

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

January 23, 2012

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on January 23, 2012, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Chairman Bill McKee presiding.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, George Cate, Jr., David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Forkum, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald*, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, and Holly Sharp. Commissioners Lula Brooks and Linda Wynn were excused from the meeting.

Guests in attendance: Joan Armour, Ron Prater, Dr. Albert Wardin, Bill Edwards

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock Beaudoin, Tara Mielnik, Scarlett Miles, Yvonne Ogren, Fred Zahn, and Robin Zeigler.

Commission Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Cate moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written. Commissioner Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

REPORT ON MILL CREEK CEMETERY- Dr. Albert Wardin

Dr. Wardin presented a brief history of Mill Creek Baptist Church and Cemetery. The church itself was one of the first churches established in a rural area of Middle Tennessee, and the mother church of First Baptist Nashville. An MHC Historical Marker was placed there in 1995.

RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMISSIONER

Former MHC Commission Vice-Chair Joan Armour was presented with a certificate recognizing her time served on the Historical Commission.

PRESERVATION AWARDS

Nominations Committee Chair Holly Sharp made a recommendation for former MHC Director, [Ann Roberts](#), to receive the Achievement Award, and for the [Downtown Presbyterian Church](#) to receive the Commissioners' Award. The motion was approved without opposition.

Commissioners who have passed away in the last year will be mentioned at the ceremony.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE CONFERENCE- Dr. Tara Mielnik

The African-American History & Culture Conference will be held on February 10, 2012. Pre-registrations have been coming in steadily and the deadline is January 28. The 2012 conference will celebrate Tennessee State University's 100th Anniversary. John Early Museum Middle Magnet School plans to bring as many as 60 students to the conference.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR METRO 50TH ANNIVERSARY

MHC Director Tim Walker reported that plans are moving along for the celebration event. The celebration will go on from June 2012, the anniversary of the referendum, to April 1, 2013, the anniversary of the swearing in of Metropolitan Davidson County's first Mayor, Beverly Briley, Vice Mayor, George Cate, Jr.; and the first Metro Council.

NASHVILLE 101, Session 2-

Staff member Yvonne Ogren reported that there are approximately 15 seats available for the second series of Nashville 101. Commissioners were asked to share the information with anyone who might be interested. Classes are scheduled from 10:30-12:00 am, on February 2, 9, 16, and 23. The sequel, *Nashville 102*, will follow in April in the Sonny West Conference Center at the Howard Office Building.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

- * The new walking tour brochure is nearing completion.
- * A symposium is planned for February 18, 2012 at the Fisk University Little Theater. Professor Tim Smith will speak on the Fall of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson; Dr. Carole Bucy will follow with a presentation on the Panic that ensued after the forts were lost.
- * The committee will meet again on February 23 at Fort Negley.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

- * The Civil War Walking Tour brochure is nearly completed. Commissioners Bailey and Hoobler are working to develop a Civil War- based greenway.
- * The Historical Commission is a co-sponsor of the Tennessee Preservation Trust Conference, to be held from May 31-June 2. Commissioner David Currey is on the TPT Board.
- * The oral history project of the Scottsboro-Bells Bend area has been re-scheduled for the end of February. The Public Library will have a place set up at Bells Bend Park Community Center for local citizens to come and share history of their way of life in the community and how it has changed.
- * The Finance & Budget Office has asked all departments for a 2% reduction scenario, which, if implemented, would require a staff member to be laid off before the end of FY13. Commissioners were asked to call and write their council members in support of the MHC.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- *Robin Zeigler, Zoning Administrator*

Ms. Zeigler and the Historic Zoning staff have been working with citizens in the Belmont-Hillsboro area on a possible expansion of the B-H Conservation Overlay district.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

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