

ICON Monthly Membership Meeting

July 27, 2020 – 6pm

Zoom virtual conference

Present: Carol Kneeder, Jess Weitzel, Jill Steiner, Polly Poskin, Bill Baskett, Kurt DeWeese, Lynn McMenamin, Joe McMenamin, Paul O’Shea, Sherri Hamilton, Donna Mathis, Marty Vandiver, Jim Dixon, Jamie Stout, Ernie Banks

1. Convened at 6:01pm
2. ICON Business
 - a. Approving February meeting minutes
 - i. No changes presented/suggested
 - ii. Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Weitzel, all approved
 - b. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Balance as of 7/27/20: \$8,802.50
 - ii. ISBE second quarter campaign disclosure filed on time
3. Committee updates
 - a. City Council update
 - i. Carol and Bill continue to track ordinances and developments through City Council
 - ii. New City Housing Policy Council
 1. Bill Baskett approved to serve on the Council
 2. Since the slate was approved via Council in mid-July, two positions have opened as one appointee will be leaving Springfield and another will not forgo a different appointed position
 - b. Problem Properties
 - i. Admin Court fees increased to apply additional pressure
 - ii. Waste haulers responsible for picking up all garbage, but allows additional fees to property owner for extra waste picked up
 - iii. Unsafe and dangerous buildings
 1. ICON requesting Matt Wolf from Public Works to speak at September virtual membership meeting to discuss the unsafe and dangerous building designation
 - iv. Non-owner occupied property registration
 1. Marty Vandiver working to coordinate with Alderwoman Erin Conley to get an update on where this effort stands
 - c. Events
 - i. Annual meeting
 1. Proposing that annual meeting be virtual to celebrate Good Neighbors, we may still ask for Pecha Kucha presentation
 2. May possibly be a several day celebration to share via social media
 - d. Communications
 - i. New ICON newsletter forthcoming
 1. In lieu of meeting in person monthly, we want to make sure there is still a good dissemination of information to our members and friends
 2. This newsletter will include news, upcoming events, and links for how to find resources

4. Old Business – none
5. New Business
 - a. Membership Open Discussion
 - i. Paul O’Shea: July 24 Citizen’s Club presentation on the impacts of the pandemic on the budget
 1. Similar presentation from Director McCarty as we received in 2019
 2. Alderman McMenamain: depending on the length of the pandemic, the impact will increase the loss of revenues (sales tax, motor vehicle fuel tax, hotel/motel tax, etc.)
 - ii. Carol Kneeder: lives next door to a problem property (previously had a fire, then purchased by a real estate speculator) but has seen an improvement in maintenance of property since the changes to the ordinance
 - b. Next meeting via Zoom: September 28th at 6pm
6. Adjourned at 6:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jess Weitzel
ICON Steering Committee Secretary