

South Fairmount Community Council Monthly Public Meeting

August 12, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Dunham Recreational Center, 7 pm to 8 pm.

Attendance: 10 in person and 4 online.

7 pm Called to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Review June meeting minutes. Jacquie motioned to approve. All in favor.

Engine 21: (on Zoom)

- July was busiest month of the year, as is typical. Response to auto accidents by nature of Westwood and Queen City ave. No high profile runs- good news. Out of district runs with vent unit to clear ballpark of hazardous material.
- Fire safety tips: with the heat that we've been experiencing, review heat exhaustion vs. heat stroke. Heat stroke merits 911 call. Heat exhaustion is milder, when your body experiences dehydration: weakness, rapid pulse, muscle cramps- get to a cooling center such as CRC- visit beattheheat.com. Heat Stroke is condition in which your body has no fluid remaining. Body stops sweating, confusion, temperature raises rapidly. Closest cooling centers listed on city's website- Cincinnati.oh.gov- city of Cincinnati resources- beat the heat- cooling centers

District 3: Officer Gottmann and Sergeant Hicks: green on neighborhood report: reported crime is down. Theft from autos/auto thefts is steady. Don't leave your keys in the ignition. CPS is starting school Aug 20- look out for kids at bus stops. Breaking and entering: unauthorized person entered vacant house. Aggravated assault- two people got in a fight and one person was seriously injured. Class in third week-57. Hiring for another class. Trying to keep numbers up. City has had a record number of retirements, working to keep up. Is dumping down? It's not typically reported. Free dumping on Cherry Street. South Fairmount and North Fairmount are top dumping places. Technology has been very helpful with catching culprits. It's a pretty big violation. We can fine and take car used for dumping. We may not be able to prove who dumped, but we can prove what vehicle was used. \$1200 ticket. Constant dumping on Biegler- call 311- illegal dumping on private parcel, contact Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Hicks (born and raised in south Fairmount) - we're fighting a persona in South Fairmount that we aren't a place for dumping. Information comes from the citizens- your technology is better than ours.

Jim: Announcement- thanks to Jill who worked to install a little free library at the community garden 1727 Queen City. Thanks to Bill Heimbrock for his work on the community garden.

Garden update- (Bill) - yesterday the civic garden center came for a tour of south Fairmount heirloom garden. Very educational and working towards funding for winter- spring timeframe. Time frame of NSP does not align planting season. More Funding needed. Made first harvest this morning- delivered to

produce share at North Fairmount Community Center. Was planning to distribute at Beekman Community Market, but NFCC was happy to receive instead.

Port has taken ownership of Lunkenheimer building. Received funding to stabilize and remediate hazards. Asking for signature of council for letter of support for the port application for funding NCCIP-predevelopment activities such as site assessment and predevelopment activities.

Bill: this is a big step forward.

Maureen: is there any language about focusing on local businesses and contractors?

Jim: there is an understanding that we want to support local as much as possible. For this stage, we do not have the businesses in the neighborhood that could do the engineering consultation.

Heather: can we add a sentence about prioritizing local businesses.

Motion to approve proposed letter with amendment to include support for local businesses. (Maureen, Jacquie 2nd, all in favor. 0 against)

Yard update: activation of 3 spaces. One space includes yellow bridge. Incinerator is being torn down. Mill creek alliance is designing that recreation space. Lower price hill team is working at project by Oyler. 3rd space is at the end of queen city where the lick run meets Mill Creek.

Maureen: what is going to happen there?

Jim: we don't know- something to make it an attractive place for people to gather with access to Mill Creek. Yard and Co. is spearheading this project. Each neighborhood is going to have 4-5 paid positions. Those jobs will be available to you- giving input about what you want for that space. "Experience the mill creek" is the name of the project

Pumpkin Fest: Want to reduce the chaos – 6-7 instead of 6-8. Getting 350 pumpkins this year. One big trip to Costco, so 1 receipt. Hoping to get a few volunteers from Reingeist.

Katrina: what is pumpkin patch?

Jacque: we spread pumpkins around the grass by the picnic shelter at lick run and set up trick or treat stations. We're trying to get enough volunteers to monitor pumpkins. It will be the Friday before Halloween- October 24, 6-7. Volunteers sign up. Heather will confirm if WIN team will do a booth again this year. Ask adults to volunteer.

Block party: Jill suggested fire or band.

Mary: Beekman Corridor coalition could reach out to South Fairmount residents in Beekman Corridor Coalition.

Jill: buy corn hole, hang a sheet and show a movie

Beekman Corridor Coalition, Mary Metzmeier

- If you need home repairs and are over 60, you can sign up for an IDA- save \$250 union savings bank will match \$2500. Just need to come to classes to learn how to save money. Award must be spent on home repairs.
- Sidewalk repairs: the city is offering \$100,000 for residential sidewalk repairs in Beekman Corridor, which is usually homeowner responsibility. There is an amnesty on sidewalk citation while this program lasts. Coalition is planning a fun sidewalk stroll August 28, 6-7
- Information on homebuyer education
- Housing team is working hard on landslides, taxes, and money for home repairs. We're in discussion with state legislators, taking them on tours. The next is Sept 4 with Jean Schmit. If you'd like to help plan, call Mary 513-541-4109 ext 105
- Traffic team is getting a lot done. South Fairmount council has submitted thing that need done in this neighborhood, but they are all a part of the corridor traffic plan. Westwood Northern Blvd is now included in the City's safe streets plan. We prioritize our traffic plan. A lot of the things in the plan are in process. We are looking for other sources for funding other items on the plan. Westwood Northern will be federally funded. Some streets have fast cars but not a lot of crashes. It still deters from quality of life, so in conversation with legislators about other sources of funding. Come to the traffic meeting August 26 at San Antonio
- Katrina asked about Revive and Thrive, which is not active in the city yet.
- Beekman Community Market is Second Saturdays. New produce vendor from South Fairmount.