

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

BOD Meeting Attendees:

David Breland
Cindy Upton
Brenda Henson
Harriette Mathews
Kelly Hutchings
Nancy Greenleaf
Astrid McIntosh
Canitha Thomas
Darcy Hopkins
Carol Chenault
Kevin Malcolm
Mike Meely

Guests: Approximately 8 participants via Zoom

2020 HDA President Brenda Henson called the meeting to order. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom rather than in person due to precautions involving the COVID-19 pandemic.

These minutes cover two meetings. The first meeting was the Annual HDA Meeting which was held via Zoom at 5:00pm. There were approximately 20 participants on the call. The meeting provided information on the HDA activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brenda thanked the 2020 BOD members. She also provided an overview of the successful activities, including the completion of the wayfinding signage and the approximately 35 new trees planted in both neighborhoods. There was a successful Christmas Tour that was done virtually, but the Garden Tour was cancelled. Treasurer Mike Meely provided an annual report for 2020. He said there was currently \$50,401.19 in the bank, including the remaining obligated funds for more trees which could be reallocated if needed. Brenda reported 126 paid households at the end of 2020. Dodie Hall asked about whether the Decatur City would replace or repair the damaged Albany sign on the corner of 6th Avenue and Gordon Drive. A car damaged this sign. Brenda reported that she had contacted Decatur City and was told that they were working it. Brenda then thanked the Nominating Committee for providing a slate of BOD members. Brenda presented the 2021 BOD members and asked for concurrence. There was a motion to accept from Harriett Mathews, with a second from Darcy Hopson. The motion passed unanimously. The last discussion topic concerned the plans to add new townhomes to some land that overlaps with the Old Decatur district. Brenda said that Melinda Baker was leading the efforts to gather information and provide communications via Nextdoor on public hearings, etc. David Breland reminded everyone about a Decatur Daily article back on November 15, 2020 which provided details on the project.

Because the neighborhood-wide meeting was virtual, the non-BOD participants hung up so that the BOD could continue to meet.

Below are the minutes from the January BOD meeting.

The first order of business was to elect the 2021 officers. Below are the officers seated:

- President: Canitha Thomas (motion: Cindy Upton, 2nd David Breland)
- Vice President: Kelly Hutchings (motion: Carol Chenault, 2nd Canitha Thomas)
- Secretary: Cindy Upton (motion: David Breland, 2nd Canitha Thomas)
- Treasurer: Mike Meely (motion: Cindy Upton, 2nd Darcy Hopson)

All motions passed with unanimous approvals.

For the record, the 2021 HDA BOD membership as approved at the HDA Annual Meeting is:

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

The minutes from the November 2020 meeting were approved with Mike Meely providing the first motion to accept and a second from David Breland. The approval vote carried unanimously. The minutes will be archived on the HDA website.

There was no additional treasury report since Treasurer Mike Meely just discussed it in the neighborhood-wide meeting. However, motion of approval of the report was provided by Carol Chenault with a second by Harriette Mathews.

The BOD plans to send a thank you card to Ellis Chenault for his help with the virtual Christmas Tour. Harriett Mathews asked for coverage for the web designer for the Christmas Tour website, as well as a reimbursement to Harriette totaling \$584. The motion to provide these reimbursements was made by Carole Chenault and seconded by David Breland. The motion passed unanimously.

The last topic was the need to file the HDA 2020 tax return. Brenda Henson covered this in the past and said that she would complete this again.

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 February 23, 2021. The meeting is planned to be conducted virtually.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Upton
Secretary, HDA