

Minutes: October 2024 South Fairmount Community Council Meeting 10-8-24

Jim Casey Presiding

Attendance:

In Person: 10 via Zoom: (not counted)

7:05 call to order, membership inclusion statement, and pledge of alliance

Review and accept minutes from September meeting

Officer Utecht:

Stats are down across the board, likely due to kids returning to school.

Wickham ally Serve Project. Residents have gotten vehicles into compliance. Urban Forestry is expected to clear overgrowth so that road can be used. Litter expected to be picked up. Apologies that it is frustrating that nothing has been done yet.

Big fire on State Street a couple nights back. Total loss.

Sitting in church parking lot to deter speeders.

Questions for Officer Utecht:

Becky: How to report parking violations? Detailed locations of vehicles parked on sidewalk and not moving for months. Parking is hard to come by and we cannot afford for unused vehicles to take up space. Have called 311 and redirected to 911. Officer: will swing by to make citations. Push toward parking enforcement is happening within city.

Dave: Homeless people have been using water at church. Water has been using hose to take shower and wash clothes. Usually around 5am, once around 9 pm. They do not turn the water on all the way, so it is left dripping, standing water by entryway. Appreciate visual appearance of officers in the area.

New officers in training: Lower price hill, will move around after out of training in 6 weeks. 27 new officers coming to District 3. New class starting Oct 28. Officer Robinson, 24 yo grew up in Cincinnati, live in Indiana. Officer Bailey grew up in Cincinnati and wants to help people.

Becky: How do we find out if squatters are living in 1663 Lionel. House was vacant and is not now. There are lots of people in there and it's impossible to get rid of them. No heat. Property owned by LLC with PO box. The yard is getting trashed. Officer took address.

Engine 21

196 calls in September, 13 fires.

Any time you change clocks, change smoke detectors. Saturday Oct 20, 12-2 pm event at Fire Museum on Court Street.

Big fire on State Street still under investigation. Building was occupied. No injuries. Two displaced adults served by Red Cross.

Question: smoke detectors that advertises lasting for five years. Is there any other maintenance required? Test monthly. Batteries cannot be replaced. Smoke detectors should be replaced at least every 10 years. Batteries are available at the fire station. Just stop by. Do not currently have smoke detectors to give away.

New Business

1. Pumpkin Fest Oct 25, 6-8: Volunteers for tables arrive at 5. Gets bigger each year. Freeze Brothers will deliver 150 this year. Buying treats: Jackie has secured juice boxes, popcorn, granola bars. Ask Jackie before buying anything. If you see something you want to bring, turn your receipt into Bill to request reimbursement. Last year we had 5 stations. To avoid running out early, we'll give people 5 tickets, who will visit stations to get treats. Try to make sure people take pumpkins only for kids that are there. We use the pavilion area to the east of the spray ground. Clown who lives on Harrison will come to do face paint. Pam brought a card table to bring. Try to spread things out.
WIN will bring drinks.
Ernestine: volunteer at table, help setup. Will arrive at 2
Table volunteers: Jackie, Dorothy, Bill (+2 tables, pumpkin fest banner, community council banner), Ernestine, Nancy, Jim, Mary Joe (from E Price Hill, will recruit volunteers)
Membership recruitment: clip board collecting email.
Heather will make a flyer and take to Joe for copies.
2. Notification from Invest In Neighborhoods. Completed audit of bylaws. Require nondiscriminatory statement regarding houses. Elizabeth provided clause to insert. Read clause. Will read again in November and then vote. Clause includes residents and businesses. In the past SF Business Association (Lead by Jim) gave updates but did not vote.
3. Elections will be held in November. If anyone is interested in an office, let us know.

CRC update

JR Porter, new center director. Look forward to implementing ASL programming, swish league, football, flag football, basketball, teen programming

San Antonio: Annual Spaghetti dinner is this Sunday 12-7 dine-in or carry-out. Online reservations available. All the pasta you can eat. 2 meatballs, salad, bread. We sell extra meatballs, sausage, desert, and quarts of sauce. Sanantoniochapelcincinnati.com Interested in a class on facebook 101

Beekman coalition update

All Call coalition meeting Thursday October 24, 6 pm at Working In neighborhoods. Hear details and give feedback on action team work. Traffic team working with DeVou Good Foundation on survey. Housing team working on property tax assistance. Next Market is October 19.

Community Budget Request Update

DOTe awarded us the raised sidewalk outside Orion Academy. Will be installed during fiscal year 2026. Could happen any time between July 2025-June2026.

Yard & Co

Jim has been asked to be on executive board of group with Yard & Co. Had first meeting at Oyler academy. First work is to brand project, look at plans that have been made, identify immediate action plans. Will report after each monthly meeting.

Urban Fast Forward housing study expected to come out soon.