

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

June 18, 2012

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on June 18, 2012, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Chairman Bill McKee presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Bob Allen, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, George Cate, Jr., David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Forkum, Jim Hoobler, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, Holly Sharp, and Linda Wynn. Commissioners Clay Bailey and Lynn McDonald were not present.

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock, Tara Mielnik, Scarlett Miles, Yvonne Ogren, Fred Zahn, and Robin Zeigler.

**Guests Present:** Davidson County Historian Dr. Carole Bucy, MHC intern Katy Martin

Commission Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Commissioner Allen moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written. Commissioner Cate seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE- Holly Sharp**

Commissioner Sharp reported that members of the Nominations Committee held a meeting earlier that day to discuss nominations for Vice-Chair of the Historical Commission. ***The committee unanimously recommended Jim Forkum as candidate for the commission's Vice Chair. Commission approved without opposition.***

**SPECIAL MEETING WITH MAYOR DEAN**

Commission Chair Bill McKee, Commissioner Jim Forkum, and Tim Walker met with Mayor Dean on June 12 to discuss a possible grant from the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, which could be used to fund a Historic Structures Report at Fort Negley.

**MHC COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING – Tim Walker**

Director Tim Walker reported on MHC's Metro Council budget hearing which was held on June 13. Questions from council members were brief and supportive. He thanked commissioners who attended. Several of those commissioners commented that the hearing was very well received by members of the Council Budget Committee.

**TENNESSEE PRESERVATION TRUST CONFERENCE – David Currey**

Commissioner Currey thanked the commission and staff for attending and for their assistance in the programs on the agenda. In 2013 the TPT Conference will be held in Cookeville, TN.

**PRESERVATION AWARDS- Scarlett Miles**

The 2012 Preservation Awards were held as the opening event of the TPT Conference. MHC staff member Scarlett

Miles thanked everyone involved with the awards program progress, and special thanks went to the reception sponsors, and to Jim Hoobler for setting up the Tennessee State Museum as the event venue. One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of the Achievement Award to Ann Roberts, former MHC Director.

#### UPDATE ON PLANS FOR METRO 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY- *Dr. Carole Bucy*

Dr. Bucy reported that the kick-off event to celebrate Nashville's 50th year as a metropolitan government is scheduled for June 28th, the anniversary of the date the referendum was approved. The event is to be held at the Metro Courthouse in the Public Square, and will feature live music and refreshments. The website for information, announcements, and events schedules will also go live on that day. There will be teacher workshops and lesson plans for students.

#### CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

The Occupied City Walking Tour brochure and an updated Driving Tour of the Battle of Nashville are to be printed in the next month. Tim is working with Public Works to coordinate signage.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Tim Walker*

- Mr. Walker reported that the Parks Department awarded funds from the Mayor's Capital Improvement budget for the restoration of Fort Nashborough.
- Cleanup work continues at the Buchanan Station Cemetery on Massman Drive. It is possible that the cemetery will be donated to Metro Parks.
- Councilman Claiborne would like for a Master Plan of Two Rivers to be developed.
- The Historical Commission was awarded funds from the Mayor's Capital Expense fund for historical markers. Tara Mielnik will be meeting with members of the Marker Committee in the coming weeks to discuss possible topics and locations.

#### HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- *Robin Zeigler*

- Ms. Zeigler introduced intern Katy Martin, who is working with MHZC staff on design guidelines, and mentioned other intern Josh Conley (not present) who is also working with Historic Zoning on a survey for possible overlay district in Salemtown.
- A change is being considered for the criteria to serve as a commissioner to the MHZC. Currently there must be a member representing 2nd Avenue. The change would allow a representative from any historic or conservation overlay in the downtown area.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Chair McKee spoke briefly about problems that have arisen at the Nashville City Cemetery due to homeless individuals who have begun to camp on the grounds. No Trespassing signs have been posted around the grounds. Parks and Metro police have increased patrols; one individual has been arrested.

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

Submitted by

*Yvonne Ogren*

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