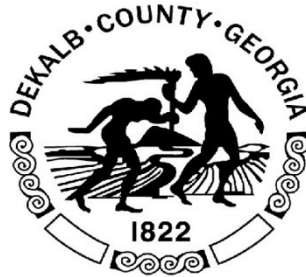




DeKalb County Government Planning & Sustainability Department

**Government Services Center
178 Sams Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030**



Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 17, 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
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Current Planning Zoning Division

178 Sams Street
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Juliana A. Njoku
Director

Historic Preservation Commission Agenda Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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

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

Meeting started at 6:13 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

- A. HPC-26-1247969** **Commission District 02 Super District 06**
18 054 03 011

1282 Briardale Lane, Rodrigo Garcia Escudero. Replace windows on a nonhistoric house.

- B. HPC-26-1247982** **Commission District 02 Super District 06**
15 237 02 031

2176 East Lake Road, David and Mary Bower. Replace and install railing on the front porch of a historic house.

Consent agenda: Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Joe. Motion carried was 4-0.

Items moved for approval: A and B

Item moved to the Regular Agenda: None

Motion by: Dennis McConnell

Second: Joe Rothwell

Vote: 4-0

Regular Agenda

**C. HPC-26-1247965
18 003 06 020**

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1190 Clifton Road, David Price. Construct a rear addition, side entry, and side deck. Replace windows on a historic house.

The applicant, Dave Price, and the property owner, Mark Goldman, spoke in support of the application.

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Second: Clayton Daspit
Vote: 4-0

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

**D. HPC-26-1247970
18 055 06 010**

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1208 North Decatur Road, Antariksh Tandon and Lena Klein. Construct a nonhistoric house on an undeveloped lot.

The applicant and property owner, Antariksh Tandon spoke in support of the application. A neighbor of the property, Yulia Carroll, spoke in opposition of the application and stated that the proposed design for the new construction does not fit the historic character of the area, will cause a reduction in her property value, and will result in flooding and lack of privacy to her property as well.

Commissioner McConnell stated that the proposed design of the new construction was well done and advised that the Commission needed to consider the practicality of building on the lot and the established guidelines. Commission Daspit noted that the property is not located within an established character area for the district and there is not a prevalent architectural style in the area of influence. Chair Hallquist commented on the design of the roof in relation to the staff recommendation, agreed that the design of the house did a good job of preserving the trees on the lot, and stated that her only concern was the proposed garage in the front yard of the property. Commissioner Daspit agreed with the Chair's concern regarding the proposed garage. Staff provided clarification regarding the possible need of a zoning variance for the proposed garage and that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) would not hear the application until a determination was made for the COA application.

The applicant agreed to defer the proposed garage in order to work with staff and redesign the structure.

Motion by: Clayton Daspit
Second: Dennis McConnell
Vote: 4-0

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

Modification: Proposed garage will be deferred to the March 16th meeting.

3. Approve minutes
January 2026

Motion by: Dennis McConnell

Second: Joe Rothwell

Vote: 3-0-1, with Commissioner Daspit abstained

☒ **Approved**

☐ Approved with modification

☐ Denied

☐ Deferred

4. Old business

5. New business

- Discuss proposed amendments to the Commission's Bylaws
- Election of Board Officers

Motion:

Joe Rothwell motioned for Olivia Hallquist to continue as Chair.

Moved by: Dennis McConnell

Seconded by: Joe Rothwell

Vote:4-0

Nominations for Vice Chair

Moved by: Clayton Daspit

Seconded by: Dennis McConnell

Vote:4-0

Nominations for Secretary

Motion by Paige Jennings for Debora Wells

Moved by: Joe Rothwell

Second by: Dennis McConnell

Vote:4-0

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm