



DeKalb County Government Planning & Sustainability Department

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



MINUTES

**Monday, August 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
Chief Executive Officer

Planning & Sustainability Department

Current Planning Zoning Division

178 Sams Street
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Juliana A. Njoku
Director

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2026

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: 6:00 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-E

Item moved to the Regular Agenda: None

Motion by: Haley Harben

Seconded: Ellen Rankin

Vote: 6-0-0

Consent Agenda

- A. HP-26-1248235
868 ARTWOOD ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30307
15 244 01 015

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Removal of trees, modification of driveway, and installation of retaining walls, pool, patio, landscaping, and fencing on the rear of property.

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- B. HP-26-1248230
1209 SPRINGDALE ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30306
18 054 04 004

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Expand concrete landing and modify windows, doors, and roofing on nonhistoric rear addition of a historic house.

C. HP-26-1248232
1260 BRIARCLIFF ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30306
18 055 02 020

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Modify a previously approved application to develop a nonhistoric property as a senior living facility.

D. HP-26-1248229
1281 OAKDALE ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30307
18 054 07 015

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Repair front stoop, install small retaining wall, replace driveway material, and install landscaping in front yard of a historic property.

E. HP-26-1248237
1384 HARVARD ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30306
18 054 12 027

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Replace gravel driveway with concrete and remove three trees.

Regular Agenda

F. HP-26-1248208
1380 EMORY ROAD, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30306
18 054 11 014

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Construct a garage and accessory dwelling unit in the rear yard of a historic property.

Motion by: Ellen Rankin
Seconded: Dennis McConnell
Vote: 6-0-0

☐ Approved

☐ Approved with modification

☒ Denied

☐ Deferred

Alice Johnson, a neighbor of the property, spoke in opposition of the application. Johnson stated that she did speak to the property owner and requested that the AC unit be moved to the lower level as vegetation does not provide proper mitigation from the Right of Way. Johnson also stated that the proposed accessory structure does not meet massing requirement, as the height appears to supersede the historic house and other structures in the area. Other neighbors spoke in opposition as well, stating support in Johnson's comments.

Deny in accordance with 6.2, 7.0, 7.2, 7.3, 9.4, and 9.6.

G. HP-26-1248206
941 CLIFTON ROAD, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30307
18 003 02 017

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Install a pool, patio, retaining walls, and landscaping in rear yard, and install retaining walls and landscaping in the front yard of a historic property.

Motion by: Stacey Thibodeaux
Seconded: Joe Rothwell
Vote: 6-0-0

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

H. HP-26-1248207
1194 CLIFTON ROAD, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30307
18 003 06 019

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Retroactive application to enclose a deck on the rear of a historic house.

Add Three Minutes to the Time Allotted for Public Comment
Motion by: Stacey Thibodeaux
Seconded: Haley Harben
Vote: 6-0-0

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Seconded: Dennis McConnell
Vote: 3-3-0, with Commissioners Ellen Rankin, Stacey Thibodeaux, and Haley Harben voting against. Motion Failed.

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

9.6, with the condition an application for a structure that was constructed with previous approval, that the fence be 8 ft or higher with vegetation or visual screening be installed on top to provide additional visual mitigation

Motion by: Ellen Rankin
Seconded: Stacey Thibodeaux
Vote: 6-0-0

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

I. **HP-26-1248227**
1146 LULLWATER ROAD, ATLANTA, GA 30307
18 002 06 071

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Demolish a non-historic garage, construct a two-story addition at the rear of a non-historic addition and a porte cochere on the rear right corner of a historic house, and install a pool in the rear of historic house.

Motion by: Ellen Rankin
Seconded: Stacey Thibodeaux
Vote: 6-0-0

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

Approved with the modification to defer the porte-cochere element to the next scheduled meeting in order for the applicant to communicate with staff and provide a design for a carport structure that does not include historic architectural elements, including elements from the Classical or Italianate architectural style.

J. **HP-26-1248231**
1198 OAKDALE ROAD, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30307
18 054 05 004

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Install two removable fabric awnings on the front facade of a historic house.

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Seconded: Haley Harben
Vote: 6-0-0

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

K. **HP-26-1248236**
1225 CAMERON COURT, NE ATLANTA, GA 30306
18 001 08 035

Commission District 02 Super District 06

Retroactive application to construct a second-story addition and deck on the rear of a historic house.

Motion by: Joe Rothwell
Seconded: Ellen Rankin
Vote: 6-0-0

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

3. Approve minutes
July 2026

Motion by: Ellen Rankin

Seconded: Dennis McConnell

Vote: 4-0-2, with Commissioners Olivia Hallquist and Joe Rothwell abstaining.

4. Old business
5. New business
729 Old Briarcliff Road – Proposed Rezoning for Comment Only
6. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Meeting Link:

<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/rec/share/YaEm30Gtrc8YFiXqJkikJusvb-LoAl1Ph2dhCVISu2AysY83hraoQtV0kcpCeY.kQtkGEGmyuOmS7S6?startTime=1787002740000>

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