

South Fairmount Community Council March 11, 2025

by Recording Secretary, Heather Sayre

Attendance: 14 in person, 3 on Zoom

District 3 police report: Officer Gottmann

Jim Casey- request to bring traffic data next month for Westwood between Kebler and Grand to see if there has been change since speed bumps installed.

NSP Budget: Bill Heimbrock

Neighborhood Support Program allots 10,000 dollars per neighborhood. To access the funds, the councils submit proposals describing how they will use the dollars. We are working on a proposal and are open to suggestions for changes. We will review the budget during this meeting and vote on it during the April members meeting. Because of the timing of the proposal, we can only use it to fund earth day if we shift the event to May. We have historically used funding to support a Christmas dinner at Immanuel. Spending must end by November 15 this year, which will not allow for nsp support for that event. Everyone who is attending online will get a copy of the budget. We could still support a community meal, but it would need to be earlier in the year, but it is not currently in the budget because it has not been planned out.

Jim Casey suggested that we allocate NSP money to buy the food for the Holiday Dinner before the November 15 deadline. Jim suggested \$1000. Bill Heimbrock said he will ask Invest In Neighborhoods if that is allowed. IIN has responded "yes". We are allowed to use NSP to buy the food in advance of the deadline when the event is held after the deadline. Bill will amend the budget accordingly.

New Projects:

Planning to plant 3 raised beds: tomatoes, zucchini, yard long beans- plan to distribute at market and teach seed saving.

Block party program: 3 blocks in SF would host block parties open to the public, includes food, music, and prizes. Purpose is to bring neighbors together and build unity among neighbors as well as reach more individuals. Judy: Tremont and Harrison house is available for parties- it is vacant. Jim: we cannot host party on vacant property per zoning.

Proposed amendment to bylaws:

Residents of South Fairmount who attended the March 2025 SFCC meeting were asked to vote on the following new wording for eligibility to become an SFCC member. The wording change is required by Invest in Neighborhoods to qualify for NSP funding....

"Regular Membership. Regular Membership is open to all adult residents of South Fairmount, 18 years of age and older, without regard to race, gender, religion, creed, national origin, sexual preference or nature of housing quarters."

The attending membership voted in favor of the change.

Banners to look out for neighbors or pedestrians: Where would we want to put these large banners and small signs? Provided by DOTE. We do not know yet how many.

Mill Creek Alliance watershed engagement at WIN March 15 2-4,

Tire Amnesty Day March 15 9-1- bring up to 8 free tires free of charge. See flyer at southfairmount.org

Beekman Coalition:

Beekman Community Market: Odessa: We had a market the past weekend. It was very successful even though there were a lot of other things going on. The market entrepreneur program is moving forward and very successful. We had 5 food vendors turn out to sell their goods. I introduced Kindess Coffee to the program and happy with how it was received. Our next market is at the Headwaters of Lick Run- come out, get free produce, and welcome in the spring.

Produce popup this Friday March 14 at WIN

Easter Hop at WIN 3-12 years old

Protect your identity: March 18 at WIN

Beekman Corridor Coalition all teams meeting: March 27 at WIN at 6

Housing team is looking for contractors in the Beekman corridor so we can link them to work. Housing team went to statehouse to advocate for streamlined processes.

Traffic Meeting is March 18 at 6 pm at San Antonio

Toni: are homebuyer classes for everyone or just first time home buyers? **Mary:** they are geared toward first time buyers but everyone is welcome.

Joyce: we are hosting a fish fry April 18 5:30-6:30 at Immanuel \$6 for adults, free for kids fish, sides , and desert

Heather is hosting a work party at Endaknorr (End of Knorr Ave) March 23, 12-6 pm. Participants will cut and sort honeysuckle to weave border crib