

3/9 Historic Committee Report

Upcoming Milestones:

- 3/6 – Revised Ordinance and Guidelines posted to the City of Decatur website
- 3/17 – Decatur Historic Preservation Commission reviews/accepts the ordinance. Bryan to present at the request of the HPC
- 4/6 – City Commission adopts design guidelines and revised ordinance. Presentation at the request of the HPC. Presenter is TBD.
- 4/7 – City of Decatur mails the revised ordinance to Parkwood Historic District Residents
- 4/7 through 4/30 – Determine interest from the legacy Decatur Parkwood neighbors in joining the Historic District via an email survey. Bryan will work with Katy on the survey.

Neighbor Feedback:

At the 1/29 neighborhood meeting we requested feedback from the neighborhood. We also sent out an email to the neighbors, posted on Facebook, and posted the materials to the PGC website. Below is the feedback we received.

- Kate Binzen - 1/31 – Kate asked for examples of where restrictions in Decatur will be less than they were in DeKalb County. Bryan provided a list via email highlighted by the fact that only the portion of your home visible from the right of way is subject to review/approval from the Decatur Historic District.
- Alice Demille - 2/5 – Alice wanted to understand the difference between contributing and non-contributing. Steve explained via email.
- Paul Thompson – 2/27 – Paul wanted to understand why second story additions were allowed under DeKalb County governance but not in the City of Decatur. Bryan explained over the phone that DeKalb County was not properly administering the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines, etc. Paul was a bit frustrated but understanding.
- Pam Russell – Sent an email to Regina to understand why a large 2nd story addition was allowed at 201 East Parkwood. Angela Threadgill responded to Pam that the design was completed prior to the establishment of the Parkwood Historic District in Decatur and so a variance was given. Note, this will addition will likely make the house non-contributing.

In summary, we had two neighbors with clarifying questions and one with “negative” feedback. That said, the limit on building second stories exists in the current Decatur ordinance and is non-negotiable if we are going to remain in a Historic District.