

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC) MINUTES

March 18, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on March 18, 2013, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Vice-Chair Jim Forkum presiding.

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

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

Commission Vice-Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order after verifying that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner George Cate, Jr. moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting as written. Commissioner Lula Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

PRESERVATION AWARDS- Scarlett Miles

Scarlett Miles gave a recap on the status of plans for the 2013 Preservation Awards program.

- The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 22nd, but may be extended. Nomination forms are available on the MHC website.
- Judging day will be April 16. Judges will be Patrick McIntyre (Tennessee Historical Commission) Anne-Leslie Owens, (MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation), and Joni Priest (Metro Planning Commission).
- 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.
- 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

Metro Government's 50th Birthday Party is scheduled for April 6, on the Historic Courthouse lawn. There will be live music, a Nashville history tent, various food and craft vendors, and activities for all ages. The MHC and the County Historian will have a table and a 14 panel display of Nashville history that is the centerpiece of the history tent. Visit the website www.metroat50.org and the [Metro at 50](#) Facebook page for up-to-date information about Metro@50.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- Jim Hoobler

A symposium will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Lafayette St, on April 13 at 8:30 am. The event features Dr. Bobby Lovett and Dr. Susan O'Donovan, speakers, and a special performance by the 1861 Project. A special six month lecture series at Civil War sites around Nashville will begin on May 21 at Glen Leven. Each month a new topic will be discussed, at a different location.

On May 21, Dan Pomeroy will present "The Unionists" at Glen Leven Farm, 4000 Franklin Road. The series will continue on the third Tuesday of each month, May through October, 2013; from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. the lectures are free and open to the public.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

Mr. Walker reported that the date of MHC's upcoming budget hearing was set for April 2. ([This was later changed to March 27, 9:00am](#)) All commissioners were asked to contact or write to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Finance Director, and their council members to stress the importance of funding the office's budget requests. Commissioners made suggestions of how the benefits of preservation could be brought up as part of the discussion.

He has a meeting scheduled with Deputy Mayor Greg Hinote on March 20.

Mr. Walker, Dr. McKee, Jim Forkum, and Bob Allen met with Sanford Payton of the SAR and others, to discuss plans for a Founders' Day celebration to be held in 2014. Persons attending were given assignments to research different aspects of Nashville's early history and settlers.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- *Robin Zeigler*

Ms. Zeigler gave a brief report on the Old House Fair (OHF) which took place on March 9. The event was very well-attended and raised funds to support the MHC Foundation. Almost 400 people were reached with information on preserving their historic properties and were able to make contact with reputable contractors and vendors. Activities provided for children were also successful. Zeigler mentioned that she is already scouting out possible locations for the 2014 OHF. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Forkum and Tim Walker recently attended a meeting with persons interested in creating a Friends' Group for Fort Negley. There is much interest in getting the 501(c)3 established. Walker and Forkum gave much credit to Commissioner Clay Bailey for leading the effort.

Tim Walker mentioned that the Buchanan Station Cemetery is going before the Park Board for approval as a donation to Metro Parks and Greenways. Metro Parks will maintain the cemetery. Plans for a future greenway include the land at the rear of the property along Mill Creek. Mr. Walker much appreciated the work of Mike Slate and Dick Davis, and the owner of the property, Scott Pope for making this donation possible.

Commissioner Menié Bell mentioned that the 12South Neighborhood is planning a Sevier Park Fest on May 4 to raise money for further development of the park. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

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

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

April 9, 2013