

Iles Park Neighborhood Association  
Neighborhood Minutes November 4, 2019, 6pm  
Track Shack



19 attendees

▪ **Kristin DiCenso, Ward 6 Alderwoman**

- **Ward 6 cleanup** went well; lots of participation & lots of trash picked up.
- **CWLP – Integrated Resource Plan** – decisions will need to be made about shutting down some units.
- Kristin has an ordinance about improving **net metering** (for those with solar panels) to be more equitable and more inviting.
- Free branch pickup is done. Find someone to pay to haul branches off on Nextdoor.com.
- Yard waste pickups will continue through December. Email [SpringfieldYW@RepublicServices.com](mailto:SpringfieldYW@RepublicServices.com) if you are missed – they pick up right away. No stickers are needed. Put waste in paper bags or in labeled plastic containers.
- **Garbage** – call PW or email Kristin if there is a problem.
- **Bulky item pickup** – let Kristin know if timing is an issue with Habitat for Humanity pickup.
- Clear out your **sewer inlets** – this is a resident responsibility! The city doesn't have the resources to do this. It helps prevent flooding. Turn in addresses who blow or rake leaves or grass into the street.
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets** under the viaducts will be redone to help reduce flooding thanks to the new state capital bill.
- **Pawn shop** on S Grand near tracks isn't coming soon; they are currently in Vinegar Hill
- Nuisance landlord ordinance coming soon – it's about accountability, not revenue. Can't find contact info for owners.
- **Homeless** – Helping Hands still working on their goals; Winter Warming Center is now open but not zoned correctly.
- **Wards 5&6 Meeting** – no surprises (infrastructure, crime, homelessness, fly dumping, trimming trees, panhandling); format was good.
- Kristin has a new job at IDNR: doesn't vote on coal, oil or gas contracts or grants related to IDNR.
- **Midway Liquors on S Grand** – boarded & registered. What is status regarding 3 years? Fire department is keeping track of it.

▪ **Neighborhood Police Officer Mike Badger**

Mike wasn't in attendance, but passed along these notes to Curt:

- Lock your doors & turn front and back lights on at night. Thieves are jumping fences.

- **Curt Drew, President, and Janine Drew**
  - **All In One Laundry** – Pamela Frazier from All In One Power Washing purchased the laundry at 8<sup>th</sup> & S Grand and has done lots of renovations, cleaning up and lighting up the corner. They offer dry cleaning, wash & fold and coin laundry.
  - **Fundraisers**
    - Need at least 15 tee shirt orders to finalize.
    - SavARound coupon books are \$25, and half goes to Iles Park.
  - **IPNA Signs**
    - Damaged Iles Park sign has been removed, and a new one is ready to go in.
    - Sign at 9<sup>th</sup> & Myrtle will be moved to Wiley's property on Ash between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; pending exact location. Curt & Carol will keep neat looking.
    - The IL Educators Credit Union is closing next spring. We will move the sign currently near them on 8<sup>th</sup>. Owner of empty lot southeast corner 5<sup>th</sup> & Laurel has declined. Ask Hanson about vacant lot at SE corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Cedar. Carol contacted Kristin to get contact at Hanson.
  - **Photos with Santa – Saturday December 7 or 14**  
We will partner with Pamela Frazier and All In One laundry center at S Grand & 8<sup>th</sup>. Pamela will get the Santa and arrange additional entertainment for Saturday 7 or 14. More info to come.
  
- **Michelle Coffin, Treasurer**
  - Balance currently \$2,613.52
  - 2020 dues will be due Jan 1, 2020
  - Michelle has set up the Facebook page; Carol will link to it from website & Nextdoor and encourage people to join when Michelle is ready.
  
- **Various updates**
  - **Rail consolidation**
    - Houses at south end of 4<sup>th</sup> should be demolished this week to make room for houses on 5<sup>th</sup> street near tracks to be demolished. There have been squatters in the homes that were vacant.
    - Ash St underpass opened 11/1 and Laurel is now closed.
  - **Apartment building on 6<sup>th</sup> across the alley from Walgreens (5<sup>th</sup> & S Grand)** has a problem with rats. Plenty of food with McDonalds dumpster, 2 apartment buildings, and fly dumping. Apartment has new owner; landlord is cooperative. He has caught at least one fly dumper, and the problem has diminished somewhat. Trash gets caught on the alley fence. Welcome anyone who wants to come pick up.

**Next Meeting – Neighborhood Watch**

- December 2, 6pm Restoration Church

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary