

10-4-17 Board of Directors Minutes
DDN

Present: George Dusenbury, Tom Frangos, Nikki Economou, Pete Pfeiffer, Buddy Harrell, Lila Miller
Absent: Kathie Gannon

Discussion:

George - general discussion on last night's (10/3) candidate forum:

- perhaps 50 or so people in attendance
- discussion of perception of candidates (good slate)
- Fred Boykin commented to George after the meeting that he thought there were funds in the budget for a downtown plan;
- discussion of lack of turnout and possible reasons. No conclusions.

Tom - Treasurer's report

- No change - balance of \$1,241.64

Jim (Communications)

- domain name expires end of year;
- have been doing some tweaks to Facebook page
- still hoping that Wendell will assume Facebook duties
- the Decatur neighborhood web sites are in general "lacking"
- our web-site in general is "low content"
- there might be some better options than "Wordpress"
- George mentioned "Weebly" as a possible option
- there was discussion of possible content for site (Board and meeting minutes, calendars, committee info)

Pete (Ordinances)

- nothing specific about committee
- mentioned that there was to be a meeting at Manuel's by "historians" to discuss the Confederate memorial controversy

Nikki (Greenspace)

- Nikki discussed her move to Delaware because of family health issues. We all expressed our sadness that she's leaving and appreciation for the work she has done.

- Discussed downtown and possible green space initiatives including closing portions of Ponce on occasion;
- we discussed revisiting DDN boundaries at the December meeting (there are no legal limitations on boundaries) Tom - Square Pub

Lila (Seniors)

- discussed “reboot” of delivery (of service and message) to senior buildings and communities

Buddy (Planning and Development)

- Discussed September DDA and Planning Commission meetings
- the DDA meeting with concerned with various items of business but primarily was focused on city efforts to bring more office space into downtown Decatur, particularly associated with the Global Task Forced on Health
- the Planning Commission meeting was primarily focused on development of the Bank of America site. The only decision on which the Comm had legal authority consisted of the question of providing a “density bonus” in return for providing some number of “affordable” units. Even though there were concerns about curb cuts near the Clairemont/Commerce intersection, emergency vehicle access, and length of facade, these were out of scope issues.

George (discussion of November General Meeting)

- discussion of having a short business meeting followed by a social
- Buddy is to contact Brick Store about possible site
- Tom - Square Pub
- Nikki - Cafe Lily
- try to have done by next Wed (10/11)
- DDN would pay for appetizers and possibly 1 or 2 drink tickets
- 50-75 people
- Try to have City Comm winner there for meet and greet

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Buddy Harrell