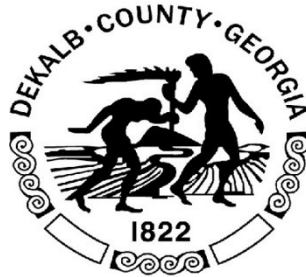




# **DeKalb County Government Planning & Sustainability Department**

Government Services Center  
178 Sams Street  
Decatur, Georgia 30030



## **Minutes**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
6:00 pm  
via Zoom

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Olivia Hallquist, Chair  
Joe Rothwell, Vice-Chair  
Stacey Thibodeaux  
Clayton Daspit  
Ellen Rankin  
Haley Harben  
Dennis McConnell



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

# Planning & Sustainability Department

## Current Planning Zoning Division

178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

Juliana A. Njoku  
Director

## Historic Preservation Commission

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

**This meeting was held via Zoom**

HPC Members	Present	Absent
Olivia Hallquist, Chair	✓	
Joe Rothwell, Vice-Chair	✓	
Clayton Daspit		X
Dennis McConnell	✓	
Ellen Rankin	✓	
Haley Harben	✓	
Stacey Thibodeaux		X

**Staff present:** Paige Jennings, David Cullison, Debora Wells, and Attorney Valerie Ross

**Meeting started at 6:00 pm**

1. Welcome
2. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness  
Applicants and others may speak for or against an application for a certificate of appropriateness or an application for comment, and each side will have five minutes to present its case. In reviews of zoning code applications, each side will have ten minutes.

### Consent Agenda

Items moved for approval: A and B

Item moved to the Regular Agenda: None

Motion by: Joe Rothwell

Second: Haley Harben

Vote: 5-0

- A. 467 Burlington Road, James Johnson. Install pervious paver system with turf and gravel and a pervious brick and stone step walkway in backyard. **1247942**
- B. 1206 Oakdale Road, Bruce Meller. Construct an enclosed porch on the rear of a historic house. **1247949**

## Regular Agenda

- C. 1036 Oxford Road, Alan Clark. Replace windows on the front of elevation of house. Construct new, rear addition. **1247902** deferred from December's meeting for additional document.

Applicant Alan Clark and Harry Rowland spoke in support of the application and presented historic research conducted prior to the meeting.

Motion by: Ellen Rankin  
Second: Joe Rothwell  
Vote: 5-0

☒ **Approved**      ☐ Approved with modification      ☐ Denied      ☐ Deferred

- D. 1035 Oxford Road, Ben Darmer for Parkwood Living, LLC. Modify a previously approved COA to construct a nonhistoric house. **1247910 deferred from the December's meeting.**

Motion by: Haley Harben  
Second: Denniss McConnell  
Vote: 5-0

☐ Approved      ☒ **Approved with Modification**      ☐ Denied      ☐ Deferred

Applicant Ben Darmer and Mike Wall spoke in support of application. Commissioner Haley Harben motioned to approve with the modification that the privacy fence only be installed in the backyard of the property and should not extend into the front yard or beyond the rear corners of nonhistoric house in accordance with Guideline 9.4, and that any other work that differs from the plans approved by the COA issued in April of 2025 is not included within this approval.

- E. 1218 Springdale Road, John Plaster. Construct a rear addition and accessory structure, install a swimming pool, replace roofing, and limewash the exterior of a historic house. **1247951**

Motion by: Ellen Rankin  
Second: Joe Rothwell  
Vote: 5-0

☐ Approved      ☒ **Approved with Modification**      ☐ Denied      ☐ Deferred

Applicant John Plaster spoke in support of the application and clarified that the proposal to whitewash the historic structure and the proposed addition would be withdrawn.

Commissioner Ellen Rankin motioned for approval with modification that a 5' fence be installed around the in-ground pool in the backyard in order to meet DeKalb County Health Code requirements and that the limewashing of the masonry exterior of the historic house be denied in accordance with Guidelines 5.0, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, and 6.8 the Druid Hills Design Manual.

3. Approve minutes December 2025

Motion by: Joe Rothwell

Second: Ellen Rankin

Vote: 3-0-2, with Commissioners Harven and McConnell abstaining

4. Old business

5. New business

New County email will be issued to all Board members. Voting will take place at the end of our next meeting for new officials. Board training will take place in the second quarter.

6. Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Motion by: Dennis McConnell

Second: Haley Harben

Vote: 5-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Meeting Recording: [https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/rec/share/1fwbeD78AHgcEbhFYPBtTmB8TU-JoTPj9HWh\\_wMcDY2i1bwq06q8LFs2LaVT4Vrl.iVJRiEEQrLmvdCad?startTime=1768949166000](https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/rec/share/1fwbeD78AHgcEbhFYPBtTmB8TU-JoTPj9HWh_wMcDY2i1bwq06q8LFs2LaVT4Vrl.iVJRiEEQrLmvdCad?startTime=1768949166000)

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