

**DOWNTOWN DECATUR NEIGHBORS**  
GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Past President Pete Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 7pm. There were 25 people in attendance.

The minutes from the September 4th General Meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jane Yoemans. The business account has a balance of \$308.77. No expenses or income since September.

Pete introduced Commissioner Kelly Walsh. She told us about news from Legacy Park. The City Counsel hosted Dekalb Legislators to her about updates to the Park. It was well attended.

Michael Minga from Sponsoring Business Vivid Boutique told us about his shop and the latest Christmas inventory. Harry asked him for photos of the shop and suggested we ask for other retail business photos for the website. Member photos of downtown were requested as well.

Nancy Hall, Public Safety Committee gave a short report. Sidewalk improvements continue to be their focus. She asked members for comments. Pete asked for volunteers to join the committee..

Stephen Bush, Parks/Greenspace Committee had no new updates.

Pete introduced Luis Calvo from MKSK Consulting to talk about the Downtown Master Plan progress. Their website [Decatur Town Center Plan](#) has a new survey for residents to express their suggestions for Downtown growth and improvements. There is also an interactive map for residents to pinpoint items of concern. MKSK is looking at all the other various Master Plans Decatur has put together over the past few years. They will integrate those goals into the new plan. Luis talked about the November 30th community event for all residents and businesses. Harry reiterated our desire for more greenspace. Luis said that is a subject all stakeholders bring up. Commissioner Walsh assured us the City Council hears us loud and clear. She also stated that the Commission was shocked about Kroger's closing and hopes another grocery store will take the space. No details. Luis wants the new Downtown Master Plan to be completed and presented to the City by the beginning of the new fiscal year in May 2023.

Commissioner Walsh told us the City will be testing a plan to close the parking circle beside the old Courthouse to traffic. More details soon. She mentioned the 5 acre lot for the Post Office as a possible new green space. They may not need all their existing parking and storage.

Pete closed out the meeting with a request for members to consider joining the DDN Board and Committees. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jo Giraudo, Secretary

