



DeKalb County Government Planning & Sustainability Department

Government Services Center
178 Sams Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030



MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 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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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
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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	x	
Clayton Daspit		x
Dennis McConnell	x	
Ellen Rankin	x	
Haley Harben	x	
Stacey Thibodeaux	x	

Start Time: 6:05 pm

Staff in Attendance: Paige Jennings, Whitney Fuller, Valerie Ross, and Debora Wells

1. Welcome
2. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness

Consent Agenda

Items moved for approval: A, B, and D

Motion by: Haley Harben

Seconded: Stacey Thibodeaux

Vote: 6-0

Item moved to the Regular Agenda: C

Motion by: Ellen Rankin

Seconded: Haley Harben

Vote: 6-0

A. HP-26-1248127
18 004 17 038

Commission District 02 Super District 06

334 Durand Falls Drive, Juan Ramirez. Modify a COA to construct an addition on the rear of a nonhistoric house.

B. HPC-26-1248101
18 054 01 015

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1446 Briarcliff Road, Mauny Tabar. Expand rear deck and fencing, install a rear driveway, replace windows, install skylights, install landscaping, and paint the exterior of a nonhistoric property.

D. HPC-26-1248103
18 002 04 005

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1169 Oxford Road, Dave Price of Price Residential Design. Demolish and construct a nonhistoric porch on the rear of a historic house.

Regular Agenda

C. HPC-26-1248102
18 054 10 027

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1460 Cornell Road, Patrick Deveau. Demolish and construct a nonhistoric accessory structure.

The item was moved to the regular by request of Commissioner Rankin, in order to comment on the proposed design of the accessory structure. Commissioner Rankin stated that the proposed design of the structure appeared mimic the style of the historic house on the property and created a false sense of history. Commissioner Rothwell agreed that the structure does incorporate historic elements similar to those of a 1920's carriage house, however, the garage is located on the rear of the property and will not be visible from the front of the property or the Right of Way. Staff provided additional information, stating the inclusion of the block windows and modern materials assist in differing the nonhistoric garage from the historic structure.

Motion by: Ellen Rankin

Seconded: Dennis McConnell

Vote: 6-0

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

E. HPC-26-1248128
18 001 08 045

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1181 Cameron Court, Alan Clark. Construct an addition on the side of a historic house.

A neighbors of the applicant spoke in support of the application, stating that the door leading out towards Briarcliff Road is the front entrance to the property and therefore, the addition is on the rear of the property. The neighbors also stated that the addition to the house is required due to the age of the applicant and the need for better accessibility.

Motion by: Ellen Rankin

Seconded: Joe Rothwell

Vote: 6-0

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

F. HPC-26-1248085
18 054 05 007

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1409 North Decatur Road, Enmanuel Angus. Construct an addition on the side and rear of a historic house, replace roofing, install skylights and solar panels, add railing to front porch.

The applicant spoke in support of the application, stating that the scope and design of the application was made with an architectural historian assisting with the project. The applicant also stated that due to the weight of the proposed slate, the roofing will be replaced in kind with architectural shingles which is a repair in kind. Additionally, the railing may not be installed if permitted by the building inspector, however, it may be required in order to meet safety requirements.

Motion by: Dennis McConnell
Seconded: Joe Rothwell
Vote: 6-0

Approved Approved with Modification Denied Deferred

G. HPC-26-1248097
18 003 05 017

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1648 Ridgewood Drive, Adam Stillman. Construct an addition on the rear of a historic house, enclose a screen porch, widen driveway, and install landscaping and hardscape.

The applicant spoke in support of the application. The applicant stated in response to staff's recommendation that the window installed in the opening of the enclosed porch be transparent with no divided lites would not be feasible, due to the weight of the full panel of glass, and that the window would be separated panes with true divided lites. The applicant also stated the property owner will retract the proposed metal fencing across the driveway; however, the fencing located in the side yard is existing and is therefore a replacement in-kind.

Commissioner Ellen Rankin would like additional information from the applicant. Commissioner Haley Harben prefers the photo of the window elevation submitted; right of way of the addition looking down the driveway. Commission ask the applicant to defer; applicant accepted the Commission's request. Commission that the fence should remain in its current location.

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Second by: Haley Harben
Vote: 4-1. Ellen Rankin opposed.

Approved **Approved with Modification** Denied Deferred

New Construction Agenda

H. HPC-26-1248054
18 003 03 023

Commission District 02 Super District 06

1680 East Clifton Road, Alexander Tahinos. Demolish a historic house and construct a nonhistoric house.

Alexander Tahinos spoke in support of the application.

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

Approved

Approved with Modification

Denied

Deferred

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3. Approve minutes
April 2026

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Second: Ellen Rankin
Vote: 4-0-1, with Commissioner Dennis McConnell abstained.

4. Old business

5. New business

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Meeting Link:

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