

Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes November 5, 2018
Track Shack, 6pm



14 people were in attendance.

Updates

▪ **Curt Drew, President**

- We will try meeting at Resurrection Church in January. We will consider meeting every other month at the church.
- Dec 3 – bring a dessert (but not too much) to Track Shack
- Santa Claus was not well-attended last year.
- Iles Park Neighborhood Association board elections are coming up in December. Let Curt know if you would like to serve.
- Neighborhood yard signs with meeting info are popular reminders.
- Vote tomorrow!

▪ **Ward 6 Alderman Kristin DiCenso**

- City Council is on Wed this week instead of Tuesday (Election Day)
- Dec 10 will be the 3rd Public Utility Meeting (CWLP)
- Voted against TIF for Lumber Land (schools opposed)
- Ward 5&6 combined ward meeting will be Wednesday November 14 at 5:30pm at The Inn at 835.

▪ **Mark Mahoney, Director of Public Works**

- Free leaf pickup – if you put bags out Monday and they're not picked up by Friday, call.
- Budget talks – how the \$3 Waste & Recycling Fee will be used. This year:
 - Hazardous Waste Signup 300 out of 412 who signed up actually showed up. In 2019, city considering a Hazardous Waste dropoff site.
 - Large Items – 3 items x 2 times a year = total 6. You have to call H4H.
 - Electronic Recycling – call them first to be sure. City of Springfield can drop off CRTs without a fee due to city subsidizing the cost.
 - Unused prescription drugs – Walgreens at Ash & MacArthur will accept them, but not opioids.
 - Recycling problems? Let PW know. Each hauler has drop-off sites for larger amounts.
 - Gum Ball Trees – city is focusing on dead Ash trees right now. If a sweet gum is heaving the sidewalk, they might take it down. Ash trees are dying faster than expected; there may be a special appropriation to outsource removal.
 - Infrastructure improvements come from Fund 95 for streets and sidewalks. Let PW or your alderman know your priorities for what gets fixed next. Be patient when crews are working in your neighborhood; disruptions are inevitable, but the improvements are worth it.

- 10th Street Rail: Ash St underpass is on schedule to be completed July 2019. It will be flood-resistant and well-lit. Segment 4 (5th & 6th St overpasses) are next, and BUILD grants have been submitted. Princeton at 6th will be permanently closed. 2025 is tentative goal for final completion of move from 3rd St to 10th St.
 - 3rd Street Rail: quiet zone – diagnostics need to be completed. ICC / IDOT / FRA will need to review and recommend improvements. Then the FRA must sign off on it. Possible timeframe sometime in 2019. A Quiet Zone doesn't mean train horns never sound – it's still up to the train engineer.
 - High-Speed Rail: other communities have embraced it; Springfield is a huge hold-up due to moving to 10st rail.

- **Mike Buscher, Neighborhood Police Officer**
 - Car burglaries very frequent last couple of weeks – mostly unlocked cars. LOCK YOUR CARS and garages!
 - Lots of criminal damage to property: 40 car tires cut in one neighborhood; yard ornaments stolen or damaged; young people cutting through yards; vandalism. Dark yards are more likely targets. Put up motion lights!
 - Mike is done research on various security systems & took info from IPNA members about what systems they use. He will report back later.

- **Others**
 - Janie said there is a new AirBnB on 4th between Oak & Ash: The Bell Estate is only \$60 a night to rent the whole house; great for holiday guests!
 - Carol encouraged residents to attend Springfield ICON's Annual Party; they have a speaker this year to talk about small-scale redevelopment. Thurs Nov 15 at Inn at 835. Tickets \$35 for dinner, speaker, Good Neighbor Awards.

Next Meeting

- Iles Park Meeting Dec 3, 6pm Track Shack

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary