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Mayoral candidates field questions from Town Hall East



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Town Hall East President David Lee, standing, asked three questions of four Knoxville city mayor candidates including their positions on the proposed Recode changes. The four candidates, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair, favored stopping or postponing the effort to change the zoning regulations.

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If four of the candidates for Knoxville city mayor agree on anything they agree that the Recode effort needs to be postponed or stopped. Town Hall East asked the candidates their opinions on the ongoing rewrite of zoning regulations and other topics at a forum held during the group's May meeting at Eastminster Fellowship Hall.

Town Hall East President David Lee, who was re-elected during the meeting of neighborhood members, introduced Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair. Two other candidates who picked up qualifying

petitions on May 8th and 9th, Michael D. Chase and Calvin Taylor Skinner, did not appear on the neighborhood panel.

Lee asked three prepared questions and member Sam McKenzie followed up with a few questions from the large audience that were meeting.

Recode

Although Burkhardt said he'd vote "No" and that a one-sized zoning doesn't fit all in the city, he predicted, "It's going to pass before any of us are elected."

Kincannon said she is "totally fine with slowing it down, and getting

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'Celebrating our Seniors' at Honor Fountain City Day

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The 44th Annual Honor Fountain City Day, held on Memorial Day each year, has "Celebrating our Seniors" as the theme this year. Tyler Pavlis, chair of the event, and Fountain City Town Hall have selected several people to honor. The honors awards begin at 3 p.m.

Community leader and lifelong Knoxville resident Jamie Rowe will be the featured speaker.

The Commercial Restoration award goes to Starbucks. The residential Restoration award goes to David and Lori Hersley. The Chairman's Award goes to Angela Hunter.

The Friend of Fountain City honors goes to Fountain City Ministry Center.

To be honored as the 2019 Fountain City Woman of the Year is Penny Kleinschmidt and Fountain City Man of the Year will be presented to Bryson Rosser.

The event, held at Fountain City Park, features a flag presentation and Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troop 55. Rev. Tim Best of St. Paul United Methodist Church will give the invocation.

Honor Fountain City Day gets started at 8:30 with booths from various vendors, political candidates, and non-profit organizations. There's music from Brandywine at the Gazebo at 10 a.m. and the Chilibillies perform at 12:30 followed by the Tennessee Wind Symphony. Free

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South-Doyle students get a taste of Japanese culture



PHOTO BY AMY BOSS FELLEHOESTER

Kumi Alderman shows the SDMS student Angela Valleser how to make homemade Mochi.

By Amy Box Fellehoester

"It's their enthusiasm. These students are here because they want to learn, they want to know more about Japan," answered Jennifer Sauer, eighth grade science teacher and Japanese Club sponsor, when asked what she enjoyed most about supporting the club members at South-Doyle Middle School. Since Sauer lived in Japan for more than six years, she has many experiences to draw on to plant seeds of knowledge about the country into her students. She taught English under the Japan

Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program and later returned to the country to raise a family with her husband.

Five club students were part of the May 13, 2019, ceremony besides Sauer and Kumi Alderman, the executive director of the Asian Culture Center of Tennessee. The event took place in front of several teachers and Assistant Principal Brian Melton. The club's president spoke about how the cherry blossom tree is to Japan as the dogwood tree is to Knoxville, and gave a short history of the club and

its activities. The club's vice president then spoke in Japanese and led a Japanese welcome, bow, and thank you. Following the ceremony, students congregated in the school cafeteria to listen to Alderman explain and demonstrate how to make homemade Japanese ice cream, called Mochi, and eagerly tasted some for themselves.

The inception of the SDMS Japanese Club arose during the 2016-2017 school year and has grown to ten students who attend its

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Six qualify to run for Knoxville Mayor, five for At Large C

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The Knox County Election Commission issued information on people who picked up and returned qualifying petitions for mayor and city council seats.

Candidates for mayor include Michael W. Andrews, Fletcher "Knoxville" Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis, Calvin Taylor Skinner and Marshall Stair.

Candidates to replace At-Large Commissioner Finbarr Saunders for Seat C include Amy Mids, Amelia Parker, Hubert Smith, Bob Thomas and David Williams.

Candidates for At-Large Seat A are Lynne Fugate and Charles F. Lomax. George Wallace currently holds that position.

At-Large Seat B candidates include David Hayes and Janet Testerman who are running for the seat that Marshall Stairs now holds.

Seeking to replace Mark Campen in District 5 are Charles Al-Bawl and Charles Thomas.

Judge John R. Rosson, Jr. is the only candidate for Municipal Judge.

People who picked up petitions but did not return them to qualify for office include John Bevil and Mike Chase in the mayor race and Pete Drew and Nate Martin in council races.

Thursday, May 23, is the last day for qualified candidates to withdraw their names.

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