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MINUTES

October 15, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on October 15, 2018, in the conference room of the Metro Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Jim Forkum presiding.

Commissioners Present: Jim Forkum, Chair; Bob Allen, Dr. Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Michelle Hall, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Mark Rogers, E. Thomas Wood, Linda Wynn **were present**. Lynne Holliday, Dr. Bill McKee, Gerry Searcy **did not attend**. Dr. Carole Bucy, county historian, also attended.

Guests Present: NA

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Caroline Eller, Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person, Jessica Reeves, Melissa Sajid, and Robin Zeigler were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Jim Forkum verified that a quorum was present and asked for approval of the September minutes. Don Cusic made a motion to approve, Bob Allen provided a second, and the September minutes were unanimously approved.

HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller

Three new markers were presented in the meeting, Patsy Cline's Dream House (on Nella Drive) in District 10, Nashville Centennial and Nashville Porter and Ale Brewery. Caroline Eller provided an overview of each marker and provided handouts to everyone that included text and information on each marker. Patsy Cline's marker was approved with a motion from Don Cusic, Linda Wynn provided a second. Don Cusic inquired about mentioning Charlie Dick on the market text. Per Caroline, he was omitted due to limited marker text with a focus on her career highlights.

Jessica Reeves presented the Nashville Centennial propriety marker and provided location information and explained about the incorrect end date and outdated marker background. Don Cusic gave a motion with Jim Hoobler providing a second; the Nashville Centennial parker was approved unanimously. The marker project is behind schedule however contact has been maintained with several council members and the priority list is piling up as well, the markers should be back on schedule by the end of the year. The Germantown Brewery District Marker was installed on Friday during Octoberfest and was well received. Jessica explained the map and text information for the Nashville Porter and Ale Brewery. A motion was given by Mark Rogers with a second by Bob Allen, this marker was unanimously approved. Paperwork was provided to the Commissioners of upcoming marker dedications, three dedications are coming up before the end of the year. Jessica thanked the Commissioners for attending the dedications throughout the year.

Chris Cotton inquired about the dress code for marker dedications; Jessica will get clarity on the dress codes and let everyone know prior to the next upcoming dedication ceremonies.

2018 -19 MHC Committee Assignments – Tim Walker

Tim Walker reminded Commissioners that the bylaws allow the chair to appoint committee members. Jim Forkum has worked with the Commissioners on placement in the past and this has proven to be successful. Chris Cotton has agreed to serve on the bylaws committee and he will select another also Michelle Hall is still deciding. Tim provided the lists of the committee assignments and vacancies for everyone to review.

Michelle inquired about social media and promoting the marker dedications on social media. Per Jessica, it's a lot to keep up with and Instagram might work better than Twitter also the accounts would need to be decided on. Scarlett Miles added that we do post a lot on Facebook and information can be found there. Tim will follow up with ITS for further social media needs and account set up.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & MHC 2018-19 Budget–Tim Walker & Paula Person

Tim Walker discussed the capital spending plan, noting it did not include Sunnyside; there may be another plan in 6 months. Jim Forkum added that he and Tim plan to contact the Mayor, asking have him meet here at the building so they can present a case of why Sunnyside needs to be included in the next spending plan. Jim Forkum suggested that keeping in contact with your council members is a way to assist with pushing this forward. Michelle Hall inquired about private funding of each building or private matching, per Tim this is a city park and the city should be responsible. Discussion was held about the deterioration of the building and the results of putting off repairs. Chris Cotton will reach out to the neighborhood associations for assistance in this matter.

We are working on getting magnetic name plates for the Commissioners and staff to be used at events or at commission meetings when guests are present. They will be ordered and should be here by the next commission meeting.

The Economic Impact Study should be finished in January, and in February the second phase will start. Per Carolyn Eller the first advisory group meeting was in September, it was a good meeting, and. great input was provided from the Mayor's office staff as well as others who represented different businesses and organizations; there will be two more meetings held over the next few months. A \$5,000 grant was applied for through the National Trust to help cover a portion of the study's costs.

Paula Person spoke about needing additional internet services for our interns; looking at the budget we have \$47, 900 for FY19, we should spend about \$43,000 for fees and licenses. This leaves the department with a little less than \$5,000 (4,900) to use towards purchasing additional internet services. If the additional service is under this amount we should be able to cover it. Tim added we need additional WIFI in the conference room for the interns, IT came out to give us a bid, however, we are still required to save 5% of our budget. We are hoping to have this done within the next couple weeks.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler

Robin Zeigler stated the Kenner Manor and Marathon Village overlays are continuing to move forward, as is the plans book and consolidation of design guidelines, and interns will be here assisting with the update of the guidelines We have lost one Commissioner, who resigned due to a new job that conflicted with the meetings. Tim will be before Metro Council on Tuesday night for approval of the resolution accepting the CLG grant. Tim also mentioned the Save Music Row signs that were donated for distribution to businesses on Music Row.

STAFF REPORTS

Scarlett Miles mentioned that 21st avenue was surveyed from Magnolia to I-440 as Metro Planning is starting their meetings this week. The name change report for Old Due West Rd. to Skyline Ridge Dr. has been

submitted to council and is going to committee today, then to council tomorrow. The Douglas St. (near Amqui Station) report is currently being worked on.

Jessica Reeves discussed the planning commission looking off of Nolensville Pike around the Lake Providence community to place a historical marker and we have been asked to come in and provide information.

Caroline Eller mentioned the National Register nominations for the Smith Carter House and Hank Snow's Rainbow Ranch both went to the state review board and were approved in September; we expect them to be listed early next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michelle Hall wrote a letter to her councilman (Russ Pulley) asking him to approve Sunnyside in the capital spending plan.

Linda Wynn discussed that the library will be reviewing a movie about the TigerBelles this Friday. Plans are being finalized for the African History Conference held Feb 8th and presenters are lined up.

Don Cusic spoke about his book *Nashville Sound, An Illustrated Timeline*, the book is \$39.95 and can be ordered online. Bob Allen announced that Don would be speaking to the genealogy group in Bellevue.

Lynn Maddox announced the Nashville City Cemetery Living History Tour is this weekend from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted November 13, 2018.

Paula R. Person