

Iles Park Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes May 7, 2018  
Track Shack, 6pm



16 people were in attendance.

### Updates

#### ▪ **Ward 6 Alderman Kristin DiCenso**

- Ward 6 Cleanup well attended; 5 people from IPNA assisted.
- Lots of info on Facebook by Ald DiCenso
- New SCVB Director resigned already
- Integrated Resource Plan under consideration by City Council – a direction for CWLP – perhaps more solar and wind?
- Alley overlays coming – lots of Alleys in W6
- Over 200 vacant lots for sale – extended a week to 5/10.
- Elimination of IL Motor Fuel Tax under consideration by State – provides over \$2m to Springfield
- Multi-Modal Center coming to 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> just north of County Building
- Y Block – needs revenue-generating and something that draws people downtown – not a park
- YMCA move – public meeting 5/21 – no plan for current YMCA

#### ▪ **NPO Mike Badger & Neighborhood Watch**

- Daytime burglaries – several in last month – kicked in doors when nobody home
- Graffiti – property owners responsible for cleanup, but CALL POLICE FIRST
- ReportIt – FREE Citizen Property Inventory System – [reportit.leadsonline.com](http://reportit.leadsonline.com) – property ID system – record serial numbers, take photos of jewelry so you have a much better chance of getting it back.
- If you hear a loud / unusual noise middle of the night, CALL POLICE – DON'T EXPLAIN IT AWAY
- IPNA needs a Neighborhood Watch leader who is not also IPNA President; Curt will follow up

#### ▪ **William O'Hearn, Lincoln Library Director**

- Reviewed services available from the library: digital and audio books; DVDs; CDs; streaming movies; Sangamon Valley Collection; Lynda.com educational videos for technology, computer skills, business, art; NewsBank – SJR digitized; Rosetta Stone for languages; BrainFuse – 2-11pm Mon-Sun; Grow Springfield seed library for heirloom seeds; Legal Self-Help Center; Self Check-out system coming soon; Hotspots to check out for a week; Check out a library techie on Saturdays
- Programs for children: Summer Reading Program for kids & adults with raffle prizes; Partner Organization - YMCA popup libraries; Mon-Thurs June & July something for kids every single day to prevent the “summer slide”. No longer fines for youth materials – eliminate obstacles to checking books out for lower income patrons.
- Newsletter subscription – Carol will send link.

- **Garage Sale in partnership with Harvard Park May 4 & 5**
  - Garage sales will continue May 11 & 12
  - Carol will put on Next Door & Website
  - Signs are available – call Curt
  
- **Railroad – Alderman DiCenso & Joe Jannazzo, owner of Track Shack**
  - Property continues to be acquired (Becky’s garage, Periwinkles & Bar
  - Currently only fencing one side of 3<sup>rd</sup> St Tracks, which is cutting down on people walking on tracks
  - No auto barrier gates planned, just pedestrian gates.
  
- **IPNA & HPNA Tee Shirt Sales**
  - Through May 23 for online orders.
  - \$12, \$15, \$20
  - Carol will put a post with photos & link to buy online on Nextdoor.com

**Decisions**

- **Iles Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting June 4, 6pm** (NPO Badger may have a speaker for us)
- **Iles Park Meeting July 2, 6pm – National Night out planning**
- **National Night Out Aug 7 from 6-8pm with Harvard Park**
  - We will ask Aaron McEvoy from Grand Central & Jamie Adaire from Bunn Park
  - Committees needed, especially food
  - Bounce House – look for groups needing service hours to babysit
  - Balloon Guy & Face painting – yes
  - Carol will ask Chandler Huffman to provide the sound system.
  - Janine will ask singer from last year
  - Fewer sponsor prizes – took too long last year; ask them for money donations instead.
- **Iles Park Meeting Sept 10, 6pm – Jeff Reim, City Arborist** – Don Richards will ask him

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary