

Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Safety Committee of the DDNA

Members attending this meeting were Kathy Allen, Tom Frangos, Barbara Haworth, new member Carol Hostetter, Pete Pfeiffer, Karen Simkins and Nancy Hall.

We introduced ourselves and discovered special safety concerns of each member, as well as what interested them in joining this committee. Concerns included pedestrian crosswalk, both lighted and designated, bicycle lanes usage, confusion about usage of new sidewalks and bicycle lanes, heavy traffic through downtown Decatur and sidewalk hazards. The availability of downtown parking is also a concern, particularly convenient, free short-term parking

Three members were involved in the 2030 Planning Groups. We discussed raising the need for explicit principles and goals for the residents in downtown. Currently it seems the current mixed used designation for downtown is only considering the commercial district, not the residential community. For one example, the increased pedestrian use of the downtown area by people both able bodied and with limited mobility needs scrutiny.

We were glad to see the absence of scooters currently in the downtown area.

The committee adopted the recommendation by Tom Frangos to write a letter to the DDNA Board requesting the city commissioners and any appropriate city officials to fund the Candler Street sidewalk problem.

Respectfully submitted. Nancy Hall, Chair