

WPNA Community Meeting

Date: April 17, 2018

Location: United Methodist Children's Home

Executive Committee Attendees: Scott Moore, Pete Shannin, Tom DeSimone, Seegar Swanson

Meeting Notes:

Assistant City Manager Lyn Menne opened the presentation by providing an overview of the UMCH property and potential uses. She discussed the civic dinners that have already been hosted, and announced that there is an upcoming public input session at the Ebster Building on April 30, 2018 from 6-8PM. She also provided an historical overview of the UMCH property.

The Decatur Next website can be used to sign up for civic dinners. It is estimated that the City Commission should have a master plan implemented by July, and that the process of physically constructing or implementing what the community has agreed upon should commence shortly thereafter.

Detailed information regarding potential plans, timeframes upcoming meetings and other information about the UMCH property may be accessed by clicking on this [link](#).

After Lyn's presentation ended, several attendees voiced concerns that a lot of interested people were not participating in the process because they could not commit to the two hour information sessions that had been held previously. It was also noted that some advocacy groups had been showing up en masse and were aggressively promoting their respective agendas during previous meetings.

Other attendees express concerns about proposals related to installing some type of community amphitheater, due to concerns about noise pollution in the surrounding neighborhoods. Lyn noted that there are a number of constraints that would limit what can actually be constructed on the site, including noise control regulations, and the fact that the property is not completely flat, which would necessitate an expensive levelling process to build any type of large structure on the site.

Reports from Committee chairs:

Social Chair – Social Chair was absent, but Scott identified social events such as the community dinner hosted at Double Dragon, the Christmas Luminaire sale, Fur Bus, etc. as examples successful events in the previous year. Scott noted that the WPNA is always looking for new ideas for social events. The next scheduled WPNA event will be yard sale on June 2. This is followed by the City of Decatur super trash day on June 10 for any items that are not sold. An interactive map will be published on Google maps indicating addresses of yard sale participants and items for sale.

The WPNA is also looking to coordinate with the Winnona Park PTA in order to host a concurrent yard sale at the elementary school. It was proposed that all proceeds from the school yard sale would go toward the PTA's Winnona Park playground upgrade project.

Communications Chair Report – All information about the WPNA will continue to be posted on the WPNA website, which may be accessed by clicking this [link](#). Memberships can also be renewed there.

NextDoor, Winnona Park Shares, Twitter, and Yahoo Groups are social media outlets the WPNA will use to push news out to the WPNA membership.

Treasurer Report – Seegar circulated the proposed budget during the meeting. After review, the budget was approved by the membership unanimously.

Public Safety Report – Lt. Dana Canipe of the City of Decatur Police Department provided the update. She discussed a series of incidents where suspects had gained entry into residents' cars, noting that the responding officers were able to collect evidence at the scene. She also mentioned that there had been a number of bike thefts, and that it was important to consider registering bikes with the City of Decatur Police Department. Several attendees asked Lt. Canipe about problems with speeding, lack of sidewalks, and running of stop signs. Lt. Canipe instructed residents to file traffic complaints with Lieutenant Ross. The need for installing sidewalks on Shadowmoor was also discussed.

Executive Committee Election Results (all elected unanimously by the membership):

President-Tom DeSimone

Vice President – Pete Shannin

Secretary – Jared Poley

Treasurer - Seegar Swanson

The meeting was adjourned.