

South Fairmount Community Council

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2025

Interests: learn what's happening at lunkenheimer, dote update on viaduct (February)

Attendance: 6 in person, 2 via Zoom

Fire department:

winter weather operations- digging out hydrants and checking streets for access- 98% accessible. Neighbors helped dig out hydrants. City reported that Lionel is private street. Fire department will ask public works to look into it.

2024 report: 102 runs. About 1000 run hit this year since gps dispatches geographically closest truck. Concern may result in Engine 21 deemed unnecessary by city. Engine 1 staffed by 4 people, out of funding. Instead, 2 person vehicle ems runs (Chase Car/ALS unit). Under 200 people a day on the street at any time.

Fire safety: keep space heaters 3 feet away from people, pets, bedding. Karosine heaters are not allowed in the city. More modern heaters have safety features to shut off automatically if they tip over.

District 3 Police:

Officer Hicks: Doug Utecht has moved on to an investigative role. Currently hiring a new neighborhood officer. Expect to have him on by the next meeting. Crime stats: issue with data. Last look, SF crime was down. 26 probation officer recruits are on the streets in SF. 42 in academy. About half will graduate.

Becky: tire shop working on sidewalk, cars sitting without moving.

Hicks: SF now has parking enforcement officers (overtime parking, so include overtime request when filing 311 order

Police perceived issues in SF: dumping, including junk cars.

NSP

Today was the last day of spending for 2024. Spent \$7464, \$86 over budget

Project 1: increase council membership \$2647

Project 2: beautification \$783

Project 3: community engagement \$1175

Project 4: community dinner at Immanuel Church \$1595

Community Garden

2024 grew petunias and tulips. Currently have 3 raised beds. Looking into how other community gardens work through WIN. 2025 will be experimental. MSD found a capped water outlet that is not attached to anything. Part of MSD irrigation system.

Jill: we should plant lavender labyrinth, little free library, yoga at the garden

Bill: we have to coordinate anything that we plant with MSD maintenance. We all do a lot of yardwork at home. The business association asked MSD to auction off properties along Lick Run to Port for business development. MSD is reserving lots for South Fairmount Community Garden

Beekman Corridor Coalition

Traffic team working to slow traffic and make it safer. Gave a tour to DeVou good foundation, who helps neighborhood make traffic calming plans. Returning Jan 21 at San Antonio to work on plan to deal with hot spots. Expect discussion as residents negotiate where calming measures are priorities.

Housing team: next meeting Feb 6 at WIN

Beekman Corridor Coalition Meeting next Thursday at 6 at WIN: update from all the committees, presentation from Tri State Trails about Reimagining the Civic Commons

Market: February 8 at Carll Street Family Center

Jim Moore from Dunham: after school day camp spots available. Summer programs will come out in mid February. Jewelry making class twice a month for \$12, Bingo twice a month, lots of things going on on a daily basis. Strength training MWF, hand and foot card game, bridge, book club once a month, tai chi weekly, pickle ball, quilting and sewing Fridays, walking group in spring. Yoga on Wednesday evenings. Pottery, ceramics, choraleers. 513-251-5862

Heather: could we have activities in Lick Run? Call Jim to coordinate

Becky: What happened to monument at Fire Station

Bill: budgeted \$1000 to do cement base for the monument. Request gets shifted around because it's not our property

2025 NSP

Heather: could we include a budget in NSP for block parties to organize neighbors. Heather will draft a proposal before next month.

Adjourn at 8:18

Saturday after mothers day, price hill garden club plant sale at Rapid Run Park, May 17