

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF DECATUR, AL

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2018

(SPECIAL NOTE: IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COORDINATOR, HPC CONSULTANT CAROLINE SWOPE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE COORDINATION SERVICES INCLUDING TAKING OF MINUTES).

WORK SESSION 6:30 PM

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Updates from HPC Coordinator/HPC Members: Status of preservation projects/downtown projects

Morgan County Historical Society updates

Discussion Re: Any issues with Decatur historic neighborhoods. Vacant lot on Jackson?

Proposed changes in HPC procedures/ changes in ordinance:

Discussion of Chairman's issues:

1. New HPC part-time professional consulting grant. Update on approval process (set for Council approval and Mayoral authority to execute documents at March 5, 2018 regular meeting at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers (first floor of City Hall).
2. What HPC desires this person to do: Changes in policies and procedures (a Model COA review process, follow up on HPC decisions, ordinance modification, other (?).
3. Set a date or dates for discussion with Caroline Swope and HPC members and coordinator to accomplish tasks above. Probably must be a public meeting to allow the public to give input (a good thing!). We will need to give notice of same to Stacy Gilley, City Clerk. Invitations to attend should be provided to leaders of the Historic Decatur Association and possibly others as well.

History related updates: Alabama 200 (Bicentennial celebration/Sen. Orr), First Presbyterian projects and marker, First Baptist marker, possible Austinville marker(s) and school-wide bicentennial project.

OTHER:

Expedited COA approvals since February 8 meeting :

MALCOLM (814 Ferry St.) Roof

PENDING COAS FOR THIS MEETING:

STEWART (1) 651 Johnston Street: To replace columns on house (six in front and two on back porch) with square columns to replace current round columns. Pictures include wrought iron columns on house before current round columns (thus current columns are NOT original). HPC members have been furnished entire electronic filing. Proponent of this COA has been advised by HPC coordinator of previous HPC rulings on replacement of windows and types of acceptable historic materials to do so if replacement is authorized.

STEWART (2) 651 Johnston Street: To replace current pergola (NOT original) an outbuilding which consists of screened porch and workshop/storage room, all under one roof. Proponent asserts he has obtained set-back variance and furnishes to scale detailed sketch. HPC members have been furnished entire electronic filing.

O'HARA 213 Wilson Street (Highway 20) Apartment Building: To replace windows asserted to be inoperable/deteriorated "on secondary elevations". This filing consisting of about 35 pages was filed on paper with the Building Department, therefore, not an electronic filing. Complete paper copies of same are available for HPC members at the Old State Bank and portions of this filing have been sent to HPC with some supplements to follow electronically. Proponent of this COA has been advised by HPC coordinator of previous HPC rulings on replacement of windows and types of acceptable historic materials to do so if replacement is authorized.

Other Old/New business/ Reports from HPC Chairman:

Planning/Building/Other Department updates

Board member reports/issues

Public comments/Adjournment

MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF COAS 7:00 PM

Call to order and roll call

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 8, 2018 and special meeting of February 8, 2018 to meet and interview Caroline Swope, prospective HPC consultant.

Consideration of Pending COAs:

STEWART (1)

STEWART (2)

O'HARA

OTHER:

Further old/new business/member or public comments

Adjournment: