

## Downtown Decatur Neighbors Board Meeting

February 5, 2020

Directors present: Pete Pfeiffer, President; Tom Frangos, Treasurer; Buddy Harrell, Committee Chair; Betty Blondeau, Green Space Committee Chair; Nancy Hall, Safety Committee Chair.

Directors absent: Kathie Gannon, Secretary; Lila Miller, and Lisa Schreiber.

Approval of the last meeting's minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the corporation has \$66 in CenterState Bank and \$478 in PayPal. The Decatur Business Association membership for 2020 in the amount of \$45 has been paid. The renewal of the Post Office Box in the amount of \$92 will be accomplished this month. Pete needs to fill out signature forms for the Bank, and that will be accomplished this month.

The Board appointed Pete as the Registered Agent for the Corporation, and Pete stated that he would complete the on-line registration this week.

The Board welcomed Nancy Hall, the new Safety Committee Chair. Nancy advised the Board that next meeting of the Committee will February 19, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Decatur Recreation Center.

The replacement for Buddy as the Planning and Development Committee Chair has not been accomplished. At the General Membership meeting held in January, one person express an interest, but no action has been taken.

Old Business: The Board discussed the ongoing process for Decatur's 2030 Strategic Plan, and discussed the concerns that Kathie raised in her email about the 2010 Strategic Plan's failure to include Principles and Goals for identifying and providing amenities that residents living in neighborhoods located in commercial districts need in order to be healthy, happy and safe. The need to encourage those participating in the Round Tables to suggest including such Principles and Goals in the 2030 Plan was recognized, especially since the use of multi-use commercial/residential structures is the avenue that the City has identified that it intends to build the tax base, but no specific action plan was suggested.

Betty and Pete discussed their meeting with Noel Maloof, Decatur City Schools Facilities Manager, concerning the school property located at Commerce and West Trinity. While plans for the use of the property are not yet set, there is a strong possibility that the use will be for assisting pre-school children. More will be known within the next few months. The Board agreed to invite Noel Maloof to the April Board meeting and possibly as speaker for the May Membership meeting.

New Business: The Board discussed the possibility of approaching the membership for suggested donations and the Board discussed ways to engage people living in townhouses and apartments in our downtown area, including the possibility of a meet and greet social at a local restaurant or pub.

Planning for Future Meetings:

Suggestions for a program at the March Membership Meeting included either having someone speak about the City's budget process or having a demonstration of the new voting machines. After discussion, Betty agreed to check on having a demonstration of the new voting machines at the March Membership meeting.

The Board set the next meeting for April 1, 2020, at 7:00pm at Towne Square Condominiums Club Room.