

North Fairmount Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2025

Location: LEAP Academy

Attendees:

- Council President: Darlene Capell
- Council Vice President: Trisha Feters (NSP Chair, Price Hill Library)
- Council Secretary: Barbara Palmer
- Council Treasurer: Deanna Franklin
- Council Parliamentarian: Odessa Carr
- Council Chaplain: Mary Yates
- Council Member: Mattie Williams
- Denise Hill (NFCC)
- Latanya Cobb (Local Contractor)
- Officer Gottman (Police Liaison)
- Sergeant Hicks (Police)
- Mary Metzmeier (Working in Neighborhoods)
- Vice Mayor Kearney (City of Cincinnati)
- Tony Hawkins (Speaker Representative)
- Others

Speakers and Topics:

- Mattie Williams: Led opening prayer
- Barbara Palmer: Secretary duties, minutes approval
- Darlene Capell: Meeting facilitation

- Officer Gottman: Crime statistics, introduction as new liaison
- Sergeant Hicks (Police): Fusus program introduction
- Mary Metzmeier (Working in Neighborhoods): Raised traffic concerns
- Mary Yates (Council Chaplain): Participated in minutes approval
- Trisha Fethers (Council Vice President, NSP Chair, Price Hill Library): Proposed community projects (Teen Summit, Back-to-School Event, Senior Classes)
- Deanna Franklin: Financial update
- Denise Hill (NFCC): Community center updates (summer camp, new after-school and teen programs)
- Vice Mayor Kearney (City of Cincinnati): Advocacy and follow-up with city officials

1. Opening and Prayer:

Meeting opened with a prayer led by Mattie Williams, expressing gratitude and seeking guidance for the neighborhood.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Previous meeting's minutes reviewed and unanimously approved.

Motion made by Mary Yates, seconded by Barbara Palmer.

3. Police Report:

Officer Gottman introduced himself as the new neighborhood liaison unit officer.

Crime statistics: 3 auto thefts, 2 burglaries, 1 robbery (Beacon Street, 5:00 AM).

Sergeant Hicks introduced the Fusus program for residents to register security cameras to assist police in real time.

4. Traffic Concerns:

Mary Metzmeier (Working in Neighborhoods) raised traffic safety issues.

City considering installation of speed cushions.

Residents encouraged to attend the May 20th meeting with the Department of Traffic and Engineering.

5. Community Projects Proposed:

Trisha Fetters proposed:

- Teen Summit and Job Fair
- Back-to-School Event (school supplies distribution)
- Senior Citizen Classes (skills and social engagement)

6. Financial Update:

Treasurer Deanna Franklin reported a \$830 balance in the PNC account.

Board agreed to allocate \$10,000 in NSP funds for:

- Community Carnival
- Membership Drive
- Senior Citizen Initiative

7. Community Center Update:

Denise Hill (NFCC) shared plans for:

- Summer camp (starting June 2nd, K-3rd grade)
- New after-school and teen programs for fall

8. Next Steps:

Board to gather info on available buildings for community use and continue neighborhood improvement advocacy.

Vice Mayor Kearney (City of Cincinnati) will follow up with city officials on community center funding.

9. Upcoming Events:

Community Cleanup: Saturday, May 17th at LEAP Academy.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at Carl Street Family Center (pizza provided).

Minutes prepared by:

Barbara Palmer, Council Secretary