

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

July 15, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on July 15, 2013, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Chair Bill McKee presiding.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Jim Forkum, Vice-Chair; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Lula Brooks, George Cate, Jr., Holly Conner, David Currey, Jim Hoobler, Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn. Commissioners Menié Bell, Don Cusic, Lynn McDonald, and Mark Rogers were not present.

Guests Present: Diane Lance, Eli Gibbons

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

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 June meeting as written. Commissioner Bob Allen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.*

HISTORIC MARKERS- Tara Mielnik

Staff member Tara Mielnik presented revised marker text for Jack Clement Recording Studios, which had been deferred in the June commission meeting. **The commission voted unanimously for approval of the marker, with revisions.**

SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- Jim Hoobler

Commissioner Hoobler reported that a meeting has been scheduled at Fort Negley, on July 17, 2013, to discuss plans for the 2014 event commemorating the Battle of Nashville.

ENDANGERED PROPERTIES LISTS

Tim Walker introduced the topic of nominations now being accepted for both *Nashville Nine*, sponsored by Historic Nashville, Inc.; and Tennessee Preservation Trust (TPT)'s *Ten in Tennessee*.

Commissioner David Currey who is TPT's Executive Committee Chair, said TPT would be accepting nominations of the state's most endangered historic sites until July 31. The criteria for consideration are significance of the site, urgency, and possible solutions. The top *Ten in Tennessee* list will be published in October.

Staff member Scarlett Miles, a board member of HNI, explained that the Nashville Nine is a list of the endangered historic buildings and places in Davidson County. This is also compiled through a public nomination process. Nominations for the 2013 Nashville Nine will be accepted until Friday, August 16th, on the agency's website at <http://www.historicnashvilleinc.org/resources/nashville-9>. The final list will be announced on September 9th (9-9-13)

Commissioners discussed potential sites that might be nominated and all agreed that the Cordell Hull Building is a likely candidate for both lists.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

- Tim Walker reported that he is setting up a second walk-thru at the Cordell Hull Building and commissioners who wanted to be included should let him know. State Representative Pody was meeting with Governor Haslam that same day to discuss the building.
- Mr. Walker thanked Commissioner Linda Wynn for her role in setting up the June lecture in the Civil War Stories series at Clover Bottom and mentioned that it was very well-received. He went on to mention the lecture scheduled for the next afternoon, July 16th, at Belmont Mansion. Mark Brown is speaking on "The Homefront".
- Plans to build a multi-story Hyatt Regency hotel at 2nd Avenue and Broadway are moving forward. This is the same site where the highly-controversial Westin Hotel was proposed in 2007. This location is not included in the Broadway Historic Preservation Overlay, which was designated after the Westin project was approved. Walker said that he was grateful that the Hyatt Regency project was scaled down from the plans submitted for the Westin.
- He met recently with Habitat for Humanity and Historic Nashville, Inc. to discuss properties that would be good candidates for restoration projects.
- Management at Mt. Olivet Cemetery is open to the idea of allowing a long-term lease and restoration of the historic chapel on the grounds, possibly to a local non-profit agency.
- He also attended a recent meeting of the MHC Foundation board. There are plans in the future for several fundraisers.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- Robin Zeigler

Ms. Zeigler thanked the commissioners for their support during the budget process, leading to the Metro Council providing funds for the office to hire another HP1 staff member.

She reported that the office had been contacted by several council members and neighborhood groups about the process of overlay district designation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Jim Hoobler mentioned that a Bruce Jackson collection was currently featured at the Tennessee State Museum.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

August 13, 2013