

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

May 21, 2012

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on May 21, 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, Lula Brooks, David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Forkum, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald, Mark Rogers*, , Holly Sharp, and Linda Wynn. Commissioners George Cate, Jr. and Gerry Searcy were not present.

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

Guests Present: Diane Lance from Mayor Dean's office, LaRawn Schife Rhea, DAR; Davidson County Historian Dr. Carole Bucy.

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

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

FORT NASHBOROUGH – LaRawn Schife Rhea, DAR

Mrs. Rhea, a member of the James Robertson Chapter of the DAR, addressed the commission with the idea of holding an event at Fort Nashborough to commemorate the anniversary of the Nashville's first settlement. There was discussion of how the anniversary could be appropriately represented, how to involve MNPS, and how a lesson could be incorporated into teachers' curriculum. *Chair McKee said the commission would discuss the proposal further to develop a plan of action.*

MHC COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING – Tim Walker

Director Tim Walker gave information on MHC's Metro Council budget hearing, which is scheduled for June 13 at 4:00. He asked all commissioners to attend if they were available.

TPT CONFERENCE – David Currey

Commissioner Currey gave final details on the TPT Conference:

- * Dates are May 31st – June 2nd. The MHC Preservation Awards will be held during the opening session.
- * A session on June 1st will focus on the zoning legislation under review by the state legislature and specifically how it could affect historic preservation.
- * An Old House Fair will be held on June 2nd at Eastwood Christian Church, 1601 Eastland Avenue. This event is open to the general public for a \$10 admission fee.
- * Registration is available online at <http://www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org/conference>

PRESERVATION AWARDS- *Scarlett Miles*

Mrs. Miles reminded everyone of the program schedule and reported on the judging day which was held on May 2.

**Indicates arrival of Commissioner Mark Rogers.*

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR METRO 50TH ANNIVERSARY- *Dr. Carole Bucy*

Dr. Bucy reported that plans for the nine month celebration are moving forward. A website will be set up for information, announcements, and events schedules. There will be teacher workshops and lesson plans for students.

Dr. Bucy is also planning to teach a new history series on Nashville, entitled "Know Nashville" in the fall; possibly to offer "Nashville 101" to Metro employees.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

The Sesquicentennial Committee is meeting now to plan the 2014 event, which will commemorate the Battle of Nashville. A possible location is Holy Trinity Church, which was used as a hospital during the Civil War.

The Occupied City Walking Tour is still being developed. Tim is working with Public Works to coordinate signage.

MARKER REPORT- *Tara Mielnik*

Mrs. Mielnik reported on the status of the Marker Program. The city has designated \$20,000 to purchase additional markers. The Marker Committee met to discuss the best use of the funds, and agreed to continue the previous plan to replace markers with inaccuracies, and add new markers, especially in underserved areas of the county. The Meharry Medical College marker will be replaced, and new markers are proposed for Hattie Cotton School and the Buena Vista Neighborhood. The cost for markers has increased from \$2300 to \$2600, effective May 1.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

- Mr. Walker asked commissioners to support the MHC by their presence at the upcoming Metro Council budget hearing.
- Mr. Walker has been working with volunteers from the DAR at Buchanan Station Cemetery on Massman Drive to coordinate a cleanup of the site.
- He has attended several meetings about Highland Heights, the Gallatin Rd. Fire Hall, and Two Rivers Mansion.
- The Historical Commission Foundation has passed one more hurdle in the approval process.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- *Robin Zeigler*

Ms. Zeigler reported on a proposed change before Metro Council in the zoning regulations regarding two-family dwellings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Jim Forkum attended a meeting on May 19 regarding the Mill Creek Graveyard. The MHC is to only assist in an advisory capacity.

STAFF REPORTS

Scarlett Miles mentioned the “Brick & Mortar Bash” fundraiser for Historic Nashville, Inc., and encouraged everyone to attend.

Fred Zahn talked about the KIVA permit process, and how staff is working with ITS to make it more user friendly.

Tara Mielnik talked about Metro Public Schools’ Social Studies Fair. Only three middle schools participated this year.

She is hopeful that more educators will participate in the future.

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

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

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