



DeKalb County Government Planning & Sustainability Department

Government Services Center
178 Sams Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030



MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 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



Planning & Sustainability Department

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Current Planning Zoning Division

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

Juliana A. Njoku
Director

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

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This was a virtual meeting via Zoom

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

Start Time: 6:03pm

Staff in Attendance – Whitney Fuller, Rachel Bragg, David Cullison, Valerie Ross, and Paige Jennings

- Welcome
- Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness

Consent Agenda

Items moved for approval: B-E

Item moved to the Regular Agenda: A

Motion by: Haley Harben

Second: Stacey Thibodeaux

Vote: 4-0

B. HPC-26-1247997
18 003 04 015

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1193 Clifton Road, Scott Doughman. Replace windows and doors on a nonhistoric house.

C. HPC-26-1248004
18 054 12 043

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1453 Emory Road, Katie Moorman. Construct an addition on a nonhistoric garage.

D. HPC-26-1248037
18 002 01 014

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1140 Springdale Road, Brendan Hunter. Construct a nonhistoric garage and install a swimming pool on the rear of a historic property.

E. HPC-26- 1248009
18 002 04 004

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1175 Oxford Road, David Price. Demolish and construct a nonhistoric garage.

Regular Agenda

A. HPC-26-1248036
18 004 15 004

Commission District 02 Super District 06

396 Chelsea Circle, Amber Boyd. Replace windows on the rear and side of a historic house.

The application was moved to the regular agenda as the applicant requested deferral due to the required signage for public notification not being posted in the timeframe dictated by Section 13.5-8(2) of the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances.

Motion by: Haley Harben
Second: Ellen Rankin
Vote: 5-0

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

F. HPC-26-1247970
18 055 06 010

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1208 North Decatur Road, Antariksh Tandon and Lena Klein. Construct an accessory structure in the front of a nonhistoric property.

The applicant and property owner, Antariksh Tandon and Lena Klein spoke in support of the application. The applicants stated that the shed could not be set back further, as it would cause the structure to be unstable, and that the parking pad would conform to the area as parking on driveways in the front yard of properties is common. A neighbor of the property, Brenda Seiton, spoke in opposition to the application. Mr. and Mrs. Seiton stated that they did not understand why the shed could not be reduced in size in order to be further set back and recommend that the commission follow staff recommendation to require that the shed be further set back from the front property line and the parking pad be denied.

Commissioners Rankin and Harben requested additional information regarding the application and the previous motion from the Commission, as they were absent from the February meeting. Commission Rankin requested the language of guideline 9.4 as noted by staff in their recommendation; staff clarified that the referenced guideline should be guideline 9.5, which stated that parking pads and front yard parking should be avoided unless there is an issue of public safety. Commission Harben requested additional information regarding the limitations of the parcel due to grading; the applicant stated that the sharp grade of the parcel prevents a driveway from being installed on the lot.

Commissioner McConnell stated that Commission needs to consider the nature of the parcel and that the proposed work prevents the loss of the existing trees on the lot.

Motion by: Dennis McConnell
Second: Stacey Thibodeaux
Vote: 5-0

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

**G. HPC-26-1248038
18 002 04 016**

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1071 Oxford Road, Evans Harrell. Remove and replace a nonhistoric carport, construct a stoop, and replace the roof on the side elevation of a historic house.

The applicant requested deferral due to the required signage for public notification not being posted in the timeframe dictated by Section 13.5-8(2) of the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances.

Motion by: Haley Harben

Second: Dennis McConnell

Vote: 5-0

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

3. Approve Minutes
February 2026

Motion by: Dennis Mconnell

Second: Haley Harben

Vote: 2-0-3, with Commissioners Harben, Rankin, and Thibodeaux abstaining

Approved

Approved with modification

Denied

Deferred

4. Old business
Discuss proposed amendments to the Commission's Bylaws

Staff requested that the Commissioners review the current bylaws and the proposed amendments in order to provide feedback and suggest additional revisions if they saw fit. The bylaws will be discussed again and presented for a vote next month during the scheduled April meeting.

5. New business

6. Adjourn – 7:15pm