

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DEKALB  
CITIZENS' COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION  
April 15, 2019**

The Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission (CCEC) held a regular meeting on April 15, 2019, in the Executive Conference Room of the DeKalb Municipal Building, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

Chair Brad Hoey called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was recorded by Management Analyst Jason Blumenthal and the following members of the CCEC were present: Chair Brad Hoey, Jeanine Holcomb, Deborah Booth, Brad Pietens, and Melissa Beck. Members absent at roll call were: Susan Johnson and Ellingsworth Webb. Ellingsworth Webb arrived after roll call at 4:11 P.M.

Also present were Mayor Jerry Smith, City Manager Bill Nicklas, and Management Analyst Jason Blumenthal

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

Ms. Beck asked that downtown ashtrays be added to New Business for discussion.

MOTION

Ms. Beck moved to amend the agenda as noted above; seconded by Ms. Holcomb.

VOTE

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of those present.

Ms. Holcomb asked that the City's Mural Policy be added to New Business for discussion.

MOTION

Ms. Holcomb moved to amend the agenda as noted above; seconded by Ms. Beck.

VOTE

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of those present.

MOTION

Chair Hoey moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Holcomb.

VOTE

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of those present.

### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION

Ms. Booth moved to approve the CCEC minutes of April 15, 2019; seconded by Ms. Beck.

VOTE

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of those present.

### **D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chair Hoey indicated there was no public participation. However, prior to the meeting beginning, Bessie Chronopoulos e-mailed comments and concerns about the CCEC.

Discussion ensued regarding the email submitted by Ms. Chronopoulos.

### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Downtown Ash Trays

Discussion regarding this item centered around planning and funding. There was conversation about the cleanliness of downtown and how cleaning up cigarette butts can help enhance the downtown area.

#### 2. Mural Policy

Discussion occurred regarding the City not having a City-wide mural policy. Chair Hoey indicated that it might work better folding this into the public arts policy being discussed later in the meeting.

### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

#### 1. Status of Paint-a-Plug Applications

Mr. Blumenthal spoke regarding the status of Paint-a-Plug. There are currently 11 applicants that have been approved to complete fire hydrants. A social media campaign is being created to engage interest with the community. An e-mail will be going out to all participants reminding them to complete their painting projects.

Ms. Holcomb indicated the Egyptian will be painting its fire hydrant soon. A professional will be coming in. She stated it might be a good idea to ask others to paint their fire hydrants on the same day.

Chair Hoey and Mr. Blumenthal will be working to get a press release completed that may be sent out to the public talking about the program. In addition, a message will be sent to a list of local businesses, nonprofits, and community programs.

## 2. Public Art Policy

Mr. Ellingsworth began discussion with showing the public arts policy in Emeryville, California. He passed out Emeryville's public policy and stated they seem to have started in the same place as DeKalb with no formal policy.

Chair Hoey indicated he would like to see action on the Public Art Policy soon and have the Commission give a recommendation to Council.

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

### MOTION

Chair Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Holcomb

### VOTE

Motion carried by a majority voice vote of those present. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Blumenthal, Management Analyst

Minutes approved by the Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission on May 20, 2019.