



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ZONING NEWS

Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission

## MHZC AT CODES OFFICE

The Metro Historic Zoning Commission will be participating with the Department of Building Codes & Safety's *One Stop Shop* on a trial basis.

MHZC staff will have an "outpost" of their department at the offices of the Codes Department during **August, September and October on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

Other departments, such as Public Works, Water Services, Fire Marshal, Health Department and Planning Commission also provide an outpost at the Codes Department.

Those interested in submitting applications or



receiving feedback on preliminary plans are encouraged to meet with staff at the Codes Department during those months so that they may obtain feedback from other Metro Departments at the same time.

In addition, the MHZC hopes to soon join other Metro departments and agencies, with an interest in the permit process, in being linked electronically through a common computer program and database to facilitate processing of permit applications. This process

is commonly referred to as "permit tracking".

It is through this common tracking system that Metro departments and agencies freely share access to the permit process, administered at the Department of Codes & Building Safety.

The Codes Department is located at the Metro Office Building at 800 Second Avenue South on the 3rd floor. MHZC's direct telephone number during the trial period will be 615-862-6540; however, we can always be reached at 615-862-7970. Our general email is [histlap1@nashville.org](mailto:histlap1@nashville.org).

## Promote your business

Promote your business with sponsorship of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) biennial conference to be held in Norfolk, VA in

2012 or join the professional directory with a \$100 membership. The NAPC is the only organization devoted solely to representing the nation's preservation

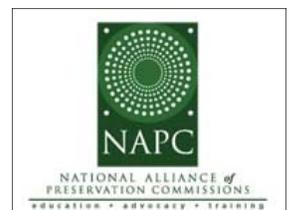
design review commissions. For more information about the conference and membership, visit [www.uga.edu/napc](http://www.uga.edu/napc)

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## Park & Elkins Newest Neighborhood Conservation Zoning Overlay

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As of July 25, 2011 the Park & Elkins district, within the greater Sylvan Park neighborhood, is now a Neighborhood Conservation Zoning Overlay.

The designation means that the historic character of the district will be protected through a design review process. Properties owners will need to obtain a Preservation Permit for new construction, demolition or moving a

building.

The larger Sylvan Park neighborhood began in 1887 with a plan for Richland Park and residential lots along the present Park Avenue, formerly known as First Avenue. Additional areas were added to make up what is now know as "Sylvan Park".

To view the design guidelines, obtain applications and obtain more information about the

permitting process, please visit [www.nashville.gov/mhc](http://www.nashville.gov/mhc).

## MHZC Welcomes New Commissioners

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Recently the Mayor and Metropolitan Council appointed two new commissioners to the MHZC: Hunter Gee and Richard Fletcher.

Gee serves as the Planning Commission representative. He is Principal at Smith Gee Studio, LCC and holds a degree in architecture from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He is a former officer for the Nashville Civic Design Center and continues to serve on the board.

Gee is a leader in Nashville's District Council of the Urban Land Institute and is a member of the 2011-12 class of Leadership Middle Tennessee.

Fletcher comes to the Commission with more than 25 years of experience in commercial property design, development, ownership, leasing and property management. A graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Architecture, Fletcher

served as an interim architect with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in Chicago and on the staff of Gresham, Smith & Partners in Nashville. He has served on the Traffic and Parking Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.



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Preserving the Past.**

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*The Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission (MHZC) reviews applications to create new historic overlay districts and reviews preservation permit applications for historic preservation and neighborhood conservation zoning overlays and landmark sites for new construction, alterations, additions, repair and demolition.*

*The MHZC's nine volunteer members, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by Metro Council, include representatives from zoning districts, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Historical Commission; architect (s), and other citizens of Davidson County.*

*Our sister organization, the Metropolitan Historical Commission (MHC), is a municipal historic preservation agency working to document history, save and reuse buildings, and make the public more aware of the necessity and advantages of preservation in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. Created in 1966, the commission consists of fifteen citizens appointed by the mayor and confirmed by Metro Council.*

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## Rate the MHZC

Help us help you by rating your experience with our department. Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/8N6GHKC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8N6GHKC) to complete a short survey.

So far more than half of the respondents were property owners. Seventy two percent of all respondents "strongly agree" that "staff provided the necessary technical

advice, information, and/or permits needed in a timely manner."

Have ideas on how we can improve? Let us know.