to right are: Michael Andrews, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Mannis, Skinner and Marshall Stair.

Community policing and the candidates for mayor

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One of the topics addressed during the League of Women Voters Maywas community policing. Knoxville is currently planning to relocate the

Broadway. Not all of the six can-

didates agree with that and each

addressed the idea of spreading the

city rather than one central location.

police department out through the

oral Candidate Forum Tuesday night police and fire departments to the former St. Mary's hospital just off

the community policing model and said that police officers should be paid better. "When I talk to officers about recruiting more officers no one ever says we need a better building." "Police working in an area have the opportunity to get to know the people in that area," said Michael Andrews. "You get better community input." Fletcher Burkhardt said he thinks

the precinct idea "is great" but said it

increases the cost. He also said the

police and fire department employ-

Indya Kincannon said she supports

mental health training. He said community policing is "helpful." "We're doing that now with com-

called for more diversity and better

munity meetings and building relationship with business owners," said Marshall Stair. He added, "I'm not for the precinct model because the city of Knoxville is not that big. At this time when we're understaffed

I don't think that makes sense.

The forum, held at the Knoxville

News-Sentinel office, drew a large

crowd of supporters and citizens.

bungy trampoline. Families can also enjoy face painting and a photo booth. On the park's Festival Lawn Stage, Bary Jolly performs Jimmy Buffet's songs from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m., fol-

cial Events Director Judith Foltz, "The new lawn is a wonderful addition for

both the Festival on the Fourth as well as future events in World's Fair Park." Festival on the Fourth features a variety of entertainment, activi-

the Tennessee Amphitheater includes:

Activities in the Regal Kids Zone on

the Festival Lawn include mini-golf, a

water balloon game, Legos by Bricks

4 Kids, a climbing wall and a Euro-

4:15 - 4:45 p.m.: K-Pop Dancers

6 - 7 p.m.: The Amazing Magic

5 - 5:45 p.m.: Dre Hilton

Show with Tim Pressley

ties and food vendors on the Performance Lawn, Festival Lawn and inside the Tennessee Amphitheater. Live family entertainment on the Home Federal Bank Family Fun Stage at