

AGENDA

Summit on the Future

APRIL 4, 2017 | 6:00-8:00 PM | INGALLS HARBOR PAVILION

Welcome and Project Update	Tab Bowling, Mayor Jamie Greene, Planning NEXT	6:00
What We've Learned	Michael Curtis, Planning NEXT Randall Gross, Development Economics Stephen Stansbery, Kimley Horn	6:10
Activity 1. Rating Draft Vision and Goals	Jamie Greene, Planning NEXT	6:45
Activity 2. Key Questions Polling	Jamie Greene, Planning NEXT	6:50
Activity 3. Review Development Strategy Map	Group Activity	7:10
Activity 4. "Ask the Team" Breakouts		7:40



Smartphone polling alternative. Activities 1 and 2 offer smartphone polling as an alternative way to participate. Instructions will be provided at the beginning of these activities.

On your phone visit www.PollEv.com/plannext. Questions will appear when the activity begins.

One Decatur Steering Committee

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Answers to Common Questions

1. **What is One Decatur?**

One Decatur is a process to involve the community in creating a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Decatur. It will build off the city's past plans, identify core critical needs, define a long-term vision for the community, and serve as a guide for future development.

2. **What is a Comprehensive Plan?**

A comprehensive plan is a strategic guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document our community can create and will set forth the long-range vision for development, housing, environment, economic development, transportation, and related topics. This document gives a universal view of the whole city, is a tool to prepare for change, and acts as both a business plan and guidebook for decision-makers. The Plan is not a legally binding document, but it serves as the foundation for the city's budgeting process, zoning ordinances, land development regulations, etc. A separate effort to update those regulations will be undertaken to implement the Plan.

3. **Why does Decatur need to update its Comprehensive Plan?**

In general, planning represents good stewardship. There has never been a better time to consider our community's values in light of local, regional and national trends, and develop well-supported policies to create the best possible future.

4. **Who will lead the planning process?**

A 40-member citizen steering committee has been established that will help guide the public process and the plan's recommendations. Members were selected to reflect the city's diverse backgrounds and interests in an open application process. Over 190 residents submitted applications! City staff is working closely with a planning consulting team to facilitate the steering committee's work, convene public workshops, conduct technical work, and draft the plan.

5. **Is there a role for residents to get involved?**

YES! City leaders are committed to an open and inclusive process. Anybody that cares about the future of Decatur will be able to participate and contribute their ideas and insight. The Summit on the Future is the second of three rounds of opportunities that include both face-to-face participation and online input. For details about the process and to learn about opportunities to participate, go to onedecatur.org.

6. **Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?**

You are an expert if you live or work in Decatur. Who knows the community better than someone who lives or works here? Everyone is encouraged to attend. Families are welcome.

7. **What is the timeline for completing the plan?**

The plan and associated implementation strategies will be completed by the end of 2017.

8. **Where can I learn more?**

For more information about this exciting opportunity please contact:

Karen Smith, Planner, kjsmith@decatur-al.gov 256-341-4725

<p>Enhancing Our Amenities</p> <p><i>A wide variety of modern city services, outstanding parks and recreational facilities, well-supported cultural institutions, and access to health services that support the needs of our community.</i></p>	<p>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→</p>
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<p>Strengthening Our Community</p> <p><i>A united, proud, and confident community, with a clear identity that embraces everyone, addresses the needs of all residents, has competitive schools that nurture youth, and where residents and institutions are meaningfully engaged.</i></p>	<p>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→</p>
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Comments:

General Comments (tell us if you think any important ideas are missing from the goals):

2 Key Questions Polling

Please use this form to respond to each key question as it is presented by the meeting facilitator.

If you choose not to respond electronically, use this form to complete the activity.

1. *How important is it that...* Future growth is focused inward (redevelopment, infill locations) , versus expansion of the city's boundary.

NOT	1	2	3	4	5	EXTREMELY
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2. *How important is it that...* We continue to proactively pursue development in Limestone County.

NOT	1	2	3	4	5	EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT						IMPORTANT
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3. *How important is it that...* The quality of our natural resources (waterways, wetlands, forests) is conserved through environmentally sensitive development.

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4. Rank the following general locations where Decatur should prioritize revitalization of existing developed areas. (rank 1 to 4)

- In Downtown
- On the riverfront on underutilized land
- In major corridors and gateways
- Existing neighborhoods

5. *How important is it that...* New residential development forms "complete neighborhoods" that 1) are connected to existing neighborhoods, 2) feature a walkable street pattern, 3) include parks, trails and community facilities, and 4) include a mix of housing types.

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6. Rank the following issues that are most important to address to strengthen existing neighborhoods. (rank 1 to 4)

- Improved code enforcement tools, property upkeep
- Protection of historic character
- Redevelopment of unmarketable housing
- Limiting impacts of industrial uses

7. Rank the following types of amenities that are most needed in Decatur to be competitive with other places in the region as a place to live. (rank 1 to 4)

- Better housing options
- More entertainment, restaurants, recreation, events and other activities
- More shopping and high-end retail
- More highly regarded schools and educational programs

8. What type of housing development is most important to help retain and attract a talented workforce, including you professionals?



9. Do you support providing public incentives to encourage young professionals to live in Decatur? (eg: down-payment assistance, student loan repayment assistance, reduced rent for relocating professionals, moving cost assistance, etc.)

YES NO

10. Do you support requiring licensing and inspections of non-owner-occupied residential units to improve the conditions of rental property in the city?

YES NO

11. *How important is it that...* Dedicated funding is provided for parks and recreational facilities and programs.

NOT IMPORTANT **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
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12. Rank the following most significant transportation challenges in Decatur.

Distance between places and too few routes Too few bicycle facilities
 Too much traffic on major roadways Limited transit service
 Too few sidewalks Safety

13. *Other than driving your car...* rank the following transportation alternatives that are most important for Decatur.

More on-street bicycle lanes New greenway trails and multi-use paths
 Better sidewalks and crosswalks Expanded transit service

14. *How important is it that...* Public transportation is a reliable, safe, and attractive choice that connects residents to jobs, major destinations (shopping, recreation areas, community facilities).

NOT IMPORTANT **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
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15. *How important is it that...* Development along the Beltline accommodates pedestrians and cyclists.

NOT IMPORTANT **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
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16. What is most important for Decatur to address to reach its potential? (choose one)

Building on our unique assets Improving our image
 Offering more housing choices Improving collaboration and leadership
 Improving the prestige of our schools Encouraging growth



Exit Questionnaire

Before you leave, please take a minute to answer the following questions. Your feedback is crucial to documenting participation in the planning process and improving future activities of **One Decatur**.

1. How did you hear about the Listening and Learning Workshops?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Decatur website | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article / Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> One Decatur website | <input type="checkbox"/> Online News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster / Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |

Other:

2. Did you participate in a Listening and Learning meeting?

- Yes, at one of the workshops held November 1-3
- Yes, in a small group session
- Yes, only online
- No, I did not participate in a Listening and Learning meeting

3. Were you comfortable completing the meeting activities? If not, explain why. Yes No

4. Did you feel your input was heard and recorded accurately? If not, explain why. Yes No

5. Was the meeting too long, too short, about right?

6. Will you continue to participate in the planning process? If not, explain why. Yes No

Questionnaire continues on the back of this page →

Please tell us about yourself.

This information helps us know if participation at this event represents Decatur’s diversity. Your responses are anonymous.

7. You are Female Male

8. Which racial group do you most closely identify with?

- Asian Black/African-American Native American White/Caucasian Two or more races
 Other: _____

9. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

10. What is your age?

- <15 25-34 years 45-54 years 65 or over
 15-24 years 35-44 years 55-64 years

11. What is your highest level of education?

- Less than a high school diploma Some college Bachelor’s Degree
 High school diploma Associate’s Degree Master’s Degree / Ph.D.

12. How long have you lived in Decatur?

- 0-4 years 10-19 years 30-39 years 50+ years
 5-9 years 20-29 years 40-49 years Live outside the city

13. Do you work within the City of Decatur? Yes No Retired

14. Do you own a business within the City of Decatur? Yes No

15. Do you own property within the City of Decatur? Yes No

16. Please tell us about your annual household income:

*This information will be cross referenced with the census data for Decatur to ensure we have representative input from the community.

- Less than \$10,000 \$15,000 to \$24,999 \$35,000 to \$49,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$25,000 to \$34,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$100,000 +

17. Additional Comments (Optional):

Thank you for completing this form and for participating in One Decatur!