



## TOWN HALL EAST

January 13, 2020

Membership Meeting Minutes

Eastminster Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted for your review by Secretary, Kim Raia

7:05 PM WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

### Introduction

President David Lee called meeting to order and recognized elected and appointed officials, Town Hall East Board Members, and special guests.

### Old Business

Discussion/Approval: November Minutes--Motion by Donna Brian and second by Nick Della Volpe. Approved.

Discussion/Approval: Treasurer's Report—Sharon Davis. Balance \$3017.60 and \$100.00 Petty Cash. Motion to Approve Mac Goodwin. Second Sandra Korbelik. Approved and filed for Audit. Question was asked whether THE could move checking account to bank with free checking. Treasurer Davis will inquire.

### New Business

Announcements:

- President Lee asked members to fill out comment cards at the table in the back of the room.
- Officer Boston gave a report on neighborhood public safety concerns. While crime has been low in the immediate vicinity, members expressed concern over gunfire, fireworks, and possible explosions across the river.
- President Lee asked for members to review the newsletter for information on the area Traffic Studies. We have requests for studies on West Sunset and Green Valley, and signatures collected on East Sunset.
- The Office of Neighborhoods is hosting event at Last Days of Autumn. Feb 12th, 5-10PM.
- Director Millie Ward, who is serving on the Neighborhoods Advisory Council announced several additional events taking place in February.

At this point the business portion of the meeting concluded and Nick Stahlman, an East Knoxville resident and employee of the University of Tennessee was introduced. Nick's presentation was "**Shared Space: People and Other Critters**". Members enjoyed a lively presentation about wildlife at the urban fringe.

After the presentation the two primary candidates for the District 1 County Commission Seat introduced themselves.

- Dr. Dasha Lundy is a Physical Therapist and wants to promote economic development and schools. She was the former Burlington Residents Association chair and would like to be a change agent for East Knoxville. She sees poverty and blight as major concerns for the district.
- Current Commissioner Evelyn Gill has been working with Commission on the relocation of the School Board to TVA towers. This would put the Andrew Johnson Building back on the tax rolls. She also sees schools, libraries, the court system and detention as issues for the District 1 seat. The County is a billion-dollar business. Debt ratio is an issue. Growth is extraordinary in Knox County, but more investment in this district is needed.

President Lee thanked both candidates for attending. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM