

# Historic Preservation Commission of Decatur, Alabama

Agenda, August 11, 2022 4:00 pm

## Approval of July 7, 2022 Minutes

### Expedited COA approvals since the July 2022 Meeting:

812 Johnston (Machado) New wood fence at rear corners of house (#  
911 Line (McCormick) Repair in kind exterior wood rot to repaint (#9 for the CoA)  
651 Grant (Phillips) Repair in kind exterior wood rot on front porch (#9 for the CoA)  
805 Sherman (Nance) New roof (#47 for the CoA)

### CoA #1:409 Oak (Duckett)

**Background:** House is a contributing structure in the Albany neighborhood. A driveway CoA was submitted in October of 2021 and passed without review because the HPC failed to meet a quorum. It is a front yard driveway. Plans that were approved are in the packet. House has sold to a new owner, Mr. Duckett, who was not informed of the details of the approved plans, merely that a driveway was approved. Staff reached out to the prior property owner (Mr. Robert Pettey III) multiple times to ensure new property owner had been given the CoA information, but he never responded.

**Action Requested:** Mr. Duckett would like to modify the approved driveway plans to accommodate a concrete sidewalk at the rear connecting the two ribbons, then connecting to a sidewalk that accesses the fence gate. This would provide wheelchair access to rear yard. To accommodate this the ribbons would need to be 3' wide (instead of 2') as well as the sidewalk portions of the design. Material would be aggregate concrete.

### Decatur's Design Review Standards:

*11. Landscaping 2. Parking. Parking areas should be located on secondary elevations wherever possible. Parking lots and driveways should be screened by fencing or shrubs to separate them from the streets and adjacent structures. 5. Sidewalks. Poured Concrete sidewalks were introduced into the historic districts in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the continued repair and reuse of concrete for sidewalks is appropriate.*

**Staff Findings:** Mr. Duckett has been ill, and we have been unable to verify the distance from the house to the concrete ribbon (the planting area beside the house). Staff hopes to have that ready for the August meeting.

**Public Presentation #1: Albany Commercial National Register District Resurvey  
Jamie Destefano, JLD Consulting**

**Public Presentation #2: City of Decatur Zoning Ordinance Update  
Lee Terry, Planning Department**

**Right-of-way tree program with HDA**

**Staff Updates:**

**CoA/Compliance Updates**

**Court dates set:**

217 Church: (Dickey) was on hold until June 30, 2022, deadline to comply has passed.

New court date December 15.

411 Walnut: (Kennedy) Part of wall removed, not in compliance. Court date set November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Summons requested:**

504 Walnut (Hereford)

436 Sherman (Drewery)

**Letter to homeowner mailed:**

501 Walnut (Jean) letter mailed

434 Jackson (Salton) letter mailed

**NAPC Cincinnati update**

**Current Grants**

**CLG Grants**

Bank Street/Old Decatur Survey

Princess HSR

Outreach (Pamphlets)

**ETF Grants**

Girl Scout House (Princess & Carnegie)

## **Future Grants**

CLG (Certified Local Government, a federal grant via the state)

Pending (requested Austinville survey, updated design review guidelines, and HSR for Delano)

ETF (Educational Trust Fund, a state grant)

Sykes Cemetery for research and programing

NPS (National Park Service)

African American and women's context statement

HPC Retreat & Training

Sometime in September, we need to select a date and discuss training topics