

North Fairmount Community Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8th, 2018
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: St. Leo's Church

- Call to Order
- Moment of Prayer
- District 3 Police
 - Officer Gibson – Overall crime is down. Crime statistics packet distributed which also list emergency and other pertinent contact numbers.
 - There was a theft from St. Leo's vehicle from a vehicle - \$675 of lawn equipment.
 - A meeting attendee mentioned some young couples walking around the neighborhood appearing to be in search of drugs. Officer Gibson stated that it is important to call right away when this happens and that they are aware of the "hot spots" for this type of activity
 - Officer Gibson's cell number is 513-263-8345 if you need to get in touch with him directly.
- CRC Millville – Jim Boyle
 - Kickball, Dodgeball, Swishball & Basketball are happening at the Center
 - Saturday, May 18th – Girls on the Run Event
 - Food Pantry
 - Voucher Program and Club CRC Program is now in effect
 - 45 Voucher spots are still available
 - Swimming Lessons are being offered – now seeking lifeguards
 - Life Guard Training Program
 - Garden Club
 - Teen Trips every month
 - Rental available for non-alcoholic events
 - Adult Aerobics
- Ladder Company 21 -Troy Davenport
 - Troy Davenport works Truck 35 which is one of 4 companies that respond to our area.
 - There were 165 runs in April
 - 22 were fire responses,
 - 92 were EMT runs
 - 51 were other response
 - You should check your smoke detector every month to be certain it is in working order. There should also be one on every level of your home and one outside your bedroom door as well.

- There is a smoke alarm program for students of Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS). And there is an additional program available through the Red Cross for families and people who do not have children attending CPS. Smoke detectors are also available at Walgreens, Walmart or Home Depot, etc. at a reasonable cost.
- Boating – if you can't see a boater that means that they cannot see you either. We can and will save you but please try to avoid these accidents by making certain you stay clear of blind spots.
- Presentation by Eco-site regarding the installation of a cell tower at Baltimore Cemetery
 - Francis Barrett – Attorney/Legal Representative for Fortune Wireless/Eco-Site
 - Jason Riggs – VP of Site Development
 - Michael Rollins
 - Dennis Burns
- Location for proposed 190 foot tall cell tower installation is at 941 Baltimore Cemetery.
- Per Mr. Barrett, it is a well screened location with little or no visibility from the street and meets all technical requirements.
- Mr. Barrett read the list of community requests that were submitted to him by President Adams and asked for clarification.
 - Carolyn Crombie – Did you ask about a moving it to a less visible location within the 157 acres owned by the cemetery?
Jason Riggs – responded by reading a letter from Baltimore Pike Cemetery Board of Directors' which stated that there was not a better location. The letter also mentioned Baltimore Pike Cemetery being a historic cemetery and that the World War II Bronze memorial statute had been moved to another location in the cemetery and there were plans to move the original "Baltimore Pike Cemetery" gate to a location other than Baltimore Avenue (previously Baltimore Pike).
 - Reverend Greenlea – when will you begin installing the tower?
Jason Riggs – towards the end of the summer.
 - Chip Davis – It looks like you have already begun installation on the site. What are the three huge trenches that have been dug into the hillside?
Jason Riggs – These were for soil testing.
 - Shelley Berman – Will you continue to pursue the same location if you do not receive the conditional zoning?
Michael Rollins – There is no other location that is suited for the tower.
 - Curtis Bishop - How will installing this cell tower benefit the community?

Jason Riggs - Better service for T-Mobile Users and adding additional carriers.

- Pamela J. Adams - What other site did you explore?
Jason Riggs - A location off of Westwood Northern Blvd. The HUD location (English Woods) would only give us a 5 year lease.
- Pamela J. Adams – Why was the letter from the Baltimore Pike Cemetery board of directors not presented to the Council prior to this evening? This is interfering with our revitalization plan. It is unsightly. It devalues property according to Real Estate professionals. And we are concerned about the health repercussions as well.
Jason Riggs – My children go to school in close proximity to a cell phone tower.
- Renu Bahkshi– What about the health hazards associated with the cell phone installation?
Jason Riggs – It is not a risk. I have some statistics from the American Cancer Society.
- Jeffrey Davis – I am disappointed the Baltimore Cemetery Association is not here to speak. Is it feasible to construct it right behind their office or on the hillside? Also, based on my experience working at a cemetery, the space where you are planning to install the tower is the only space that can be used for future gravesites. This location does not make sense.
- LSDMC Presentation by Shelley E. Berman
 - Districtwide LSDMC meetings are held quarterly.
 - The University of Cincinnati will be planting fruit trees along with a butterfly and pollinator garden at LEAP Academy later this week.
 - A Gardening and Recycling Club has been formed for LEAP Academy students to teach the importance of caring for our environment. Activities so far include a field trip to the recycling plant and there are plans to establish a garden for the students later in the year. Additionally, as part of this initiative LEAP Academy has requested that the city install public trash receptacles for the community from the school to St. Leo's Church in order to assist in keeping our neighborhood clean and beautiful.
 - The next LSDMC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at LEAP Academy, located at 2001 Baltimore Avenue in North Fairmount. Meetings are open to all community members and everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - There are currently no LSDMC meetings scheduled during summer break. Regular meetings will resume during the month of August when school is back in session.

- Emma Shirey – 2636 Beekman has been renovated and they are hoping to rent to some parishioners from St. Leo's. There is a prayer walk planned. The date for this will be announced soon.
- Mary Vandan Bosch – Founder/President of the Walnut Hills based non-profit MyCityStead, Inc.
Ms. Vandan Bosch described the focus of this organization:
 - Job skills, training and access to fresh food
 - Hydroponics
 - Is beginning cooking classes
 - Studying how food is medicine
- Steps Project Presentation by Carolyn Crombie
 - North Fairmount has been selected to receive a \$2, 500 grant from Fuel the Fire for the Steps Project.
 - North Fairmount is being given consideration for an additional grant from Fuel the Fire to install a Pollinator Garden at Baltimore & Casper. This location is owned by the city and can be leased to the community for \$1 a year.
 - Our community is also one of five finalists to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Hale Foundation. Carolyn will give a presentation to them tomorrow.
 - Gorilla Glue has donated 100 rolls of black gorilla tape for use in the Steps Project.
 - There is an additional application currently under consideration for a \$5,000 grant from CSX for the Steps Project
 - Vote taken for Pollinator Garden – 19 Votes in favor of installing the previously mentioned Pollinator Garden = A unanimous by all attendees.
- St. Leo's Church News and Announcements by Father Jim Schutte
 - St. Leo's will open the community garden to the greater Fairmount community this year. This is a Civic Garden Center sanctioned Community Garden. Raised beds and fencing have already been installed, there is water on site and there is no charge to the community. We are asking that you donate any excess produce to St. Leo's Food Pantry. Shelley Berman has agreed to serve as Community Garden Coordinator for the gardening season this year. Please contact her if you are interested in obtaining a garden plot.
 - St. Leo's Food Pantry is located across the street across from the church and garden. This pantry has been established for use by the entire community. It is not necessary to be a St. Leo's parishioner.

- Treasurer's Report by Midge Jackson
 - April 2nd – April 30th
 - \$3,365.38 – Regular Checking
 - \$254.69 – Event Balance
 - AGI check was deposited in the amount of \$782.00
 - Dues deposited April 12th \$72.00
 - Yearly dues are \$12.

- President - Pamela J. Adams
 - There are plans by Mrs. Jessie's family to create a memorial community garden at Geiger & Carrl Streets later this year. More details to come.
 - Please send letters regarding the installation of the cell tower in the Baltimore Cemetery by Eco-site via e-mail to www.nfcc@zoomtown.com by May 15th in order for them to be presented at the continued zoning hearing that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th at 2:00 pm – 805 Central Avenue Suite 500, Cincinnati, OH 45202. If you have additional questions, contact Ms. Pamela J Adams at 513 251-5502.

- Vice- President - Lawrence Jones

Please break into one of the following committee groups that you selected and signed up for last month.

 - Business
 - Beautification
 - Education

