

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

January 28, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on January 28, 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; Vice-Chair Jim Forkum, Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, Holly Conner, David Currey, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald, Mark Rogers, and Linda Wynn. Commissioners George Cate, Jr., Don Cusic, and Gerry Searcy were not present.

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

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 November meeting as written. Commissioner Linda Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FOUNDERS' DAY PRESENTATION- Sanford Payton and Dr. Robert Nash

Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR (Sons of the American Revolution)

Mr. Payton and Dr. Nash addressed the commission about planning a Nashville Founders' Day celebration, to coincide with the anticipated re-opening of Fort Nashborough after its restoration is complete. A broad range of activities for the celebration were mentioned, such as a parade, a flag ceremony, and re-enactors portraying the signing of the Cumberland Compact and various aspects of life in early "Nashborough". Other logistical aspects of the event were discussed, including promotion, sponsorships, and city involvement. At this time, Payton and Nash asked for the Commission's endorsement of the idea and future support as the event is planned and executed.

Chair McKee asked for the Commission to show their support by verbal affirmation; all approved.

PRESERVATION AWARDS- Commissioners' and Achievement Awards

Representing the Nominations' Committee, Commissioner Holly Conner presented the following candidates for the MHC's approval:

Leadership Award in History – (former) Vice-Mayor George H. Cate, Jr.

Achievement Award – Ann Tidwell

Commissioners' Award – Barry Walker and Marathon Village

Not requiring a second; the commission voted unanimously for approval.

METRO 50TH COMMEMORATION:

The Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture (to be held on Friday, February 8, 2013) will include a Metro@50 session. Visit the website www.metroat50.org and the [Metro at 50](#) Facebook page for up-to-date information about future Metro@50 events.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION- Dr. Tara Mielnik

Dr. Mielnik presented the National Register nomination for American Baptist College, which was prepared by the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU. Commissioner Conner **moved to approve the nomination and Commissioner Wynn seconded the motion.** Motion carried.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

Commissioner Hoobler mentioned that the original Emancipation Proclamation was to be on display for 72 hours at the Tennessee State Museum. Reservations were required for viewing the document, but most had already been filled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

- *Mr. Walker attended a recent meeting with the Friends Group for the Buchanan Station Cemetery to discuss the transfer of the cemetery property to Metro Parks.*
- *Mr. Walker has been working with Metro Parks to request that Metro Nashville Airport Authority donate 50 acres of land behind Buchanan Log House to Metro Parks, as a greenway connector and for use by the Buchanan Log House, an APTA chapter.*
- *The kick-off event for the TN Civil War Crossroads Heritage Tourism brochure project is planned for May 17 at Travelers' Rest Mansion.*
- *The white paper Mr. Walker has been writing, on the role of preservation in Nashville's past, present and future; was submitted to Metro Planning Commission and will be published on their website in March.*
- *Board members of the MHC Foundation will be meeting in February to discuss a fund-raising event and ways the donations can be used to benefit the department.*
- *Mr. Walker has also been working with Metro Parks to develop a Master Plan for Two Rivers Mansion.*
- *He and Yvonne Ogren attended a budget presentation that morning where they learned that the Office of Management and Budget would be asking for departments to present a budget with a 2% reduction in expenses for the next fiscal year.*

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- *Robin Zeigler*

Ms. Zeigler updated the commission with plans for the Old House Fair, which has been scheduled on March 9, 2013, at the Cohn Adult Learning Center.

NASHVILLE CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – *Dr. Tara Mielnik*

Dr. Mielnik reminded everyone that the 2013 conference is scheduled for Friday, February 8 at Tennessee State University's Avon Williams Campus. Presenters include Dr. Reavis Mitchell who will speak on the impact of the creation of the Metropolitan Government on the African-American community in Nashville. Other presentations will address the Emancipation Proclamation and African-American burials during the Civil War era. Registration will open after the holidays.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Mielnik mentioned the need for judges for National History Day, regional level, at Middle Tennessee State University on Friday, February 22, 2013. Dr. Bucy's next Know Nashville series will begin February 7th.

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

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

February 19, 2012