

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

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting Location: In person at the Carnegie Visual Art Center and via Zoom Virtual Meeting

BOD Meeting Attendees:

David Breland
Cindy Upton
Kelly Hutchings
Canitha Thomas
Astrid McIntosh
Harriette Mathews
Brenda Henson
Marsha Ercegovic
Nancy Greenleaf
Carol Chenault
Kevin Malcolm

Guest: Caroline Swope

2021 HDA President Canitha Thomas called the meeting to order. The first meeting topic was the acceptance of the May meeting minutes. The first motion of acceptance was made by Carol Chenault, with a second from Astrid McIntosh. The acceptance of the minutes was with a positive unanimous BOD vote. The minutes are archived on the HDA website.

HDA Treasurer Mike Meely emailed the treasury report to the BOD. He said that the HDA currently has 88 paid member household. We have \$47,132.39 cash on hand, with a remaining set aside for trees that may be reallocated later. This leaves \$33662.18 unobligated. Kevin Malcolm made a motion to accept the minutes, with a second from Carol Chenault. The acceptance of the minutes passed with a unanimous positive vote.

The next newsletter is in work. July 15th is the due date for submission of articles.

For the next topic, Carol Chenault mentioned how some trees are being severely cut by Decatur Utilities, leaving the trees disfigured and unsightly. The group discussed what, if anything, could be done since utility companies most likely follow a prescribed method for removing whatever is close to the power lines. Burying the power lines would be a huge cost that would be assessed to the homeowners. Canitha will ask Decatur Utilities about options.

On the current street sign project, Canitha said that it's time for her to check back in with Joel McWhorter on his progress on getting the poles priced and scheduled. The BOD talked about fund raising opportunities to speed the ability to get more of these signs in place. A golf tournament was suggested before, but it appears that this is an expensive and complicated project. The other idea was a race. Carol checked with her sources and they continue to discuss options and what would be needed to host the race.

Caroline Swope said that the window restoration workshop is on track for August 21st at Ingalls Harbor. The BOD pledged \$1200 toward the costs of the workshop, and there was some discussion on getting sponsor support.

The next discussion topic was the Christmas Tour. With no appointed committee chairperson and no formal committee, several members of the BOD are working through the many details of preparing for the Tour. Canitha reported that 2 houses have been scheduled for the Albany portion of the Tour. The rest of the meeting was spent discussing how to divide the large task of contacting past Tour sponsors to ask for donations.

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 scheduled to occur on July 27, 2021. A blended meeting is planned with in-person meeting at the Carnegie and others online via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Upton, HDA Secretary