

**Press Release – Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee  
Monday, February 28, 2022**

**There Will Be No Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade in 2022**

The members of the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee (ECFFPC) have received many community queries regarding the anticipated June 5, 2022 presentation of one of the oldest and historic annual black American parades in the northeast; the Freddy Fixer Parade. Unfortunately, the ECFFPC has been unable to raise the monies necessary to pay the police overtime expenses mandated under the City of New Haven’s Ordinance § 17-2.9. This mandate was a result of an amendment to that section which was approved by the Board of Alders on or about August 1, 2021.

In previous years, the ECFFPC was permitted to negotiate with the City of New Haven an agreed upon percentage payment of the estimated \$65,000 in police overtime cost. Regrettably, we had not anticipated that this mutual tradition of stake holder’s support would end for this “free to the public” event. Essentially, in addition to police overtime expenses, the total cost of this parade exceeds \$100,000, an amount far beyond our volunteers’ fundraising capabilities during the coronavirus pandemic.

Nevertheless, it is incumbent upon us to regroup and to continue to pay homage to the founders of the Freddy Fixer Parade, the late Dr. Frederick F. Smith, Edna Carnegie-Baker, Dr. Charles Twyman and many others, who organized Dixwell neighborhood’s beautification projects and then celebrated the community’s year-long collective solidarity during this annual parade.

In recognition of this legacy and the approximately 75 diverse marching units and 5,000 spectators who participated in our annual parades, the ECFFPC will continue to seek financial support from the members of the Greater New Haven community and institutions for future parades in the forms of donations and grants. Securing our own legacy through this consistent, constructive and harmonious showcase of our cultural expression through visual and performance arts, will be the impetus that conveys the story of our history that we want told for many generations to come.

ECFFPC is a nonprofit organization under IRS §501(c)(3), and in the spirit of collective solidarity, donations can be made at <https://www.elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com>.

Encl.: City of New Haven’s Ordinance § 17-2.9 – Recovery of police expenses for traffic control and protection for entertainment – related events; and ECFFPC Board of Director’s Press Release 2/28/21.

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