



**Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017 Twisted Deli**

President Curt Drew called the meeting to order at 7pm. 8 members were in attendance.

Guest Speakers

Kristin DiCenso, Alderman Candidate Ward 6

- Kristin said she has lived in Ward 6 on Vine St since 2012.
- Her father owned a bar in the location that is now Mekong Cafe
- She has budget, management and legislative liaison experience.
- She said there are 11-12 neighborhood associations in Ward 6.
- There was extensive discussion about problem landlords and other property owners on 8th Street.

LaKeisha Purchase, Candidate capital Township Trustee

- LaKeisha said the Township has 4 programs, but highlighted a workforce training in which the Township provides workers and pays them.
- She has worked at IDOT for 6 years.

Sara Wojcicki Jimenez, IL House Legislative District 99 Representative

- Sara said she grew up in Iles Park on 6th St and her mother still lives there.
- She talked about the negative impact on the state budget impasse but that we shouldn't give up even if it seems like nothing is happening.

Tami Russell, Neighborhood Police Officer

- Numbers look good for Iles Park as a whole. Mostly burglary to unlocked vehicles; keep vehicles locked!
- Body cameras are being used; Narcan for heroin overdoses, averaging 1-2 per day citywide.

Minutes / Financial

- Secretary Carol Kneedler distributed the Jan 9 meeting minutes and the Neighborhood Watch notes from Feb 6.
- No Treasurer report.

Membership

- We need to notify membership that it's time to renew.
- USPS Every Door Direct Mail needs to be finished to announce events twice a year.

Upcoming Events

- **Neighborhood Watch** – next meeting is April 3, 6pm at Curt and Janine's home; RSVP for pizza, salad & dessert. We will post the link to crime locations in the city.
- **Easter Bunny photos and candy** for the kids on Saturday April 8 at Curt & Janine's
- **Neighborhood Garage Sale** Friday May 5 and/or Saturday May 6
- **May Membership meeting** May 8, 7pm
- **July Membership meeting** July 10, 7pm
- **National Night Out** August 1, 6-8pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kneedler, Secretary