

MINUTES

LEGACY DECATUR BOARD

Executive Session
September 24, 2020
Via Video Teleconference, 5:00 P.M.

On a motion by Allen Mast, second by Patti Garrett; and, Chair Tony Powers; Board Members Andrea Arnold, Mark Arnold, Ed Bowen, Mark Ethun, Patti Garrett, Allen Mast, Peggy Merriss, and Paul Mitchell voting “aye”, the Board entered into an executive session for the purpose of considering personnel matters.

PRESENT: Chair Powers; Board Members A. Arnold, M. Arnold, Bowen, Ethun, Garrett, Mast, Merriss and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Board Members Smith and Struby.

On a motion by Board Member A. Arnold, second by Board Member Bowen; and, Chair Powers; Board Members Andrea Arnold, Mark Arnold, Ed Bowen, Mark Ethun, Patti Garrett, Allen Mast, Peggy Merriss, and Paul Mitchell voting “aye”, the Board adjourned from Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. And, the Board authorized that the Board, in a regular meeting, to adopt a resolution: confirming that the subject matter of the executive session was within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law; and, ratifying the actions taken; and, authorizing and directing the Chair to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4.

Note: As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b), a properly executed affidavit is attached to these minutes as part of the permanent record.

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Powers. Board members attending in addition to Mr. Powers: Andrea Arnold, Mark Arnold, Ed Bowen, Mark Ethun, Patti Garrett, Allen Mast, Peggy Merriss and Paul Mitchell. Absent: Meredith Struby and Brian Smith.

The minutes of the August 27, 2020 board meeting were presented. Mark Arnold presented a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Peggy Merriss seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent.

A meeting scheduled was presented for the remainder of the calendar year. The board plans to schedule its annual retreat in early November. Therefore, the board approved December 10, 2020 meeting date in lieu of a November board meeting with all members present voting aye.

A short-term work program and short-term budget through the end of December 2020 were presented for board discussion and review. The focus of the work program is on increasing public outreach for the organization and about the master plan for Legacy Park. Work will also be done in support of the funds supported by our organization. Allen Mast presented a motion to adopt the short-term work program. Ed Bowen seconded the motion, and all members present voted aye.

Andrea Arnold presented a motion to accept the short-term budget as presented. Peggy Merriss seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

There was a general discussion about the upcoming retreat. A Doodle Poll will be sent to identify dates available in early November. We are planning for two half day sessions but will put a third date on calendars should another half day session be required. Board members expressed an interest in focusing on setting priorities for Legacy Park in 2021. We want to use the time to provide direction for the development of a draft work program and budget for 2021 that the board can review at their December board meeting.

Under additional business, it was reported that Legacy Decatur will be supporting the annual Season of Giving campaign with an on-line giving effort this year. The Season of Giving committee is working to refine a new strategy for this year to limit the number of volunteers and in-person interactions.

It was reported that the earthen dam failed during recent rainstorms lowering the pond depth considerably. City staff will join members of the City's Environmental Sustainability Board for a tour of the area next month and an assessment will be completed to determine how to reconstruct and stabilize the small dam in order to increase the pond depth. In addition, a Decatur High School student contacted us for permission to install several bat boxes near the lake area. Finally, we will continue to work closely with the City arborist to expand participation in the City's Bicentennial Tree Planting Project with a tree give away at Legacy Park on Arbor Day.

There was no further business. Peggy Merriss presented a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Bowen seconded the motion, and all members present voted aye.