

## MINUTES

### Downtown Decatur Neighbors

March 11, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

I Feb. Minutes - Motion was made to approve as submitted, properly seconded and approved unanimously.

II Treasurers Report - **Jean O'Callaghan**

\$750 in donations from the downtown condominiums and other living spaces has been received per our request and bills have been paid so DDN is in the black by \$14

DDN president George Dusenbury noted that within the next fortnight the DDN organization would be able to accept PayPal money transfers via Web site. This will make it easier for individuals to contribute or pay dues when established. Our mailing address is DDN at P.O. Box 274, Decatur, GA 30030.

III By-Laws Amendment – George Dusenbury Proper written email notice was given. Motion was made and properly seconded and those present voted unanimously to change the by-laws regarding the regularly scheduled membership meeting times of the DDN to the second Wednesday of every odd-numbered month. Article VI, Section 1. Thus, for the remainder of 2015:

- May 13
- July 8
- September 9
- November 11

The group will continue to hold its open meetings at 7 p.m. in the Decatur Recreation Center.

The DDN president urged committees and their respective members to meet on even-numbered months and then forward the meeting notes to George and the DDN secretary.

IV Discussion

Question re: the Decatur Planning Commission meeting held on March 10, which had previously indicated it would discuss the request for a variance at 315 W. Ponce de Leon to re-purpose the former Wells Fargo drive-through ATM structure to a Juice Bar. The request was withdrawn and was no longer on the agenda.

A reminder to help spread the word that upcoming Publix Georgia Marathon & Half-Marathon on Sunday morning, March 22 will wind its way through downtown Decatur, thus street closing might disrupt vehicle travel. The event should last no later than 10:30, so the inconvenience will be minimal.

#### IV Committee Breakout Sessions

Attendees moved around and share concerns and issues related to each respective committee. The committee head then summarized the issues that came up.

After the verbal summaries, George instructed the committees heads to schedule meetings with their respective groups before the next open meeting on May 13, to prioritize the issues and bring a list of the Top 3 along with an outline of the next steps needed to address and resolve these concerns. George would like to bundle all of these into a single document to present to the appropriate Decatur Commission or Department.

Next Meeting: May 13. City Commissioner Scott Drake will be invited to make a Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Kathie Gannon, Secretary, with thanks for the assistance of Brian McGreevy