

## Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) Quarterly Meeting

**Date:** July 17, 2013

**Location:** St. Pius High School

**Attendance:** About 25 people were in attendance (very severe weather).

Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Jordan announced that the DECA Board passed a motion to make him the new President of DECA at the June DECA Board meeting. The positions of Vice President and Secretary are still vacant.

Todd gave the Treasurer's Report for June:

**\$ 4,802.07      Beginning Balance June 1, 2013**

<b>+ 82.83</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	\$ 33.68 Decazette Ad 39.12 Dues 10.00 Donation .03 Interest
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<b>- 286.67</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 149.80 New yard signs for quarterly meetings 96.87 DECA business cards 40.00 Clairmont Baptist Church, location rental for education class on 6/20
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**\$ 4,598.23      Ending Balance June 30, 2013**

### National Night Out

Al Fowler, Community Education Specialist for the DeKalb North and Center Precincts spoke about National Night Out, which is Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Wakefield Forrest, Appling Heights and Beverly Hills (non-DECA member neighborhood) have taken part in the past. DeKalb County Police will send a patrol car to the event if you notify him that your neighborhood is participating.

DECA will contribute \$5 dollars per paid DECA membership per neighborhood with a min of \$50 and a maximum of \$150 per neighborhood. Al noted that DECA is one of the few civic/neighborhood association that he knows of that helps pay for National Night Out activities.

Al and Community Relations Officer Smith from the DeKalb Police Department gave some general crime prevention tips. Al said that alarm systems are a deterrent to crime, particularly when they make noise. He also said a loud barking dog is a big deterrent. He encouraged us to use apps and websites to keep track of our valuables so they can be found and insurance can reimburse us in case of a burglary.

### Chamblee annexation vote

Twyla from the DeKalb County Elections Department talked about the Chamblee annexation referendum on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. She gave instructions on how to register to vote and when the voter registration deadlines are. Pat Thomas asked what DeKalb Elections was doing to ensure there were no voting irregularities like there were in the last Chamblee annexation vote. Twyla said if there are any issues then the supervisor at the

poll site should be notified and DeKalb Elections should be called.

#### Brookhaven's potential annexation of Century Center

Elmer Veith who is a resident of Clairmont Terrace and part of the "Citizens for Chamblee" group talked about the City of Brookhaven's upcoming meetings regarding rezoning and annexation of Century Center.

There will be a meeting tomorrow where Brookhaven's Planning Commission will vote on whether or not to recommend that Brookhaven's City Council change the zoning of Century Center to PC3, which will allow for much more mixed use development (office, retail and residential). Typically months of studies on traffic, storm water runoff, etc. are done before such a big zoning change is granted. There will be a public comment period during the meeting.

On Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Brookhaven City Council will be having a special public hearing regarding Century Center rezoning before a special meeting on the same topic. On Tuesday Brookhaven's City Council will have its regularly scheduled public comment and meeting where it is expected they will vote on rezoning and annexing Century Center.

Elmer stressed that this is an important issue that affects all Dresden East/Clairmont Road residents, whether you are for Chamblee annexation or not. If the rezoning and annexation of Century Center into Brookhaven is passed then it could have a very negative effect on the amount of traffic in our area and our quality of life. If this goes through we may not be able to vote on annexing into Chamblee this November and if we stay in unincorporated DeKalb, they will have less of a commercial tax base to draw from to provide us services.

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.