

North Fairmount Community Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

Location: Carll Street Family Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by **Darlene Capell**, President.

Prayer

Prayer was led by **Mary Yates**, Chaplain.

Attendance

Members present included **Darlene Capell** (President), **Trisha Fetters** (Vice President), **Deanna Franklin** (Treasurer), **Barbara Palmer** (Secretary), **Mary Yates** (Chaplain), and **Toni Hawkins** (Speaker Representative).

Guests and Community Partners Present: **Officer Dula** (District 3 Police), **Karen Ramsey** (Victim Services Unit), **Brenda Waldron** (Millville Health Center), **Mary Metzmeier** (Working in Neighborhoods), **Rebecca Fairbanks** (Talbert House), **Denise Hill** (Carll Street Family Center), **Michael Teller** (LEAP Academy), **Trista Davis** (Beekman Community Market), representatives from North Fairmount Center (Angel Arms), additional guests, and community residents.

Total attendance was 26 participants, including 2 attending virtually.

Public Safety Reports

CPD Report – Officer Dula:

Officer Dula reported that crime has decreased approximately 30% over the past year and 54.3% over the last three years. Motorcycle patrols were used throughout the neighborhood to help address speeding and traffic concerns. Approximately 13 additional officers are expected to be deployed to improve patrol visibility and response times.

Residents were encouraged to report suspicious activity, lock vehicles, and continue calling 911 even when details are limited. ShotSpotter technology was discussed as an additional tool used to assist officers with locating gunfire activity. Concerns regarding follow-up communication, drag racing, and neighborhood traffic safety were also discussed by residents.

Fire Department Report – Captain Levi Florence:

Captain Levi Florence from Truck 35 provided April 2026 response statistics. Runs per company included: Truck 35 – 263 runs, Engine 35 – 496 runs, Engine 12 – 257 runs, and Engine 21 – 209 runs.

North Fairmount experienced a total of 27 emergency calls during the reporting period. Of those incidents, 25 were medical-related emergencies and 2 were non-medical incidents, including fires, gas leaks, carbon monoxide concerns, or related emergencies.

Captain Florence also shared that Truck 35 plans to attend the upcoming Council meeting if possible.

Victim Services Unit

Karen Ramsey shared information regarding services available through the Victim Services Unit, including emotional support, compensation assistance, advocacy, follow-up care, and assistance throughout the court process. Marcy's Law protections were discussed, and residents were encouraged to utilize Crime Stoppers for anonymous reporting.

Treasurer's Report

Deanna Franklin reported a current bank balance of \$2,415.12 with approximately \$194 cash on hand. Membership dues remain \$5 per month or \$60 annually. Continued discussions were held regarding community engagement funding, grant opportunities, and neighborhood support initiatives.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by **Barbara Palmer** and seconded by **Trisha Feters**. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Partner Reports

Mary Metzmeier – Working in Neighborhoods:

Discussed ongoing neighborhood improvement projects, traffic safety planning, community engagement efforts, and the 2% home repair loan program available to eligible residents. Upcoming planning sessions and neighborhood support resources were also shared.

Rebecca Fairbanks – Talbert House:

Shared information regarding services available for individuals returning to the community after incarceration. Services include employment assistance, healthcare access, case management, mental health support, and recovery resources designed to support successful reentry into the community.

Denise Hill – Carll Street Family Center:

Provided updates regarding youth and family programming, upcoming summer activities, and family support services available through the Carll Street Family Center throughout the summer months.

Trista Davis – Beekman Community Market:

Discussed the continued growth of the Beekman Community Market and outreach efforts supporting residents experiencing food insecurity. The pay-what-you-can model and expanded community engagement efforts were highlighted during the discussion.

Michael Teller – LEAP Academy:

Discussed neighborhood engagement efforts and cleanup initiatives involving LEAP Academy and community volunteers. Future opportunities for resident involvement and neighborhood beautification efforts were encouraged.

Brenda Waldron – Millville Health Center:

Shared information regarding available healthcare services including medical care, pharmacy access, wellness support, and preventative healthcare resources available regardless of insurance status.

North Fairmount Center / Angel Arms:

Representatives discussed continued donation support, community outreach efforts, and upcoming events designed to assist neighborhood families and residents in need.

Announcements

Rock the Block Cleanup is scheduled for April 24, 2026. The Neighborhood Summit will take place on April 25, 2026. Library workshops are scheduled for April 29 and May 6. Transportation assistance remains available for the May 5 Primary Election.

Meeting Highlights & Key Actions

Council members and residents discussed continued crime reduction efforts, increasing police visibility, expanding community partnerships, infrastructure improvements, and ongoing resident engagement throughout the neighborhood.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned following announcements and final community discussion.

Next Council Meeting

May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM – Carll Street Family Center

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