

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

May 20, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on May 20, 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; Bob Allen, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, Clay Bailey, George Cate, Jr., Holly Conner, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn. David Currey and Jim Forkum were not present.
County Historian Carole Bucy was also in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Tara Mielnik, Scarlett Miles, Yvonne Ogren, Fred Zahn, and Robin Zeigler

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Bob Allen moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting as written. Commissioner Holly Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Commissioner Gerry Searcy announced that an Open House and Reception was being held at Pearl High School, the next evening (May 21). This is to be a display of pictures and items related to the school's history, dating back to the 1800's. The event was to be held at the historic location on Jo Johnson Ave. All commissioners were invited. Commissioner Linda Wynn is also working on a book of the school's history.

PRESERVATION AWARDS- Scarlett Miles

Staff member Scarlett Miles distributed invitations to the Preservation Awards program, to be held the following Wednesday, May 29th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Nashville Public Library. The reception will follow at the Rymer Gallery on 5th Avenue North.

FY14 BUDGET HEARING, MHC STATUS – Tim Walker, Dr. McKee

MHC's budget hearing at Metro Council would take place on May 30th at 4:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Walker talked about the Mayor's budget proposal and how the department and its ability to serve the public would be affected. Discussion followed, and commissioners expressed their support and several mentioned that they planned to attend. Mr. Walker mentioned that thirteen commissioners from MHC and MHZC had attended the Mayor's Budget Hearing. He and Dr. McKee expressed their hope that as many or more would plan to attend the hearing at Council.

KICK-OFF EVENT FOR CIVIL WAR STORIES PROGRAM – *Dr. Carole Bucy*

An event was held Friday, May 17, at historic Travellers Rest Plantation, to celebrate the launching of the new brochure, *Common People in an Uncommon War*. Speakers at the event were Tim Walker, Mayor Karl Dean, and Dr. Carole Bucy. Dr. Bucy talked about the team who developed the brochure and thanked everyone who had a part in its completion and its related lecture series. Lectures will be presented on the third Tuesday of each month through October, 2013, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, at various historic sites around Nashville. Bucy encouraged everyone to attend. The first was to be on May 21st at Glen Leven Farm, 4000 Franklin Pike.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

Mr. Walker mentioned that the budget proposed for MHC by the Mayor, included funds for the ongoing Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration, and that MHC's operating expenses were not reduced, but the request for an additional Historic Zoning staff person was not funded in the proposal. Walker reminded commissioners of the hearing at Council on May 30th at 4:30.

Walker talked about the initiative to save the Cordell Hull Building from demolition. He mentioned that Dr. Carroll Van West at the Center for Historic Preservation was working to educate the State Representatives outside of Davidson County, about the building's history and significance. Art Historian Susan Knowles was working on an assessment of the structure's Tennessee marble panels.

Milner and Associates had been hired to do the Fort Negley Historic Structures Report. The group has already met with Walker, Krista Castillo, and Zada Law, at the site to review records; and would soon begin their work. The report would be completed by the end of 2013.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

May 21, 2013