



402 LEE STREET
DECATUR, ALABAMA 35601
July 11, 2024
MINUTES

Council Chambers

Architectural Review Board

4:00 PM

I CALL MEETING TO ORDER 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Ellis Chenault, Barbara Kelly, Jacob Woods

Absent: Patrick Rasco and Michael Rogers

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13, 2024

Vote: Motion made by Barbara Kelly to approve the CoA as submitted. Seconded by Ellis Chenault. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

III EXPEDITED CoAs SINCE THE JUNE MEETING:

505 Vine Street NE (Pline) replace portions of rotting siding (# 9 for the CoA)
629 Jackson Street SE (Puckett) New HVAC (#41 for the CoA)
213 Cherry Street NE (Ryan) new roof (#47 for the CoA)
1018 Sherman Street SE (Stokes) new flat roofing on sunporch (#47 for the CoA)
421 6th Avenue SE (Dupper) replace vinyl lattice with framed out wood lattice (#9 for the CoA)
915 Line Street SE (Plemons) New roof (#47 for the CoA)
421 6th Avenue SE (Dupper) 3 1/2 ' side yard fence and 6' tall rear yard fence (#26 for the CoA)
204 Canal Street NE (Pike) install gutters (#30 for the CoA)
825 Johnston Street SE (Lee) new roof (#47 for the CoA)

IV NEW CoA REVIEWS:

CoA #1: 629 Jackson Street SE (Puckett)

Background: Owners are completing an extensive front landscaping project due to removal of an overly mature magnolia tree that had reached the end of its life. House is an ornate Queen Anne Victorian. House is located in the Albany district.

Action Requested: New cast iron front yard fence and gate (retroactive)

Decatur's Design Review Standards: 16.0 Fences and Walls: 16.5 New fences should be compatible with the associated building, site, and streetscape in height, proportion, scale, material and design. Wood picket or metal fence materials are appropriate in front yards and side yards in public view. 16.6 Fences in front and side yards shall not exceed a height of three (3) feet.

Staff Assessment: Fence appears to meet the design review guidelines. The fence is new, but the gate (not installed yet) is a historic metal gate.

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: Motion made by Ellis Chenault to approve the CoA as submitted. Seconded by Jacob Woods. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

Discussion of allowing staff to approve front yard fences via administrative review that clearly meet the standards of fences historically approved.

Vote: Motion made by Ellis Chenault to approve the CoA as submitted. Seconded by Barbara Kelly. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

CoA #2: 1018 Sherman Street SE (Stokes)

Background: This Minimal Traditional house is located in the Albany district.

Action Requested: New garage and carport at rear of lot.

Decatur's Design Review Standards: 22.0: New Construction, Outbuildings 22.1 The design of new outbuildings should be compatible with the associated dwelling in architectural style and scale. 22.2 Sit new outbuildings on the lot appropriately. Locate new outbuildings to the rear of a dwelling or set back from side elevations. 22.4 The outbuilding should maintain a proportional mass, size, and height to ensure it is not taller or wider than the principal building on the lot. 22.5 Materials used for new outbuildings should complement the property. Wood and brick are appropriate for new secondary buildings. For new frame buildings, alternative siding materials may be considered if they resemble traditional wood siding in texture, dimension, and overall appearance. Avoid materials such as plywood and oriented strand board which are not durable. 22.6

Staff Assessment: The submittal appears to meet the design review guidelines as the garage/carport is accessed from the alley and is minimally visible.

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: Motion made by Ellis Chenault to approve the CoA as submitted. Seconded by Barbara Kelly. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

CoA #3: 813 Ferry Street NE

Background: House has been in front of the ARB for several different CoAs as it goes through an extensive renovation. House is a Free Classic Victorian located in the Old Decatur district.

Action Requested: New railing for second floor deck

Decatur's Design Review Standards: 12.0 Porches, 12.7 If a porch is missing, use accurate historical documentation, such as historical photos, to reconstruct it. 12.10 If a new porch railing is required, consider alternatives such as adding an additional railing above the traditional porch height.

Staff Assessment: The historic photo of the house shows two large posts at each end of the main railing, unlike the single one on each end that is submitted. The rest of the proposed railing appears to match the historic image. At the time the staff report was compiled the applicant had not yet submitted details on the exact dimensions of the various parts.

Discussion: Discussion over three posts, as shown in historic photo by Jacob Woods instead of the one post as submitted.

Vote: Motion made by Elis Chenault to amend the CoA so the corners have three posts as in the historic photos vs the one shown on the drawing. Staff will work with applicant to determine how the booster rail intersects with the posts. Seconded by Barbara Kelley. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:24 by Barbara Kelly, seconded by Ellis Chenault. Unanimous approval, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.