

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

February 25, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on February 25, 2013, 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, George Cate, Jr., Holly Conner, David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn. Vice-Chair Jim Forkum was not present.

Staff Members Present: Yvonne Ogren, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock

Commission Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order after verifying that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Holly Conner moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written. Commissioner Linda Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

KELLYTOWN PRESENTATION: Forest Hills Mayor William Coke

Mayor Coke gave a brief presentation on the status of the Kellytown archaeological site and showed photographs. (A copy of his report is attached).

HISTORIC MARKERS- Yvonne Ogren

Staff member Yvonne Ogren presented revised text for the Sylvan Park School Marker.

Motion: *Commissioner Jim Hoobler moved to approve the text as revised. Commissioner Cate seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE CONFERENCE- Linda Wynn

Commissioner Wynn reported that the conference went very well, and that it was one of the highest attended in the history of the event. She thanked all commissioners who attended and thanked staff for their assistance before and during the event.

PRESERVATION AWARDS- Yvonne Ogren

Mrs. Ogren gave a brief report for Scarlett Miles on the status of plans for the 2013 Preservation Awards program.

- The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 22nd. Nomination forms are available on the MHC website.
- The program will be held May 29th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Nashville Public Library, with reception to follow at the Rymer Gallery on 5th Avenue North.
- Judges will be Patrick McIntyre (Tennessee Historical Commission) Anne-Leslie Owens, (MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation), and Joni Priest (Metro Planning Commission).
- Special Awards (recap):
 - Leadership Award in History – (former) Vice-Mayor George H. Cate, Jr
 - Achievement Award – Ann Tidwell
 - Commissioners' Award – Barry Walker and Marathon Village

METRO 50TH COMMEMORATION

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KEITH SEARCY MEMORIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL: *Gerry Searcy*

At the request of Chair McKee, Commissioner Searcy gave a brief recap on the dinner, reporting that over 2100 meals were prepared and delivered to elderly and shut-in persons. She thanked all the commissioners who served as volunteers at the event.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

Commissioner Hoobler reported that the original Emancipation Proclamation was on display for 72 hours at the Tennessee State Museum. Over 30,000 people were able to see it during that time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

None given

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT-

None given

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

March 13, 2013