

South Fairmount Community Council Meeting
2026-01-13; 7:00-8:00pm; Dunham Recreation Center
Attendance: 8 in person, 2 online

Jim Casey

Welcome

Review of minutes accepted

Mark (Fire Department Engine 21)

182 runs in December

Responded to a few fires in Price Hill and Westwood, one in South Fairmount on the 1800 block of Westwood Ave

Reminder to have operable smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Fire Department may have the ability to provide detectors, call the Risk Reduction Line: 513-357-7585

Jim Casey

Monument installed near firehouse, wanting to have a ceremony in March/April

Officer Gottman (District 3)

Thefts, Breaking & Entering – no real violent crime to report

Approx 15 new recruits starting February 1st

Gottman is moving on to district 2 – a new neighborhood officer will be assigned

What should we do if ICE is around?

Nothing. They've never had any interaction with ICE and have never worked with them.

Where is the process with listing personal cameras with the police department?

Residents can share access to personal cameras with law enforcement through Axon Fusus platform by signing up on the cincinnati website:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/news/cpd-launches-voluntary-community-camera-registry/>

Cameras are not monitored but may be accessed to provide evidence after a crime has occurred. Businesses can have cameras monitored by police 24 hrs at a cost.

Received a grant to add more community cameras, with 3 locations in South Fairmount approved for placement.

Jim Casey

Buildings approved on Historic Registry for Lunkenheimer Project

Great turnout for the Holiday Dinner

Heather Sayre

Community Market had Santa, Photos, could have more attendees

Bill Heimbrock

Healthy Communities is funding 3 gardens & supplying materials to expand, we can submit requests

Meet monthly with Beekman corridor gardeners to collaborate

South Fairmount Heirloom garden plans have 2 raised beds – adding 4 more

Adding 2 more flower beds – received \$1000 from Seeds of Change

Compost pile will be replaced with bioreactors donated by Healthy Communities

We will want to inform MSD about compostors - visually striking, may come in different sizes

Asking to expand to next lot to add greenhouse

Heather Sayre

Focus on maximizing the space, using compost will make a good case for expanding

Bioreactor will smell while being filled but not once running

Finished soil will be produced within the year

Composters can be moved if an additional lot is obtained

Will the community be able to participate in composting?

We will need to decide to make it public or not

Public compost bins can be registered on the Make Soil App

How will people know what to compost?

Signage

No animal byproducts - no oil, salt, meat, cheese

Heather (Native Plant Nursery) is working on classes, a S. Fairmount resident is going to run a class on invasive plant identification in May

Concern about Mowing in Lick Run

A fire a few years back may have played a part

Per email to Jill - It was cut back for invasive species control

Pest management chemical treatments only as needed

Can we get community invasive removal to keep from cutting?

A lot of work is needed to keep on top of invasives

Ask MSD to talk to us and get input on what we need to do to reduce their activity

WIN- has teen volunteers available during the week - would need council member to be present

Heather can teach to identify & remove Johnson Grass

Jim Moore (CRC)

Closed for MLK day

After school daycamp still has spaces.

Current offerings: Taekwondo, PickleBall, Ceramics, Yoga, Clogging

Mary Metzmeier

Beekman Corridor Coalition meets Thursday the 22 @ 6pm

Mill Creek Alliance will present & get input from the community

Traffic Safety - have gotten 10/32 action points completed, will be updating at the next meeting

Tour with District 30 House Representative Mike Odioso (R), agreed to help with funding for home improvements

Met with legal aid concerning property tax info

Make sure you have owner occupied credit, look for homestead credit

Will continue work on taxes and funding, contact Mary for more notes on tax meeting

Heather Sayre

Next Community Market will be Saturday, February 7th to avoid conflict with Valentines day

Cozy atmosphere, come hang out with your neighbors – local artists and bakers will be there

Working to connect gardeners for skillshare, resource sharing, & community workdays

Meeting on 29th for fresh food strategy, vision for resilience, survey to connect residents

Concern about safety crossing Fairmount @ Harrison

Plan is to have protected bike lane and reduce Harrison to 1 lane up the hill from Queen City, one of the corners is getting a bump out, projects are behind schedule but still in progress

Raw Sewage Problem is being addressed by MSD

Bill Heimbrock

Don't know NSP budget yet

Chess table added in the community garden, one is funded by Healthy Communities, looking to fund a second

8:00 Meeting End