

**Iles Park Neighborhood Association**  
**Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019**  
**Track Shack, 6pm**



11 people were in attendance.

- **Curt Drew, President**
  - How to make this the best year ever?
  - 4 new meeting yard signs
  - HOT Officer April speaker for Neighborhood Watch – tentative
  - Director of Community Relations Juan Huerta speaker for a later date.
  - Someone to speak about rail relocation for March
  
- **Neighbor Input**
  - Famous Liquor store needs to be demolished
  - CT Yang property on alley between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> on Myrle is open to access; has been reported to Public Works, but without apparent results.
  
- **Mike Badger, Neighborhood Police Officer**
  - **CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES!**
  - **Call dispatch for shots fired, crimes: 217-788-8311**
  - NPO number 217-741-0988
  - HOT – Homeless officer is Chris Jones 217-741-081.
  - Shots Fired technology – initial cost is \$235,000 – this is a correction to January’s cost.
  - Houses south of Ash on 1<sup>st</sup> Street have been a problem; crack raids, property is placarded & should be vacant, but a fugitive with 5 felony warrants was found inside.
  - Paula Crouch is new head of NPOs after Jerry Castles’ retirement.
  
- **Ward 6 City Council Kristin DiCenso and Ward 6 Candidate Elizabeth Jones were in attendance**
  - Sorry no notes on their comments...
  - With bitter cold, walk outside near your gas meter to check that there isn’t a gas smell. Call your gas company if you smell gas!
  - With large snows, be sure to check the outside vent for high-efficiency furnaces to be sure they are not blocked by snow. Sometimes there is both intake and output, and both should be kept clear of snow.

**Next Meeting**

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Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary