

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

Tuesday, September 25, 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

Brenda Henson

Justin Hall

Julia Roth

Larry Freeman

Lynn Schuppert

Lindsey Faulkner

Guests:

Astrid McIntosh

2018 HDA Vice President Justin Hall called the meeting to order. The first topic on the agenda was the acceptance of the minutes. Cindy Upton sent the updated draft version for review prior to the meeting and there was no further comment or discussion. D Hall moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Lindsey Faulkner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The final version of the minutes are kept on the HDA website.

The next topic was Larry Freeman's treasury report. As of this meeting, the HDA had \$42,995.03 in the bank. Some dues were collected and expenses included costs related to the Christmas Tour. Larry continued with the membership report. There are currently 122 paid member households. The motion to accept the treasury and membership report was made by Cindy Upton, with a second from D Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

The next topics were Committee Reports.

The Garden Tour Committee had nothing to report.

The next Committee Report was about the Christmas Tour. Committee Chairman Justin Hall reported that sponsorship funds were still coming in and that everything was on track for the December 8th event.

The Tree Committee was represented by Lynn Schuppert. Plans are to begin planting trees in the December timeframe. There was some discussion on determining where the new trees should go. It was emphasized again that the trees should only be available for paid HDA members, but Lynn pointed

out that it was ultimately most important to have the tree canopy throughout the neighborhoods. She said that the person getting the tree should be personally visited if they are not HDA members and explained to them that they are getting an expensive donated tree from the association. The conversation could include the overall benefits of the HDA membership and the homeowner would be encouraged to pay the membership dues. There was more discussion among the BOD that the privilege of getting a tree installed on or near a homeowner's house should demonstrate one of the many benefits of HDA membership. Since the locations have not been determined for all of the planned trees, it is unknown now how many non-members would be slated to receive a tree. More discussion will follow as planting plans are finalized in the coming months.

The Newsletter Committee report was next. The current edition was delivered to the captains for distribution.

Discussion of the Social Committee's activities was next. The next neighborhood social is planned for October 7th at the Cross Eyed Owl from 2-4pm.

No new report from the Communications Committee.

Justin asked for a motion to accept all of the committee reports. Julia Roth made that motion and Lynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business was next: The annual HDA meeting was discussed, with St. John's Parrish Hall or the Carnegie Arts Center as possible meeting locations. The date is TBD.

Last month, the BOD discussed the need for a new Nominating Committee to generate the slate of HDA officers for 2019. Justin indicated that Bonnie Black from Old Decatur and Sue Powell from Albany had stepped up to serve. Cindy motioned to accept this committee membership and D seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Julia reminded the BOD that she is not available to serve another year as the HDA member at large. Also, there was a discussion on which staggered terms were ending this year and the information would be sought.

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 October 30th. The location is planned to be at the Offices of Eyster, Key, Tubb, Roth, Middleton & Adams LLP.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Upton
Secretary, HDA