

Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes October 1, 2018
Track Shack, 6pm



13 people were in attendance.

Updates

- **Curt Drew, President**
 - Garage Sales Oct 28 & 29: 2 participants. People can borrow garage sale signs from Curt & Janine if they are having garage sales.
 - How to attract more participants?
 - Facebook and block captains delivering flyers were suggested. Not everyone has Facebook, and flyers have been ignored in the past.
 - We will send notices sooner: text, website, email & NextDoor and put out the 4 yard signs on Tuesday before the meeting. If you don't see the yard signs, call Curt. Order more yard signs for the monthly meeting?
 - We can private message people on Nextdoor and ask them to come to meetings.
 - Curt will receive notification of neighborhood problems from our NPO, Mike Badger, and then text us if there are issues.
 - Neighborhood Watch:
 - Lock house and car doors, even if you are just in the yard. Thieves pay attention and go inside while you are on the other side of the house.
 - There are only 20 officers on duty throughout the city and can't be everywhere at once.
 - Neighborhood signs: sign in park is really broken & needs to be fixed. Brandon will spruce up the sign on 7th Street south of S Grand.
 - Carol will call pastor of church on 7th Street – hold regular meetings there and neighborhood watch meetings at Track Shack?
 - Save A Round coupon book - \$12.50 of the \$25 price goes to Iles Park
- **Ward 6 Alderman Kristin DiCenso**
 - Police have ways of dealing with drug dealers and helping them move on; you don't have to have the police come to your door. Sometimes informing the landlord can help; they may not know about the problem.
 - Be vigilant. Call the police if you hear or see anything suspicious, even fireworks.
 - Homeless congregate behind MotoMart.
 - Violent crime and home burglaries are down. Petty crime is up.
 - Requested Police Chief Stokes expand the NPO program.
 - Cleanups help keep city looking clean and attractive to potential residents. Kristin is researching what other cities are doing for litter.
 - H4H is doing a good job, but some people repeatedly exceed their allotment of pickups.
 - Gaps between new curbs and asphalt should be fixed within two weeks, and the contractor won't be hired again.
 - Early voting is open for Nov 6 elections – see County Clerk's website for details.

Next Meeting

- Iles Park Meeting November 5, 6pm: Public Works Director Mark Mahoney will talk about plans to update Ash Stree. Meeting location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneeder, Secretary