

DeKalb County Government

Government Services Center
178 Sams Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030



Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025
6:00 p.m., via ZOOM

Historic Preservation Commission

Olivia Hallquist (Chair)
Joe Rothwell (Vice-Chair)
Member Ellen Rankin
Member Clayton Daspit
Member Haley Harben
Vacant
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Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025- 6:00 P.M.
This was a virtual meeting via Zoom.

<u>HPC members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Olivia Hallquist (Chair)	☒	☐
Joe Rothwell (Vice-Chair)	☒	☐
Leslie Spencer	☐	☒
Heather Shuster	☐	☒
Ellen Rankin	☒	☐
Clayton Daspit	☒	☐
Haley Harben	☒	☐

Staff present: Paige Jennings, David Cullison, and Valerie Ross

Start time: 6:01 PM

1. Welcome
2. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness

Consent Agenda

Items moved for approval: A-C

Items moved to the Regular Agenda:

Motion by: Joe Rothwell

Second: Haley Harben

Vote: 5-0

- A. 461 Emory Drive, Tarver Siebert. Modify rear deck and rear second floor balcony.
1247598
- B. 1287 Oxford Road, Laura McKlveen. Replace repaint and replace siding on historic house.
1247599
- C. 2150 East Lake Road, Cynthia Karegeannes. Construct an addition and renovate a nonhistoric house and a nonhistoric accessory structure. **1247600**

Regular Agenda

A. 971 Oakdale Road, FIELD Landscape Architecture. Install landscaping. **1247562**

Motion by: Haley Harben

Second: Ellen Rankin

Vote: 5-0

Approved ☐

Approved with modification ☐

Denied ☐

Deferred ☒

Modification or reason for denial or deferral: Deferred at the request of applicant.

B. 1140 Springdale Road, Brendan Hunter. Demolish a historic garage on the rear of the property. **1247563**

Motion by: Joe Rothwell

Second: Clayton Daspit

Vote: 5-0

Approved ☒

Approved with modification ☐

Denied ☐

Deferred ☐

Modification or reason for denial or deferral:

C. 1168 Clifton Road, Dunlavy Law Group, LLC. Modify the material, dormers, fencing, and plantings for a previously approved COA to renovate a nonhistoric house. **1247601**

Motion by: Haley Harben

Second: Joe Rothwell

Vote: 5-0

Approved ☐

Approved with modification ☐

Denied ☐

Deferred ☒

Modification or reason for denial or deferral: Applicant agreed to a deferral in order for additional information including site plans, previous applications, and drawings to be submitted.

The applicant, Linda Dunlavy, spoke in support of the application and defended the installation of the fencing in the front yard and along Clifton Road, stating that according to Chapter 27 of the Zoning Code that the yard along Clifton Road is not defined as the front yard. Neighbors of the property, including Mark Goldman and Christopher Wagner, spoke in opposition to the application, stating that the property owners did not obtain proper approval for the arch, dormer, siding, or fencing prior to completing the work.

Commissioner Rankin stated that the previous determination made by the Commission in July of 2024, which required that the arch above the front entry to be removed, the large dormer to be removed from the design and for the design include the two smaller dormers of the original design, and that the siding of the dormers be brick and stucco rather than cedar shakes. Commissioner Hallquist stated that a site plan was needed to confirm the location of the fencing on the property prior to approval; Commissioner Daspit stated that a site survey would be beneficial as well to show the topography of the property. The applicant agreed to defer the fencing element to the next meeting in order to include the site plan with the proposed fencing noted.

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

Juliana A. Njoku
Director

D. 1242 Stillwood Drive, Brain Field. Construct a second-story addition to a historic house. **1247602**

Motion by: Clayton Daspit

Second: Ellen Rankin

Vote: 5-0

Approved ☒

Approved with modification ☐

Denied ☐

Deferred ☐

Modification or reason for denial or deferral:

The applicant, Brian Field, and the architect for the project, Bryan Bellissimo, spoke in support of the application, stating that the proposed work would not be visible from the Right of Way.

A neighbor of the property, Mr. Cameron, spoke in opposition to the application, stating that the previous addition on the property did not match with the main structure and asked for clarification as to if the brick siding for the proposed new addition will match the siding of the main structure. The architect, Mr. Bellissimo, clarified that the siding of the addition will be red brick to match the historic structure of the house.

The Commission discussed the visibility of the addition from the Right of Way. The applicant, Mr. Field, clarified that a small portion of the addition would be visible from the Right of Way, however, the addition would be set back significantly from the front façade of the house and would not have a visible impact. Commissioners Daspit and Harben agreed that the addition matched the design, massing, and rhythm of the historic house and did not detract from the historic structure.

3. Approve minutes
May 2025

Motion by: Ellen Rankin

Second: Hayley Harben

Vote: 4-0-1, Commissioner Daspit abstaining

Approved ☒

Approved with modification ☐

Denied ☐

Deferred ☐

Modification or reason for denial or deferral:

4. Old Business

5. New Business

Discuss updating the guidelines set forth by the Druid Hills Design Manual

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

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Meeting minutes prepared by Paige Jennings