



MINUTES
October 11, 2023

Decatur City Hall
509 N. McDonough Street
4:00 PM

I. Call to Order by Co-Chair.

F. Burdette called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call By Secretary

- a. Present: F. Burdette, Q. Daise, M. Drake, C. Duvall, J. Eagle, L. Foster, P. Goebel, T. Jackson, E. Mathew-Lewis, A. Nobles, R. Nobles, L. Oguneye, G. Tell.
- b. Absent: H. Cayce, R. Pare.
- c. Staff: Meredith Roark, Tony Powers, Andrea Arnold.

III. Approval of Minutes from September, 13, 2023 meeting.

On a motion by E. Mathew-Lewis; second by R. Nobles; and, all present voting “aye,” the minutes were approved.

IV. Unfinished Business.

- a. **Community Engagement Idea for Spring 2024:** DYC members voted on an idea with a show of hands and decided on a carnival that was targeted towards families and there would be fees for certain activities. The members then discussed the location and dates of the carnival. Ms. Roark stated she would share the ideas with the City’s special events team and report back on date and location possibilities.
- b. **Public service announcement (PSA):** The members decided to split into two groups and have two PSA’s. One on mental health targeted towards parents and one on affordable



housing.

Members of the mental health team include H. Cayce, J. Eagle, L. Foster, T. Jackson, A. Nobles, R. Nobles, L. Oguneve and G. Tell. Members of the affordable housing team include F. Burdette, Q. Daise, M. Drake, C. Duvall, P. Goebel, E. Mathew-Lewis and R. Pare.

V. New Business.

a. Dialogue with City Manager Andrea Arnold and CSD Superintendent Dr. Gymiah Whitaker.

The DYC, along with members of the CFCI Teen Leadership Team, met with Dr. Whitaker and Ms. Arnold. After introducing themselves, Ms. Arnold and Dr. Whitaker explained their roles. They then answered questions about policies and projects occurring in the City and schools.

b. Meet and Greet with the Teen Leadership Team: Members from the Teen Leadership Team shared with the DYC about what their group did and what their priorities were on how to make the City of Decatur more child friendly as well as accessible. The two groups then discussed ways to work on team building between them.

VI. Other Business.

a. Next Meeting - November 1st at 4:00 at Eloise T. Leveritt Building. Topic: Public Works including clean energy & environmental sustainability.

VII. Adjourn.

a. On a motion by G. Tell; second by R. Nobles; and, all present voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.