

## Report to the PGC Board - Local Historic District

July 8, 2013

6/30: Decatur Historic Preservation Commission met, received the Designation Report, and agreed to send a resolution of support to the City Commission for their consideration July 7th.

- 11 attendees, no opposition
- 61 Parkwood residences are included

7/7: City Commission approved Ordinance O-14-12, establishing the Parkwoods Local Historic District. Amanda Thompson made a short presentation, reminding the commissioners that this action was advertised in the AJC and that certified letters were sent to all affected homeowners. There were no public comments. Commissioners asked several questions, including whether or not the entire neighborhood was interested in belonging to the Historic District, to which Amanda replied that that would be part of the discussions over the next several months. Clearly the City Commission is well aware of what we are doing.

The Parkwoods Historic Committee (PHC) has been formed consisting of Becky Vocaire, Bryan Bell, Meghan Pruitt, Chad Carter, Steve Elmore, Leigh Potts, and Joe Dicks. I will host the first meeting on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at my house. Regina Brewer will meet with us for the first meeting. I have communicated to them that the PGC Board envisions that this group will take the lead in working with the neighborhood to develop design guidelines for the new Parkwoods Local Historic District ordinance, investigate including the entire neighborhood in the District, and explore National Register nomination. Please let me know if there are other instructions that you wish to communicate to the PHC before they get underway.

Regina Brewer, Decatur Preservation Planner, will host a Parkwoods neighborhood meeting on this subject August 5 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. We need to advertize this within our neighborhood as best we can. Perhaps reminders can be included in any emails that we send out between now and then.

Tom Bell