

## 2-1-17 Board of Directors

### Minutes DDN

Members Present: George D., President who called the meeting to order. Kathie G., Lila M., Nikki E., Buddy H., Tom F. and Welcome to New member, Jim Diez, Communications.

MINUTES of January meeting were approved following a verbal review.

**Greenspace (Public Spaces)** – Nikki – Met with an advocate for greenspace use of the UMCH who wants Decatur to buy it. While we support this idea it is not within our area. She also met with Kay Evanovich the new City Arborist. Nikki will invite her to present at the March general meeting. The Fundraising group will meet next week. Their challenge is not having an identified property for a Park.

**Treasurer** – Tom- reports a \$200 donation made thru pay pal, which he is still learning.

**Communications** – Jim – We enthusiastically welcomed Jim who is taking on a much needed role. He is taking on MailChimp, which is how we advertise our meetings. The slate of Officers will be sent out for the next general meeting. He will also update the website. George and Judi (remotely from CO) will keep up with Facebook while Jim learns the process. It was suggested that we create a Meeting Announcement Flyer and ask the group of liaisons in the multi-family buildings to post these for the meeting. It will be a good way to resurrect that list and see who is still available to help.

**Seniors** – Lila – Oliver House still needs a mid block crosswalk which was part of the Crosswalk Plan that DDN did last year. They now have a MARTA stop across the street so the crosswalk is needed even more. ALSO the Survey that was presented to DDN at our November General Meeting has still not been released by the City. We wanted to post it to website as it included good information. George will follow up with a letter.

**Planning** – Kathie – reporting for Buddy on Planning for Downtown. We are still pulling together the Steering Committee so will have more to report at next meeting.

George reviewed presentation ideas for March meeting. Catherine Lee manager of the DDA was suggested. Also an update from Better Together. Nikki will talk with Kay and Buddy will ask Catherine before we go further.

It was suggested that the Board meeting go to every other month so we can hold Committee meetings on the off month. As Committee chairs we have to recommit to scheduling, holding and recruiting. All agreed.

To DO's from meeting:

- Letter for mid-bloc crosswalk

- Tom to learn PayPal
- Jim to do mail chimp for March meeting
- Buddy to ask Catherine Lee to present at March meeting
- Nikki to ask Kay Evanovich
- Lila and George will request the Survey

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Submitted by Kathie Gannon

Post Script – Email was sent to the Board to Confirm their willingness to be presented as the Slate of Officers at the March meeting since we didn't vote on this.

George – President - Yes

Kathie – Secretary - Yes

Tom – Treasurer - Yes

Jim – Communications - Yes

Buddy – Planning - Yes

Lila – Seniors

Nikki – Greenspace (Public Spaces)

Pete – Codes and Ordinances (out of country and not voting)