

Meeting of the Historic Decatur Association (HDA) Board of Directors (BOD)

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 6:00pm

Meeting Location:

Offices of Eyster, Key, Tubb, Roth, Middleton & Adams LLP

402 East Moulton Street, Decatur, AL

Meeting Attendees:

D Hall

Cindy Upton

Julia Roth

Mike Meely

Chad Hopkins

Wade Dinsmore

Guests:

Astrid McIntosh

2018 HDA President Wade Dinsmore called the meeting to order. There was not a quorum of Board members in attendance, so no voting was done during this meeting. The assembled group discussed ongoing activities.

Treasurer Larry Freeman sent the monthly financial report to the Board prior to the meeting. As of this meeting, the HDA had \$50,327.11 in the bank. Some dues and donations including Christmas Tour sponsorships were collected and expenses included costs related to the Christmas Tour. The membership report showed 141 paid member households.

Wade mentioned the special neighborhood showing of "The Road to Bali" movie at the Princess Theatre at 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 6th.

Concerning the trees that are planned for purchase around the Old Decatur and Albany neighborhoods, the intent of the BOD is to only give the trees to paid members who promise to take care of the donated tree, as favorably voted during the August meeting. Wade asked Astrid McIntosh to help with the tree placement plan, with input from the City and the tree vendor. Several factors influence where trees are placed and which trees can be installed with minimal sidewalk impacts over time. If a tree is needed where the homeowner is not a paid HDA member, Wade indicated that he would approach them about joining in order to receive the tree.

Wade asked if the Board thought another newsletter was needed during this term and the assembled group indicated that all available information had been given and distributed in the newsletters already delivered. Due to the cost and manpower impacts, another newsletter between now and when the new BOD convenes in January was not needed.

Kim Carr communicated with Wade to let him know that some work was needed on the HDA website to add a hosting portal so that statistics and other information could be gathered. Also, the website renewal was coming up. The group discussed the merits of being able to pay HDA dues online. Since there are "convenience fee" type charges associated with any method chosen, the assembled group agreed that those charges should be passed along to the customer. Since there was no quorum, the discussion could not go to a vote.

Last month, there was a discussion on which staggered terms were ending this year and how to stagger the 4 added BOD members who joined last year.

The terms ending this year are:

Julia Roth as the Member at Large

Lynn Schuppert/Old Decatur

Larry Freeman and D Hall/Albany

David Breland agreed to serve as the new Member at Large.

The HDA BOD normally meets at 6:00pm on the last Tuesday of every month except December. The next meeting of the HDA BOD is planned for November 27th. The location is planned to be the Railroad Depot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Upton

Secretary, HDA