ACTIVE LIVING BOARD
Minutes: January 7, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Pete Duitsman, Aaron Wiener, Shelly Head, Mike Johnson, Jack Kittle, Michael Black (from the Environmental Sustainability Board)

Members Absent: Wendy Childers, Adam Pinsley, Brooke Schembri

On Behalf of City of Decatur: Greg White, Cheryl Burnette

Minutes from December 3, 2019 Meeting: Minutes from December 3, 2019 meeting were approved by Board.

Meeting Notes:

- Greg White provided the following updates:
  o Summer Camp Registration Opens 1/4
  o COD Retreat focused Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
  o The gym floors were refinished throughout the rec centers
  o Winter Playbook
  o Visit the library to see the exhibit, Once He Learns How to Read: A Legacy of Literacy

- Michael Black provided the following updates:
  o Composting is being instituted at the Phase 3-5 school
  o April 18th, Earth Day Festival Event
    ▪ ALB will have a table for the event.
    ▪ Will host a parade, volunteers needed 12-1pm
    ▪ Festival 1-5pm at Decatur Square

- Cheryl Burnette provided the following updates:
  o Safe Routes to School going well.
    ▪ February is “Love Your Bus Month”, encourage students for kids to ride the bus to school to reduce traffic.
    ▪ Greg White and Cheryl got to play Santa at Westchester Elementary
    ▪ A luncheon is being provided for the school crossing guards at the Rec Center today (~34 school crossing guards paid for by COD)
  o Walk There Decatur (January to March) – participate, take a pic of yourself or others walking in Decatur on social media with the #iwalkDecatur, #whereiwalk, #beactivedecatur and show it at the Visitor’s Center to receive a free walking light. Signage for the event is delayed but should be ready shortly.
  o Streets Alive (Sunday May 3rd), ALB needs to find sponsors
    ▪ Ponce de Leon – Wells Fargo to Post Office, ~1 mile of fun

- Jack Kittle provided the following Pedestrian Committee update:
  o Walk and Roll Stars are needed to profile in the Focus
  o Courtney Frisch is scheduled to speak on the Strategic Plan in February

- Other notes:
  o High traffic pedestrian signals have gone up, around the city

- Shelly Head provided the following updates on “Walking Book Club”: 
- Launching February 1, with additional dates on the first Saturday of every month
  - Cheryl to assist with posting and drafting the flyer
  - Book with a movie
  - 10am-11am
  - Jack suggested having a sweeper to keep the group together and walk the route in advance to get the distance and timing
  - Exact route being determined, but likely will be around the square
  - If inclement weather happens the indoor track at the rec center could be utilized

- Cheryl announced Wendy’s note to discuss Adult Family Activities
  - Mike Johnson is working with her to start a running club in February. Details to come.
  - Also in the works is a hiking club

- Other notes:
  - Host More Walk Events:
    - Art Walk, to include new art work and electrical boxes
    - Pollinator Walk
    - Walking with the Dead at the cemetery to discuss trees with arborists
    - Work best with a theme
  - Education Events
    - Biking (to support new capital improvements), Silver Spikes
    - Fit Wit to move into Oakhurst (Old Dollar Tree location) and would like to get involved with ALB and COD
    - 3rd Friday ride to start in March
    - What are the green boxes and how to use them.
    - LCI, training in September to provide league classes locally
    - ALB should be hosting more health and wellness
  - Capital Improvement Bike Lanes almost complete on Commerce