



## TOWN HALL EAST

November 11, 2019

Membership Meeting Minutes

Eastminster Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted for your review by Secretary, Kim Raia

## 7:00 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. Elected and appointed officials: Council Members Gwen McKenzie and Finbarr Saunders, Mayor-elect Indya Kincannon. The Boy Scout Honor Guard led members in Pledge and honor of Veterans.

### Old Business

Discussion/Approval: June Minutes--Motion by Mac Goodwin and second by Sharon Davis. Approved.

Discussion/Approval: Treasurer's Report—Sharon Davis. Balance \$2527.60 and \$100.00 Petty Cash. Motion to Approve Sandra Korbek. Second Mac Goodwin. Approved and filed for Audit.

### New Business

#### Announcements:

- President Lee asked members to fill out comment cards at the table in the back of the room.
- The first 2020 meeting will be held on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be "Critters in our Midst".
- Board Member Millie Ward announced the Annual Dogwood Tree Sale. Bare root trees will be available 11/18. She noted, Knoxville has planted over 10,000 dogwoods in conjunction with this program.
- The UT School of Music is conducting a concert at the Holston Hills Country Club on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM.

#### Traffic Studies:

- The City of Knoxville has a process for initiating traffic studies. There are a lot of requests, so they have certain criteria for getting in the queue. Neighborhoods must obtain a certain percentage of occupant signatures before they can apply to have a study done. If approved, the City will survey for about a week and determine if there is a problem. If they determine a problem, the traffic department will suggest traffic calming methods. A neighborhood would have to approve implementation of the plan.
- The Green Valley Drive study is in the queue. Residents are starting the process on West Sunset. Additionally, Holston Hills Roads and Chilhowee are in correspondence and will submit a study. They are also trying to determine who can address overweight commercial trucks using our neighborhood as a cut through.
- Mac Goodwin mentioned there is also a preliminary study on the Rutledge Pike/Asheville Highway/Magnolia exchange. Councilwoman McKenzie mentioned there was not a good turnout for the first meeting and the city needs more input on this.
- Town Hall members brought up the question of how we can get additional street studies (East Sunset, Chilhowee Drive in particular), and whether this would be tied to the current study. There was mention of speeders going to the golf course (vendors, employees, and members), need for more routine patrolling and ticketing, and need for stop sign at intersection of Sunset and Chilhowee.



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- Councilwoman McKenzie offered her contact information to members wanting to address specific violations.

At this point the business portion of the meeting concluded and Knoxville Mayor Elect Indya Kincannon was asked to provide some remarks. Mayor Elect Kincannon stated how grateful she was to Knoxville's residents and thanked her opponent Eddie Mannis. Kincannon wants to be the mayor for everyone and reiterated her campaign focus on Knoxville's neighborhoods. She thanked Town Hall East for inviting her to the discussion on traffic and noted that the provision of safe streets is an issue that effects the quality of life of Knoxville residents. Going forward, streets must be safer and that often the solution is multi-pronged, including engineering and law enforcement actions. Her team is looking at cities in other parts of the country to see how they implement more neighborhood engagement thru technologies and community policing. Other issues facing the city will be challenges of equitable and affordable housing, making Knoxville a sustainable city and protecting green spaces. She noted that East Knoxville has been a part of the discussion, but it's time to lead change in East Knoxville. The Inauguration is Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bijou Theatre. Everyone is invited.

President Lee thanked Mayor Elect Kincannon for attending and wished her administration well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM and attendees were invited to socialize further over the homemade pumpkin pies provided by Town Hall East members