

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Home of Matt Park

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Matt Park.

Present:

Officers: Vice President-Nancy Campbell, Secretary-Jeanne Fair.

Board Members: Jeannette Bouchard, Katie Graham, Bill Hahnemann, Lisa Horn, Ally Ketron, Robyn McAdoo and Stewart Smith.

Unable to attend: Treasurer Mary Wiginton, Rob Borsari, Katie Hannah, Windsor Wall and Tommy Smith – City Council.

Minutes – Jeanne Fair

May minutes were distributed.

Motion to Approve the Minutes – LH/RM - Approved

Treasurer's Report –

Mary was unable to attend the meeting, but a copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed

Discussion: We need to adjust the budget for July 4th.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve the report – BH/LH. Passed

Knoxville Police Department – Officer John Morgan – Central District

Officer Morgan updated us on the area around Karm on Broadway. This area will see a major clean up and changes to the access. The Salvation Army requested some help since their mission is to help people get back on their feet yet the area around their building does not reflect their mission. KARM hopes to open a Women's Facility and a Men's Facility. The veterans get placed quickly due to all the support from the veterans' groups in Knoxville. Homeless who have mental illness have no place to go since Lakeshore was closed. There are a few smaller facilities but not enough. The KPD can contact family members of homeless

individuals who want to try and get home, but they must have a family member agree to take them before buying them a bus ticket. Some of the homeless do not want shelter or help.

Please support National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th at Sam Duff Park from 5:30pm – 7pm with other area neighborhood associations to show our appreciation and support for law enforcement.

Directory – Jeanne

After 4 years, the Directory has been updated, printed and distributed to all households that paid dues. We have some extra copies if people want to pay their dues and get a directory. It would be very helpful if any board members have new neighbors or notice mistakes, to please contact Clare Borsari, Jeanne Fair or Mary Wiginton. It would be so much easier if we could update throughout the next two years instead of all at once.

Nominating Committee – Nancy Campbell

Nancy and Lisa are working to find people who are willing to serve as an Officer or on the Board of the IHPNA. There are some vacancies that need to be filled, and it is nice to get some new neighbors involved. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact Nancy or Lisa.

October General Meeting – Matt

Our General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at South Coast Pizza. Food and fellowship will begin at 6pm and the meeting at 6:30pm. **Robyn** will contact Chris Morton to order the pizza, wings and salads. **Matt** will bring the water that was left from the July 4th picnic, and **Jeanne** will bring name tags/markers and Reserved Signs for the tables we will use.

Spence Place –

The huge tree at the corner of Spence and Estelle Circle had two big branches fall recently which temporarily closed that section of Spence Place. The tree is dead and needs to be removed as soon as possible. Kasey Krouse, Urban Forester, finally gave the approval for the tree to be removed. This should be happening next week.

SKNBC – South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition – Lisa Horn

The Sevier Avenue merchants will put up billboards during the road construction on Sevier Avenue so people know businesses are open and need our support.

The Gay Street bridge is scheduled to open to foot and bike traffic by the end of 2025.

The entrance to the Kerns Food Hall will be getting a light to make it easier to turn in from Chapman Highway after you cross the Henley Street bridge.

National Night Out, as Officer Morgan mentioned, is October 7th. Several neighborhood associations will be involved: Vestal Community Organization and the Vestal United Methodist Church will provide food. The Round Up will provide food and the South Woodlawn Association will provide desserts. Lisa asked if IHPNA could donate something to support this event. A motion was made to say that we give \$200. SS/BH – Motion passed.

Old Sevier Market will have an Open House on August 17th from 3pm – 5pm.

Borderline Tees will host a play on August 28 – Sept. 6

The “Pink House” is now a Korean Karaoke Bar.

SOUP is September 23rd at the Kerbela Temple at 6pm.

Airport Committee – Bill Hahnemann

There was a long discussion about the “next step” in working with the airport so our neighborhood knows what is happening at the airport and can stay “ahead of the game”. Bill had talked with Lisa about presenting our frustrations and suggestions at the next SKNBC to see if other neighborhoods would be willing to support us in our requests of a flight pattern that does not go over our houses and possible expansion. There was really no closure on this – it seems we all have different levels of tolerance for the airport and many different approaches. At the end of the day, the airport was there before most of us moved in so we need to try and work with them to be good neighbors and keep our concerns in mind as they expand and make changes.

July 4th Review – Jeannette

The July 4th picnic was a big success and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. The Ice Cream Truck was a big hit as was the Fire Truck and the KPD Mounted Patrol Unit ; Paulette and Gary did a great job getting the chicken bought, cut and ready to serve; thanks to the Henley’s for the Hot Dog station, thanks to Tommy Smith for getting the drinks, and thanks to the set-up and clean up crews. We need to adjust the budget to reflect the increase costs of this event;

try to get a specific clean up crew, borrow a grill from a neighbor who lives close to the picnic site so the Henleys don't have to bring their grill from Willis and hopefully get more people involved. It is our biggest event of the year and a great way to meet your neighbors.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm