

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 17, 2014

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on March 17, 2014, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Bill McKee presiding.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Jim Forkum, Vice-Chair; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, George Cate Jr, Holly Conner, David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn.

Guests Present: Dr. Carole Bucy

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

Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm, after verifying that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: George Cate moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting as written. Bob Allen seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMISSION BUDGET HEARING WITH MAYOR DEAN – *Dr. Bill McKee and Tim Walker*

Dr. McKee and Tim Walker talked about the Historical Commission's hearing with Mayor Dean, which was coming up on April 2, and asked the commissioners to plan to attend if at all possible. There was discussion on possible ways that the economic benefits of historic and neighborhood conservation zoning could be tracked in the future.

PRESERVATION AWARDS – *Scarlett Miles*

Scarlett Miles reminded commissioners that May 28 is the confirmed date for the presentation, and that Mayor Dean will be making award presentations. This year's program will be held at the Downtown Public Library with the reception following at the Arts Company on 5th Ave N. The March 14 deadline for submitting award nominations has passed with less than 25 nominations submitted. Judges have not been confirmed at this time.

CORDELL HULL BUILDING UPDATE – *Tim Walker, MHC Director*

Mr. Walker reported that the petition to save the Cordell Hull Building was handed off to the Governor's office on March 5 at the War Memorial Plaza. Representatives from the Historical Commission, the Historic Zoning Commission, Tennessee Preservation Trust, and Historic Nashville, Inc. were present, in spite of the inclement weather conditions. It will be several weeks before any final decisions are made for the future of the building.

NASHVILLE ENCYCLOPEDIA – *Dr. Carole Bucy*

Dr. Bucy gave an update on the Encyclopedia, reporting that she and Tara are meeting on March 19th with the Mayor Dean's liaison, Robin, to discuss the how the varied responsibilities of the project will be allotted, and what expectations the mayor has of the final project. More detailed guidelines of content must be established for the writers, and reminders sent to those who initially signed up to write articles.

Dr. Bucy will be available at the Public Library's Nashville Room every Thursday from 2 – 5 pm, to assist the writers with researching their subjects.

OPEN HOUSE REPORT – *Lynn Maddox*

Commissioner Maddox reported that the open house was a very nice event. She thanked the commissioners who attended and contributed food and beverages. Approximately 40-50 persons attended and all seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet and network with their preservation and history colleagues. With the new Sevier Park community center set to open in April, it is possible that the event could be held there in the future.

OLD HOUSE FAIR REPORT- *Tim Walker*

Tim Walker reported that the third annual Old House Fair was very successful. Approximately 400 persons attended and plans for the 2015 fair have already begun. The MHC Foundation had a table set up to promote and take donations for the non-profit. The educational sessions were all filled to capacity.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Tim Walker*

- MHC's budget presentation with Mayor Dean is April 2 at 10:15 am, and takes place at the Historic Courthouse. All commissioners were asked to attend if at all possible.
- MHC will need assistance, whether financially or by additional staff, for the encyclopedia project to proceed as expected.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT– *Tim Walker*

- The expansion of the Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Conservation Zoning has been approved, adding approximately 450 new properties to those under review.
- The Eastwood neighborhood will be expanding soon, nearly doubling the size of that district.
- A Lockeland Springs East End expansion has gone to the Planning Commission for their approval.

**Jim Forkum and the commission congratulated former Vice-Mayor Cate on his recent retirement.*

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

Respectfully submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

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