



MINUTES
September 6, 2023
4:00 PM

City Hall
509 N. McDonough St

I. Call to Order by Co-Chair

R. Nobles called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call by Secretary

Present: F. Burdette, H. Cayce, Q. Daise, M. Drake, C. Duvall, J. Eagle, L. Foster, P. Goebel, T. Jackson, E. Mathew-Lewis, A. Nobles, R. Nobles, L. Oguneeye, R. Pare, G. Tell

Staff: Meredith Roark.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2023 meeting. On a motion by Q. Daise, second by G. Tell, and all voting “aye,” the minutes of the May meeting were approved.

IV. Welcome and Introductions.

Ms. Roark welcomed members to the meeting. Members introduced themselves by sharing name, grade, school, neighborhood and a one word description of their summer breaks, school year so far and why they had joined DYC.

V. Icebreaker.

Members spent twenty minutes getting to know each other using a version of the “Telephone” game.

VI. DYC Orientation.

Ms. Roark presented the highlights of the DYC by-laws and went over the rules for attendance and participation. She also shared the meeting schedule for the year and asked that members place the dates on their calendars now.

VII. New Business.

a. City Organization.

Ms. Roark explained that Mayor pro tem Powers was on vacation and City Manager Andrea Arnold was out sick so the discussion on the city’s organization would be postponed until the September 13 meeting. She introduced Capital Conduction Manager Hugh Saxon to present a short overview on the City’s form of government.



- Mr. Saxon also shared facts about his 40+ years as a City employee.
- b. Brainstorm – Topics of Interest.
F. Burdette, R. Nobles and Ms. Roark led members in an exercise to identify topics of interest for the year. Some of the ideas included a discussion on historic preservation and architecture, resources for the unhoused population, recycling efforts and where materials went once collected, affordable housing, history of the city, mobility and transportation, ways to communicate plans and projects happening in the city.
 - c. Brainstorm – Community event ideas.
F. Burdette, R. Nobles and Ms. Roark led members in an exercise to identify potential projects to engage the community with during the year. During the robust discussion, it was determined that members would partner with the City’s special events team to host a holiday movie night on December 1st as the Fall project and then focus efforts on planning a larger event to occur in Spring 2024. Ideas for the spring project included a rodeo on the Square, return of the Beach Party, food festival with an international theme, hosting live bands on the Square or at Decatur Legacy Park, hosting a soccer or kickball tournament for all-ages, a carnival. P. Goebel suggested making a decision about the project at either the September 13 or October 11 meeting.

VIII. Other Business.

- a. Next meeting.
Ms. Roark reminded DYC members that September was the only month with two meetings. She stated the next meeting was Wednesday, September 13 and the topic was affordable housing and taxes.
- b. Election for Secretary Position.
Ms. Roark stated that an election for the position of Secretary would be held during the September 13 meeting. She stated information about the position and how to apply would be included in the follow-up email.

IX. Adjournment.

On a motion by Q. Daise, second by F. Burdette, and all voting “aye,” the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.