

## MINUTES

### Downtown Decatur Neighbors General Meeting

May 8, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Kathie Gannon

George Duesenbury apologized as he had another commitment.

Introduction of Guests – Andrea Arnold our new City Manager and Angela Threadgill, Planning Dir.

**I Minutes** - Motion was made to approve March Minutes as posted and were Approved.

**II Treasurers Report** - \$642 Balance.

**III Business Sponsor** – Kelly’s Market at 308 E Howard, Owner Shawn Crotty. He is a 3 year resident of Decatur. The Market is named after his grandfather and fulfills an idea for an old school neighborhood market. They have many products and services including Lantern Parade Kits, Splash of Olive’s new location is with them, Sharper Knives to fill the void of where to get knives sharpened, and many fresh to order sandwiches. Watch for beer/wine tastings along with other local products. You can find them on Instagram, Facebook and they have a website.

**IV Program** – The ARC speaker was unable to attend but sent a replacement, Jared Lombard.

Jared spoke about the LCI (Livable Centers Initiative), which is 20 years old with \$16 million in grants, and Decatur has been their poster child. Program’s goal is to create vibrant places with alternatives to driving and to engage entire communities. Many LCI Plans are for areas around Marta Stations.

Decatur’s 2000 & 2010 Strategic Plans provide Goals and Policies. There are some Action Steps for implementation and the City updates those in 5-year intervals. Different from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan which is legally required for their Land Use and ties to Zoning. It has “legal authority” whereas a Strategic Plan does not. Strategic Plans provide a framework for growth through out the entire City; covers residential and commercial. Residents are advised to participate in the upcoming Strategic Plan by attending the meetings, asking Questions and bring a friend!

While there is no definition of “Master Plan” it is generally thought to be a site-by-site plan for what could be built and where. It has more specificity then Decatur’s Goals oriented Strategic Plan.

## **V Committee Reports**

**Lila – Seniors** – They are attending meetings with their building Advisory Group about state legislation for assistance with medial co-pays.

**Planning – Buddy** - Committee will gear up to give input to Strategic Plan and needs volunteers to join them! Committee still believes downtown needs a Master Plan.

**Public Safety – Pete**- they gave comments about scooters to the City’s work session.

**GreenSpace – Betty** – Ed McBrayer of PATH was introduced. He has agreed to help work with us, city and school to develop a plan for a park in the property at Trinity and Commerce. Stay tuned.

Announcements: The Cycle Track work on Commerce Dr to Church St. has begun. It will take until the end of the year to complete and will be landscaping with trees.

NO July Meeting – summer break. We meet again on September 11.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Submitted by Kathie Gannon, Secretary.