

Fairmount Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2016

I. Call to order

Larry Reynolds called to order the regular meeting of the Fairmount Civic Association at 7:36 pm on 06/30/2016 at the Eastern State Penitentiary.

II. Agenda Items

Meeting location was the Eastern State Penitentiary. Refreshments provided by Bridgids restaurant.

- a. Eastern State Penitentiary led a discussion of its programming, including a brief presentation of its rich history. ESP is committed to keep the neighborhood clean and safe, especially during Halloween. Any concerns should be brought to the ESP office. Self-guided audio tours are available.
- b. SEPTA Route 15 trolley track replacement update: presented by several SEPTA assistant directors.
 - Beginning July 16, trolley tracks will be getting replaced on eastbound side from Poplar & 25th to Ringgold. This is planned to be a 6-day project.
 - Parking restrictions and detours will be posted more than a week in advance. Violators will be towed. See SEPTA website form more information.
- c. Captin Convery & Officer Kiefer of 9th district provided some information to the meeting regarding the following:
 - July 4th: (i) fireworks will begin one hour early (time?); (ii) A 1000+ officer force will be in effect along the parkway and surrounding areas; (iii) SEPTA will have extra transportation to relieve congestion; (iv) New this year, 4 beer gardens will be operating along parkway and at Eakins oval; (v) Road closures start Saturday 4pm.
 - DNC: (i) extra patrols downtown and officers assigned to hotels housing delegates; (ii) Police on bicycles increased around the Fairmount area, but there is no reason to see increased activity due to

DNC; (iii) Events which may impact area: welcome party at Art museum on 25th, event at Franklin Institute on Tuesday; (vi) No permitted protests scheduled to take place in our area.

- Made in America, Labor Day weekend: (i) Last year of contract; (ii) Nicky Minaj is announced headliner; (iii) Patrols to be increased for surrounding area; (iv) Volume issues, both in crowd and actual volume, are nonnegotiable.
- Crime along Schuylkill river trail: (i) assaults have gone down due to education (explaining the severity of the crime to population); (ii) plain clothes officers also caught robberies; (iii) Currently a foot beat due to difficulty in undercover police concealing weapons; (iv) Mile markers in place to identify location more readily; (v) town watch in effect, while lights and cameras are going in effect soon.
- Camera rebate program available – email Officer Kiefer for details.
- Theft from auto: As always, remove any valuables from your cars. Phone chargers, etc. Also, lock up your bikes even in the back yard.
- General questions can be addressed to the captain's office 215.686.3089 (or 90 or 91) for gen questions. 6am-10pm

d. Kevin Moran, FCDC

- Also hosts a camera campaign for businesses. See website for details
- “Healthy corridors” project: survey of commercial storefront in area, compared with demographics, commercial corridor comparison with other CDCs. Report available now.
- “Lighter, quicker, cheaper, Fairmount Ave.” project: developers and architects to look at Fairmount Ave and come up with beautification ideas. 25 recommendations compiled and available. There is a July 19 (6-8 at Philadelphian) meeting to garner feedback and prioritize. See FCDC newsletter and website for details.
- Streetscape upgrades coming to Girard Ave. (lighting, pavement, bike racks, signage, trash cans, etc.)

e. Summer Social August 1st: sign up at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairmount-civic-association-summer-social-tickets-26324993765) to request tickets. Free for members. \$15 for nonmembers. Will be announced in upcoming newsletter.

- Event sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairmount-civic-association-summer-social-tickets-26324993765>

f. Zoning updates

- Graverly property on ZBA hearing schedule for 9/14. No information can be obtained regarding development.
- 801 N Brown St (24th & Brown): Dog grooming business to be closed, property owner wants residential instead of commercial zoning as well as a garage. A presentation might be in the future.
- 2729 Harper (North of Girard): Single family home proposed on currently vacant lot. More information to follow.
- Loonstyn project (2333 Fairmount Ave.): Carolina Lobo gave a spirited presentation regarding irregularities with zoning on existing project. Immediate residents claimed to be uninformed by developer regarding variances, and to past FCA negotiations. FCA reached a majority decision of 'no opposition' at May meeting, and impacted neighbors are welcome to address the ZBA. The tentative meeting is scheduled for August 31st.

g. Next meeting in September

III. Adjournment

Larry Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Dressler

Minutes approved by: [Name]