



DeKalb Municipal Building  
**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION**  
Haish Conference Room, Second Floor  
200 South Fourth Street  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

## AGENDA

Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission  
August 20, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Agenda – Additions / Deletions
- C. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
- D. Public Participation
- E. New Business
  - 1. Review and Discussion of the Mission and Goals of the Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission
- F. Old Business
  - 1. Review and Discussion of the Mural Program
- G. Adjournment

**Our mission statement:** We will listen to the community to identify, develop and test initiatives to improve the quality of life. We will develop public/private partnerships to implement sustainable initiatives.

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**CITIZENS' COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF DEKALB**  
**July 16, 2018**

The Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission (CCEC) of the City of DeKalb, Illinois held a regular meeting on Monday, July 16, 2018 in the Haish Conference Room of the DeKalb Municipal Building, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was recorded by Economic Development Planner, Jason Michnick, and the following members of the Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission present were: Chair Brad Hoey, Deborah Booth, Sue Johnson, and Ellingsworth Webb. Melissa Beck, Brad Pietens, and Jeanine Holcomb were absent.

Also present at the meeting was Mayor Jerry Smith.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Chair Hoey asked for someone to make a motion to approve the agenda, which was made by Ms. Johnson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and was carried on a voice vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Chair Hoey requested a motion for approval of the June 18, 2018 minutes. Ms. Booth moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Introductions of New Commission Members and Discussion of Commission Goals**

Prior to the July meeting, three new commissioners were appointed to the CCEC. Two of the three new commissioners were not able to attend the July meeting due to prior

commitments. The remaining commissioners and staff introduced themselves and provided a background of what made them interested in getting involved with the CCEC. The commission also discussed some of the major projects and initiatives that the CCEC has been involved with since its creation, with an emphasis on current efforts to promote the Paint-A-Plug program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Update on Public Art Program**

Ms. Booth informed the commission that she had met with Jo Burke from NIU's College of Visual and Performing Arts to discuss the history of the Annie Glidden mural, which is a model example of the community and NIU working together on a piece of public art. The project took a year to develop, had a total cost of approximately \$40,000, and included 100 volunteers. The volunteers that participated were guided by head muralists. Artists used projectors at night to project images onto the wall as a template.

Other murals throughout the downtown were also commissioned pieces, with several being painted by an English artists. Mainstreet DeKalb and ReNew DeKalb were the leaders on commissioning the murals on Eduardo's and the Nehring Building. The commission discussed a need for those murals to be touched up, as the paint had faded substantially. If the commission is to recommend a mural program going forward, maintenance would need to be a major component, as well as the right type of paint being used. Ms. Booth informed the commission that a specific type of paint was used on the Annie Glidden mural, which is why it had not faded like the others.

The commission also questioned the approval process at the time the other murals were painted. No one was aware of what took place to provide approval, but individuals from ReNew DeKalb were still active in the community and could be contacted.

### **2. Discussion on Attracting New Special Events**

The commission discussed some of the newer events in the community, especially the success of the Music at the Mansion events. More than 350 attendees were at the last concert. The commission requested that staff reach out to Michael Embry to attend a future meeting to discuss his efforts and ideas.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

One of the commissioners needed to leave due to another commitment, which would result in a loss of quorum. Chair Hoey requested a motion for adjournment. Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Webb. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by  
Jason Michnick, Economic Development Planner