

South Fairmount Community Council Meeting
2026-02-10; 7:00-8:22pm; Dunham Recreation Center
Attendance: 11 in person, 1 online

7:05

Jim Casey

Welcome, Pledge,

Scarlett Hayes

Review of Last Meeting's Minutes—Accepted

TJ (District 3)

Introduction to new Community Liaison Officer - TJ

Started in district 5, has been in district 3 since, is familiar with the neighborhood

[Neighborhood Report](#) & [Crime Map](#)

Burglaries are down

Keep your things locked up

There was one shooting or stabbing, but no other violent crime

Community concerns:

People driving too fast on side streets at rush hour

Requests for speed bumps

Issues on Selim: disregard for no parking signs, cars parked on sidewalks, in front of hydrants, abandoned vehicles, complaints of drug activity at the tire shop

Jim (CRC)

Summer Camp for K-6 will be June 8 - August 14, spaces are filled up, taking names for waitlist

Weekly/Daily Senior Activities Calendar available

Plans in place to fix the building up

Putting a few small things down at Lick Run in the spring

Bill Heimbrock

[NSP Project Budget](#)

Each neighborhood gets the same money, have to submit a proposal with a detailed breakdown, go to jury of peers to vote on approval

\$9666 to spend this year - 6 projects in NSP budget

All funds must be spent by November 15th

Project Breakdown:

Projects 1&5: Community Council Maintenance

Project 2: Beautification & Clean-up

Maybe there are funds for cleanup or opportunities to partner with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Project 3: South Fairmount Community Garden

Last year >\$2000 spent on soil and tools, this year we have financial assistance from Healthy Communities—Adding 4 raised beds with soil on their funding
Will get late winter/early spring to plant tomatoes in May
Will add more tomato, more pepper, and double/triple greens,
Heirloom garden; collecting seeds from the previous year to grow the following year
Jill Keith has gotten \$1000 from seeds of change to get 6 metal raised beds, hoping seniors can use raised beds and have wheelchair access, will be flowers but can be vegetables, looking for active involvement from Francis Court

Project 4: Community Engagement Events

Earth day - last year we did games and other community partners brought things
Pumpkin Fest - with trick or treat usually the Friday before Halloween
Block Party Program - plans to continue

Project 6: Christmas Dinner with Immanuel Church of Christ

church is having financial issues—partner with them to help fund dinner with NSP funds

Request to use Imanuel for meetings and contribute funds for use of their space.

-Had accessibility issues in the past, can revisit, will look into being able to pay for space use

Can we combine projects to simplify the proposal?

-Will look into combining 1&5 (Administrative Funds), and 2&3 (Community Garden & Beautification)

What's the window for spending funds?

- Will vote on plan in March meeting to submit to board for the April 3rd deadline
- April 14th will present proposals to other councils & vote
- Money cannot be spent until after contract is signed
- November 1st is the spending deadline, November 15th is the submission deadline

Will be using community meetings to further discuss funding for NSP Projects

Glenda Smith (candidate for Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas)

[flier](#)

-driven by a commitment to safe communities, accomplished by safeguarding civil rights, justice, and fairness

-years of trial work as an attorney; a fighter who enjoys representing people that have a good cause

-running for general division, will be on ballot in May

-not endorsed by a party; believes in independence & impartiality, has worked cases against the government

-believes that judges should be servants and everyone should be treated with respect

glendaforjudge.org

gasmithlaw.com

REMINDER TO VOTE MAY 5TH!

Mary Metzmeier

[Flier - Beekman Corridor Coalition Dates](#)

[Flier - Homebuyer Training Classes](#)

[Flier - Produce Pop-up Dates](#)

[Flier](#) & [Letter from Pamela J Adams](#)

Produce pop-ups first friday of the month

Traffic plan needs updating - next meeting is the 24th

10/35 points promised or achieved

Westwood Northern is \$1million safe streets investment

Have been meeting with Senators about the Beekman corridor, have gotten commitments to support funding

Housing committee will be meeting March 5th at WIN

Reminder to check for property tax credits; this year they are doing tax revisions

Meeting with our elected officials to see if they can refine the revision process

Community Market

Next market will be March 14th, 11-2:30 at the Carll Street Family Center

Seed library at New York Grocery (filing cabinet with seeds to check out and bring more back once you've grown)

Seed order sent today for our seeds, about 10 people contributed

South Fairmont has \$200 budget

Garden together starting March 4th; meet to learn & garden together – building a gardening network

A clear title needed for many programs – Check out the Wills Workshop:

April 21st 5pm at WIN, partnering with Legal Aid to sponsor workshops on Wills and Transfer of Death, second session May 5th

It is important to get the transfer of death affidavit to prevent property from going to probate court

[Where can you get information on medicare?](#)

-Try calling Cincinnati Area Senior Services (513) 721-4330

Will talk about canoe trip next meeting

8:22 meeting end