

MINUTES

Downtown Decatur Neighbors General Meeting

September 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Buddy Harrell and Betty Blondeau.

Introduction of Guests – Tim Martin for the West Ponce Music Stroll gave an overview of the 2nd annual event with the Music Stroll starting at 1:00 culminating with Concert on the Square relocated to the Marlay for an 8:00PM concert. The beneficiary will be Decatur Makers' Girls Club.

I Minutes – Minutes will be taken up at the November meeting.

II Committee Reports – No Reports to allow time for the Candidates forum

III Business Sponsor – Jamellia's Bakery. Emily Holden brought the most incredible cookies to share with attendees. She is a Decatur resident and her company has many choices of cookies for ALL occasions. They sell at the Wed. Decatur Farmers Market and at Kelly's Market. They ship (free in Decatur) and have Holiday Gifts ideas.

The Decatur Farmers Market sent over \$5 vouchers for Wed or Sat.

Ed. Note: Coming to the DDN Meetings can be a real treat!

Betty Blondeau introduced the Candidates forum for City Commissioner at-Large and District 1. Each Candidate will have 3 Minutes for Introductions, followed by a Q an A Session and closing Remarks.

Erin Braden and George Dusenbury for District 1 and Tony Powers, incumbent and Christopher Gagnon for at- large. The information provided was valuable, interesting, informative and much too long to include in Minutes.

Questions - to give you the flavor of your downtown neighbors' concerns:

- Given the high rate of tree loss in the Atlanta area and concerns about the loss of Decatur's canopy – How would you work to save 50% or more of our existing canopy??
- What is your position on the DeKalb County Ethics revision on the ballot?
- Everywhere we are building apartments bringing more cars on our streets and more children to our schools – How do we handle or manage all this growth?
- The City's diversity is declining – How do we protect and grow our diversity of socio –economic, race, age and other forms? We have task forces but policy changes will be needed.

Submitted by Kathie Gannon, Secretary. NEXT MEETING November 13th