

Iles Park Neighborhood Association  
Neighborhood Minutes July 1, 2019, 6pm  
Restoration Church, 1601 S 7th St



14 attendees

- Restoration Church Pastor Joe Stone and Stephanie Stone provided birthday cake and bottled water in honor of Don's birthday. *We sincerely appreciate their hospitality!*
- **NPO Mike Badger**
  - **Stabbing near 1<sup>st</sup> and Ash** – provided background on owner; long history of problems with this and neighboring home; crack dealing; homeless campground in back; drug deal gone bad; goal is to get it listed as Chronic Nuisance Property & into city hands / torn down or fixed up. It's a dangerous property. ICON will add these houses to problem property tracking for environmental offences: 2015 and 2021 S 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - There are **30k drug users in Springfield**, which fuels violence; much of the shootings and homicides are a result of drugs.
  - Report to Mike if you think **homeless** are squatting on vacant property.
  - Recreational marijuana will become legal in 2020. Police are not yet aware of how to evaluate "**driving while impaired**". If they detect odor of marijuana within a car, it's probably cause to search.
  - **Fireworks** – report and they will come and cite, especially where egregious, repeated, or late at night.
  - Call if you think it's **gunshots**.
  - Two **dogs** in neighboring yards were poisoned 1400 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street and died.
  - **Basketball games** in the middle of the street – good for kids to have something to do; to get acquainted with police. Let them play; shut down at night (parents tip goal over). Concerns about speeding cars hitting kids at night in the dark.
  - **Iles Park improvements:** discussion on improvements to give kids something to do. Park district has a plan that could include a skateboard park, amphitheater for group performances and other possible amenities - see [http://www.springfieldparks.org/pdf/Iles\\_Park\\_Master\\_Plan\\_Report\\_3-1-09.pdf](http://www.springfieldparks.org/pdf/Iles_Park_Master_Plan_Report_3-1-09.pdf)  
Iles Park Neighborhood Association, possibly in partnership with Harvard Park Neighborhood Association and others, should make a plan to get this started again, using volunteer labor, donations, grants.
- **Curt Drew, President**
  - **Monthly meeting yard signs** being stolen
    - Put in member yards instead
    - Carol will order 5 more
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Tues, 8/6, 6-8pm**
    - Partner with Harvard Park: face painter & balloon artist, bounce house
    - Hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks
    - IPNA has #1 or 2 biggest attendance
    - **Volunteers** - Kurt passed around sign up sheet

- Monday Aug 5 – help Janine with last minute tasks
- Meet the bounce house people at 4pm with a check (Becky)
- Ball Charter Glee Club (Janine)
- Sound system borrow from the Huffmans (Carol)
- Set up at 5pm
- Cook hot dogs (Connie)
- Ask SHG Key Club (Janine)
- Walk flyers next week & first week of August:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> St S Grand to Ash (??)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Street Ash south to tracks (Barb & Becky)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> St S Grand to Ash (Curt)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> St Ash to the tracks (Carol)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> S Grand to Myrtle (??)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> St - 1900 block (Connie)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> St – Ash to tracks (??)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> St (Michelle)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> St S Grand to Cedar (Michelle)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> St - 1600-1700 blocks (Judy & Marty)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> St (Michelle)
- **Invite special visitors:**
  - Fire department (Curt)
  - K-9 (Mike)
  - Mayor (Kristin)
  - Zoo Animals (Pat)
  - Organizations: bring tables
- **Solicit sponsors**
  - Dominos (Mike)
  - Wileys (Curt)
  - Roberts (Connie)
- Public Relations – Ch 17 / Ch 20

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 6, 6PM**

**Next Meeting – Neighborhood Watch**

- Iles Park Meeting September 9, 6pm Track Shack

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary