

Council Meeting Minutes

(6:35 PM)- Meeting called to order by President Lawrence Jones.

(6:36 PM)- Prayer was led by Ms. Darlene.

-Reminder to pay dues for the year in FULL in the amount of \$12 cash!

(6:37 PM)- Officer Gibson, District 3

-Crime stats: several arrests have been made in relation to drugs on Carll Street and Baltimore Avenue. Felony arrests have been made in drug trafficking.

-There are issues concerning theft from auto, it is important to lock up all valuable belongings in your car and secure them so they are not visible. Thefts often happen when items are left in cars unattended and visible to see. In your crime stats packet (given at every meeting) there is a “lock it or lose it” card to review for information in keeping your belongings safe.

Community concerns: Ms. Beaver’s is concerned about graffiti being left on buildings and cars are also being tagged. “Can police canvas the community to catch the offenders?”

-Officer Gibson: Several people have reported their cars being spray painted. Each person whom vehicle was damaged was assigned an investigator. When you notice crimes such as this and others be sure to call 513-591-6000 or 5916000.com to report it.

-Community Concern: Ms. Chase car was tagged, possibly by children. Six suspicious young teens are hanging around the corner store on Carll Street smoking and trying to get others to purchase smokes for them.

- Ms. Darlene states a stop sign was also marked and now the sign is on the ground located at Casper and Baltimore.

(6:51 PM) Jim Boyle:

-The Millvale center flooded Thursday but it has been since cleaned up.

-Taxes are still being done at the center, get there early. Time starts at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The dates are as follows: February 16th, March 2nd, March 16th, March 30th and April 6th.

-The 10 and under basketball league is on Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM and Saturday for 12 and under.

-A teen basketball night “swish” is coming soon.

-The food pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Friday from (10am-1pm).

(6:53PM) Shelley Berman, LSDMC

-Enrollment increased by 275 students. The grades are from Pre-school – 4th grade. %th grade will added next school year.

-March 1st General Electric will be coming to teach STEM to the kids.

-May 17th the science fair celebration. They want to partner with the council in the future.

-A letter has been drafted by LSDMC regarding infrastructure issues.

-The current principle (Priya Santi) will be leaving after this school year.

-The next meeting for the new principle will be held Feb 28th at 4pm at 2001 Baltimore Avenue.

-The education committee can assist with the LSDMC needs.

(Beekman Coalition updates)

-There are 3 committees: housing, dumping and investment.

Each committee is narrowing down issues to focus on. Officer Gibson has been working with the corridor.

-We have 272 unoccupied buildings and over 300 vacant lots in the North Fairmount Neighborhood. The next meetings take place: February 16th (dumping), February 20th (housing) and February 25th (investment) at 6:30 PM in the WIN building.

-(7:12pm) Announcements

-Ms. Latrea announces a Guatemalan Film festival coming to the neighborhood. There will be food vendors and artists, it will take place in June. The council can be a vendor at the festival.

-The festival screening will be in the parking lot of the St. Leo's church. The vendors will have to pay a fee.

-Ms. Berman suggests that LEAP academy would like to participate in the festival.

-President Jones announces that American Community Developers "Reids Valley View Manner" has been acquired and they want our support because of our proximity to them. This can be a great start towards gaining development for North Fairmount in the future.

-Ms. Beavers: Is there information that we can obtain about the American Community Developers?

-Pres. Jones: There is a website that details who they are. ACD specializes in low income properties.

-Is this the same group that wants people to sell their homes?

-Ms. Darlene: Can we invite them in for a meeting?

-Pres. Jones: They are from Detroit, so we will have to see when the guy in charge is back in town.

-Ms. Chase: Is there a possibility for a grocery store?

-Pres. Jones: Yes but that is not a part of the current plan at the moment.

-Ms. Pam: When was it sold? Pres. Jones: Not sure when it was sold.

-Definitive dates for council sub-meetings: business district meeting every 1st Tuesday and follow up council meeting every 3rd Tuesday.

-Ms. Darlene: What are the council sub-meetings about? Pres. Jones: Further conversations about committees, deeper concerns.

-Ms. Carolyn: Any committee chairpersons? Pres. Jones: Not yet.

-A motion was set to the floor to give support to the ACD for revitalizing Reids Valley, motion passed with 8 votes.

-As for NSP funding our neighborhood will receive \$6,085 for the 2019 year. Funding will be divided among the following categories:

Business (\$1000), Education (\$1000), beautification (\$1585), Newsletter (\$1000), resource center (\$1500).

-A motion was put to the floor for all those in favor of allocating NSP funds towards the above categories. The motion passed with 10 votes for and 2 against.