

Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Minutes December 2, 2019, 6pm
Restoration Church
15 attendees



Guest Speaker: Jill Steiner, Director of HR and Security at Springfield YMCA

▪ **Armed Intruders**

- YMCA has been working on Armed Intruder drills for four years. Jill attended specialized training.
- There is not a lot of support for average people. The process isn't step-by-step.
- By the time police arrive, it's usually over. If people on the scene can react well and possibly put an end to it, it can save lives.
- Some surprising facts:
 - Survival rate from gunshot wound is 80%.
 - Most shooters don't hit their target
 - Disrupting their sight, stance, breathing, trigger can cause more missed shots.
 - Freezing happens, but by being prepared can help keep it brief.
 - The environment will be chaotic: smoke, loud, fire alarms.
 - Taking action can resolve situations more quickly and save lives.
- Process: **STOPP: Stop, Think, Observe, Plan, Proceed**; repeat often and be flexible. For example, if it's a fire alarm: can you see and smell smoke? Is there also screaming and running? Listen and evaluate for a second before opening the door and running out.
- Process: **ALICE: Alert** – announce what is happening in plain clear words, don't give commands. **Lock down** – barricade doors, stay quiet, hide, silence phones, spread out, don't let anyone in unless they can prove they're the police, staying in place is OK if you're safe. **Inform** – give info and let people make their own decisions, use various means to get word out – text, web, Twitter, FB, digital signs, if you think you hear gunshots, assume gunshots and react accordingly – better embarrassed than hurt or dead, call law enforcement when it's safe to do so. **Counter** – take control, a personal choice, last resort, disrupt, throw things, make noise, disrupt breathing/sight/stance, work together. **Evacuate** – hands up & empty, face uncovered, leave your stuff behind, just run (not in your car), don't get in the way of police, do what the police say & do it right away, break through drywall, break top corners of windows on down. Don't pick up the weapon – cover it up if you need to.
- Process: **de-escalate**: listen, get them some help, call police, tell what you saw, ask for help. **Take it seriously**: cameras, making reports of access to unauthorized areas, report casual violent talk right away. **Have an action plan**: be aware (no phones or earphones), stay away from targets, play the "what if" game: "What would I do? ""How would I lead?"
- Thinking and planning ahead of time increases your chances of survival.
- **What you can do**: Learn CPR and First Aid; keep first aid kits in rooms that can be barricaded.
- Jill is willing to talk with other groups. She provided a handout with additional resources.

▪ **New YMCA at 4th and Carpenter**

- \$35m project will have 86-87,000 sq feet

- Two pools – will help to serve the city’s youth from local high schools; the Y Youth Swim team will remain at Kerasotes.
- Front of the building will face north, opposite from Carpenter St. Parking will be directly north and across 4th Street. Memorial will monitor parking lots.
- There will be separate youth areas.
- Anticipate the new facility will be ready for occupancy 11/1/2020 and open to members around 12/1 2020.
- A third location will house administrative offices and storage – to be purchased or leased.
- Current downtown building is 60 years old, 88 sq ft and in poor condition.
- Has asbestos, so will be torn down one brick at a time. Lot will be sold to the Sate of IL.
- The YMCA has been in Springfield for 160 years – one of the oldest organizations.
- **Neighborhood Police Officer Mike Badger**
 - Lock your doors!
 - Resources going into armed robbery suppression – officers are on the lookout for this.
 - Offered videos and other information from the Springfield Police Department on Armed Intruder defense.
 - Be mindful of fraud – more money lost to fraud than burglaries!
 - Burglary 2500 block of S 9th to vacant house was turned in by an alert neighbor.
 - Asked about wrong-way bike riders – they will cite them after they have issued a warning. If it happens regular time, call and they will look for them.
- **Curt Drew, President**
 - **Iles Park Grant** – Derick Harms reported that the Park District got a call back, and talked to DNR about their presentation, which was apparently well-received. Should hear by end of January 2020.
 - **IPNA Signs - more info coming soon**
 - **Photos with Santa – Saturday December 7**
11am-1pm at All In One laundry center at S Grand & 8th.
 - **Elections next month**
- **Michelle Coffin, Treasurer**
 - Balance currently \$2,933.52; 2020 dues will be due Jan 1, 2020
 - Facebook page is set up & linked from the website:
<https://www.facebook.com/IPNA.org/>
- **Pastor Joe introduced Pastor Willmart Cohen**, whose group is joining Restoration Church
- **Various updates**
 - **2020 meeting & event dates** are on the website.
 - **Property Values**
 - Going down is good for taxes. Suggestion to protest them if they go up.
 - Going up good if you need to sell.
 - **Moving Pillsbury Forward:**
<https://movepillsburyforward.wixsite.com/movepillsburyforward>

Next Meeting – Neighborhood Watch

- January 6, 2020, 6pm Track Shack
- Someone from the bank will talk about fraud (tentative).

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary