

Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Minutes June 13, 2022
Iles Park Pavilion



8 attendees

Guest Speaker

Neighborhood Police Officer Cody Musson

- **Traffic study at Iles and 5th & 6th Street** - mentioned details not known.
- **CommunityCrimeMap.com** – website for crime and crime statistics.
 - Type in your address and timeframe.
 - The crime analysis unit inputs reported crimes. There must be a report created by SPD. Shows both solved and unsolved crime.
- **ShotSpotter** – technology has been expanded to cover all of Iles Park area: west to 1st, south to Stanford.
 - Helping to clear neighborhoods of guns.
 - Can sometimes confuse fireworks with small caliber gunfire.
 - Fireworks or gunshots? Call dispatch!
- **PopUp Parties**
 - Vacant lot 5th and Pine – 150 people
 - City brought a dozen inspectors to building south of lot & talked to owner. Obtained restraining order for planned June 18 party that was advertised on social media.
 - Parties attract out-of-towners who cause trouble.
 - The SPD PopUp Party Detail monitors social media, has a mobile field force unit that writes tickets and tows cars.
 - 7-9 firearms taken off the street at popup parties.
 - [A meeting is planned near the end of June for neighborhood leaders to talk to police]
- **6th St Property near County Market on S 6th**
 - 3 guns recovered there.
 - Owner in MD evicted problem tenant
- **7 Brothers Party was a Celebration of Life**
 - Shooting? Retaliations do happen; SPD monitors those types of events.
- **Street Parties**
 - Must receive a permit from the city & CWLP closes the street.
 - Problem is social media and unacceptable behavior.
- **Homeless**
 - Behind Rally's – still hang out there.
 - People who are sexual offenders, using or not willing to take smoke breaks on schedule don't go to the shelters. Problems when intoxicated / using.
 - A van behind George Alarm Company.
 - Homeless Outreach Officer is Mike Newman, and Community Outreach Coordinator is Shannon Allen; both listed on City's NPO page (see link below.)
- **Fireworks**
 - So many complaints, when dispatchers get it, they don't take the name of a complainant. If no more serious issues at the time, officers try to go over and attempt to locate.

- A grassfire was started by intensive fireworks at Myrtle and 7th, and the fire department had to be called to extinguish.
- **License Plate Readers**
 - 84 readers throughout the city. Huge help in identifying suspects, especially used in conjunction with ShotSpotter.
- **Street Corner Solicitations**
 - Can't arrest them according to state law.
 - City working on an ordinance.
- **City NPOs, Beats and Staffing**
 - Beats 100, 800 are Quad 1 (Sullivan); Beats 200, 700 are Quad 2; Beats 500, 600 are Quad 3; Beats 300, 400 are Quad 4.
 - <https://www.springfield.il.us/Departments/PoliceDepartment/Divisions/NeighborhoodPolice.aspx>
 - Manning constraints cause one officer to cover 2 beats right now. We are short 10 officers (sick, off duty, light duty, etc.)
 - Hope to get back to full manning, which would be 1 NPO per beat.
 - Beat 500 (ours) is the busiest and covers the widest territory.
 - Beat officers have 12-hour shifts. NPOs help beat officers out as needed.
 - There are a bunch of upcoming officers in the academy, but it takes 10-11 months for them to be ready to work on their own.
- **Drag Racers, Motorcycle Noise**
 - Traffic Officers: only 1 person in Traffic now.
 - Question: why do they pick up commuters but not drag racers? The policy is to NOT chase if it would pose a risk of fleeing and public risk due to high-speed accidents.
 - Motorcycle noise is difficult to address.

Michelle Coffin, President

- **National Night Out August 2**
 - We need a volunteer to organize National Night Out: organize sponsors; \$400 insurance policy for Park District; food? Face painting / balloons; neighborhood flyers.
 - Michelle will reach out to Curt Drew and Laura Lipscombe from Harvard Park Baptist Church.
 - The SPD has a bounce house – he will check with Sergeant Matt Doss; maybe use City NPO insurance? Canine demo.
- **Neighborhood Gardens**
 - Michelle will talk to 1st Church Brethern person
- **Iles Park Signs**
 - Signs have been kept trimmed.
 - Michelle & Carol will get together with city to evaluate where to locate smaller signs 10" x 20" with "Iles Park Neighborhood" and the tree.
- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - July 11: NNO planning
 - August 2, National Night Out

Treasurer's Report - No treasurer's report.

Respectfully, Carol Kneeder, Secretary