



402 LEE STREET  
DECATUR, ALABAMA 35601  
June 12, 2025  
**MINUTES**

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Council Chambers

Architectural Review Board

4:00 PM

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**I CALL MEETING TO ORDER 4:00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

Present: Ellis Chenault, Barbara Kelly, Patrick Rasco, Jacob Woods

**II APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2025**

**Vote:** Motion made by Barbara Kelly to approve the Minutes as submitted, seconded by Patrick Rasco. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

**III EXPEDITED CoAs SINCE THE MARCH MEETING:**

614 Johnston St SE (Ford) new rear yard fence (#26 for the CoA)  
802 Grant St SE (Crowe) repair in kind garage soffits (#4 for the CoA)  
446 Sherman (Winsett) new roof and repair in kind on outbuilding door frames and trim boards (#4 and #47 for the CoA)  
521 Oak St NE (Mitchell) repair in kind windows (#65 for the CoA)  
811 Jackson St SE (Burns) new roof (#47 for the CoA)  
614 Sherman St SE (Bruggerman) new roof (#47 for the CoA)  
442 Jackson St SE (Fleming) new back yard fence (#26 for the CoA)

**IV NEW CoA REVIEWS:**

**CoA #1: 814 Sherman Street SE (Harris)**

**Background:** House is a Tudor Revival cottage located in the Albany District.

**Action Requested:** New side covered porch and awning (replacement), covered walkway to rear, and rear porch.

**Decatur's Design Review Standards:** 5.0 Awnings and Canopies 5.2 Replace awnings with appropriate materials, design, and dimensions. Metal awnings are appropriate for mid-20<sup>th</sup> century dwellings.

24.0 New Construction – Decks 24.1 Locate decks only on the rear ground level of historic buildings not visible from public view. 24.3 Decks should be attached to the historic building so that they may be removed without significant damage. 24.5 Decks should be recessed from the side walls of the dwelling to help reduce their visibility.

### **Staff Report:**

**Awnings:** The existing awning is a mid-century awning. It is likely the first awning placed on the building, and might be the original awning. The proposed replacement awning has the same details, it is enlarged to access the rear of the house.

**Side deck/entrance:** Changes are minimal. The stair railing will match what is currently there in terms of design.

**Decks:** The deck is located at the rear of the house, and is set back to help reduce visibility.

The board has traditionally given latitude to decks at the rear of houses which are not viewed from the public right-of-way. The main factor that has typically been reviewed is that the deck is set back a foot or more from the rear corner, which this plan does.

**Discussion:** Jacob Woods stepped down from the dais and did not vote because this project was one designed by his firm.

**Vote:** Motion made by Patrick Rasco to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. Seconded by Barbara Kelly. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

## **V COMPLIANCE UPDATES**

### **VI ARB/HPC TRAINING**

In person, August 1, 9 am Morgan County Archives

Virtual sessions, July 25

NAPC Virtual Short Course Wednesday/Thursday, August 20-21

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:20 by Jacob Woods, seconded by Patrick Rasco. Unanimous approval, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.