



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

September 21, 2015

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on September 21, 2015, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Jim Forkum presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Forkum, Chair; Clay Bailey, Vice-Chair, Bob Allen, Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan\*, Pat Cummins, David Currey, Don Cusic, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox\*, Mark Rogers\*, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn were present. Dr. Bill McKee did not attend.

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Yvonne Ogren, Melissa Sajid and Fred Zahn

**Guests Present:** Dawn Harris, Joseph Cummins

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum**

Forkum asked if there were any amendments, corrections or questions of the minutes from the meeting. With no corrections, Pat Cummins moved for approval. Don Cusic seconded and the Commission approved without objection.

**MHC FOUNDATION EVENT RECAP– Tim Walker**

Mr. Walker reported that the MHC Foundation event, Toasting the Town, was well attended. The weather turned out to be perfect for an outdoor event. The main purpose of the event was to publicly announce the release of the book *Nashville Architecture: A Guide to the City*. MHC Chair Jim Forkum spoke briefly and introduced Mayor Karl Dean, who spoke briefly and commended the commission and partners for their work on the book and mentioned that it would be a great resource for tourists and local residents in the future. There also were four council members who attended, and a number of former MHC staff members and commissioners who had been involved in the project over the years. About 75 books were sold that evening with all proceeds going to benefit the MHC Foundation.

*Mr. Walker called upon visitor Dawn Harris to introduce herself. She is a student at Peabody University, and was there to observe the meeting. Commissioner Pat Cummins introduced his son Joseph, who was also visiting to observe the meeting.*

*Mr. Walker introduced MHC's newest commissioner, Bill Hardin, who was attending his first meeting. He teaches at Montgomery Bell Academy.*

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Tim Walker*

- HNI's Nashville Nine Most Endangered Buildings list will be announced on September 22 at a special program hosted by Mike Wolfe of American Pickers. This will take place at Marathon Village.
- The Trail West building on Broadway was demolished Sunday night. The story has been picked up by all the local television networks. The building was a contributing structure in the National Register of Historic Places' Broadway District. Historic Zoning had not approved demolition and Tim is waiting to hear comment from Metro Legal on its demolition.

## HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Tim Walker*

Melissa Sajid has been hired and joined the Historic Zoning staff. She has an extensive background in preservation and planning. This is the first increase in staff in at least 10 years, and brings the number of employees in the office to 10.

With the new employee on staff, Councilman Anthony Davis plans to file legislation very soon for two new conservation overlays in Inglewood. Colby Sledge, the new council member for the district around the Sunnyside office, plans to file for a new district in this area as well. These new overlays will add approximately 1800-2000 properties to the number requiring historic zoning review by the staff and Historic Zoning Commission.

Jim Forkum mentioned that on Tim's behalf he had recently attended the North Nashville by Northeast meeting, held at Lock One. Both mayoral candidates and several candidates for Metro Council attended, and speakers talked about the historic significance of the area. Forkum said he had learned a great deal about it. Lock One is one of the sites recently landmarked by Mayor Karl Dean.

## STAFF REPORTS

Scarlett Miles mentioned that the State Review Board would be meeting on Wednesday, September 23, in Jackson, TN, and the de-listing of Fort Nashborough from the National Register of Historic Places is on the meeting's agenda.

Fred Zahn mentioned that the Nashville City Cemetery Association's annual Living History Tour is scheduled for October 3. The theme for the 2015 event is the Steamboat Era. It is a highly-anticipated event and always well-attended. Volunteers are always needed.

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

Respectfully submitted October 16, 2015.

*Yvonne Ogren*