

Next meeting

October 13, 2026 6pm

@ Carll Street Family Center

Dinner will be served

NFC Council

North Fairmount Community Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Carll Street Family Center

Call to Order

President **Darlene Capell** called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Prayer

Opening prayer was led by **Ms. Mary Yates, Chaplain**.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Darlene Capell (President), Deanna Franklin (Treasurer), Barbara Palmer (Secretary), and Toni Hawkins (Speaker Representative). **Board Member Absent:** Tricia Feters (Vice President).

Guest Speakers & Community Partners: **Officer Dula; Darrell Franklin** (Mill Creek Alliance); **Mary Metzmeir** (Working in Neighborhoods); **Brenda** (Millvale Health Center); **Denise Hill** (Carll Street Family Center); and community residents. **Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney** participated by phone.

Total Attendance: 17 participants — 16 in attendance plus the Vice Mayor by phone. Attendance was affected by the power outage that day.

Public Safety Reports

Police — Officer Dula: Officer Dula reported a recent arrest involving aggravated assault and strangulation and discussed theft and neighborhood safety concerns. Residents were reminded to remain alert and report suspicious activity. Illegal dumping remained a major concern; residents were encouraged to use 311 and provide photographs or vehicle information when available. Surveillance cameras, warning signage, patrols, speeding, obstructed intersections, and other traffic-safety measures were discussed. A DPS cleanup effort was underway August 10–14, with a dumpster available at the spray ground.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Deanna Franklin reported a **bank balance of \$6,810.42** and **petty cash of \$298.50**. Membership dues remain \$5 per month or \$60 annually. Funding and project expenditures related to neighborhood stairway improvements, invasive plant removal, and safety lighting were also discussed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The July 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. The motion was seconded by **Darrell Franklin**. All present voted in favor, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Capell discussed neighborhood concerns including illegal dumping, traffic safety, voter engagement, city services, and upcoming Community Budget Requests. The Council continued encouraging residents to report neighborhood concerns and participate in community planning and outreach.

Funding & Project Updates

Work continues on neighborhood stairways, including invasive honeysuckle and ivy removal and safety-lighting improvements. The Council also discussed overgrown vegetation, sidewalk accessibility, and street maintenance. Community Budget Requests are due August 28, 2026. Priorities discussed included a permanent community meeting/outreach space, traffic-safety improvements, recreational and fitness amenities, accessibility improvements, landscaping, and other neighborhood needs.

Special Guest Presentations

Brenda — Millvale Health Center: Shared information regarding adult medical, pediatric, OB/GYN, dental, and other health services and discussed measles prevention and vaccination.

Darrell Franklin — Mill Creek Alliance: Invited residents to a free community canoe ride on August 22, highlighting environmental improvements and wildlife along Mill Creek.

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney: Participating by phone, shared information regarding flood relief and indicated plans to attend the September Council meeting.

Community Partner Reports

Mary Metzmeir — Working in Neighborhoods: Shared information on rising property taxes, the Owner Occupancy Tax Credit, Homestead Exemption, home-repair assistance, affordable housing concerns, and the Port's low-interest home-improvement loan program.

Denise Hill — Carll Street Family Center: Reported that the after-school program is scheduled to begin August 31, 2026, and families were encouraged to contact her for registration information.

Motions & Votes

July Minutes: Approved unanimously; seconded by **Darrell Franklin**.

Adjournment: Motion made by Barbara Palmer and seconded by Deanna Franklin. All voted in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Upcoming items included the August 22 Mill Creek canoe ride, August 28 Community Budget Request deadline, August 31 start of the after-school program, September traffic-safety activities, housing meetings, voter-registration outreach, and other neighborhood events and resources.

Meeting Highlights & Key Actions

The Council reviewed public safety and illegal dumping concerns, reported current financial balances, approved the July minutes, discussed neighborhood improvement projects and Community Budget Request priorities, and shared health, housing, youth, environmental, flood-relief, and voter-engagement resources.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned following the approved motion to adjourn.

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