



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

November 21, 2016

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on November 21, 2016, 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; Bob Allen, Alex Buchanan, Don Cusic, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, and Linda Wynn were present. Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Pat Cummins, David Currey, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, and Gerry Searcy did not attend.

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Jessica Reeves, Melissa Sajid, Fred Zahn and Robin Zeigler.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., after verifying that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum**

Jim Forkum asked if there were any amendments or questions regarding the minutes from the October 2016 meeting. Having none, Bill McKee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Don Cusic seconded and the commission approved them unanimously.

**HISTORIC MARKERS – Jessica Reeves**

Jessica reported that, as per Commission approval at the October 2016 meeting, the Ezell House marker had been re-ordered. Additionally, the Surrender of Nashville—East Park marker had been removed and sent back to repair a typo. Both were paid for with money from the Marker budget.

Texts for two other markers were brought before the Commission. The first was the Surrender of Nashville—East Bank, which was approved by the Marker Committee in October 2016 and is sponsored by RE:Discover East. The second was the Gerst Brewery marker, now called the Nashville Brewery marker, sponsored by Scott Mertie. The Nashville Brewery marker needed approval for text changes and the inclusion of an image on one side of the marker. Grammar changes were proposed for both, and the matter was tabled briefly so Jessica could make the necessary adjustments. The item was brought back on the agenda, and the Commission voted unanimously to approve both texts.

Additionally, Jim Forkum thanked Linda Wynn and Menié Bell for their work on the Neely Bend state historical marker.

**KELLYTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK- Tim Walker**

The Friends of Kellytown board met the previous week and the major topic of discussion was a proposal to change the name of the site to “Aaitafama”, which translates to “meeting place” in the Chickasaw-Muskogean language. They will take the name change proposal to the Parks Board for approval on Jan. 3, and would

appreciate a letter of approval from the Historical Commission as *ex officio* board members. **MOTION:** Alex Buchanan made a motion to support the Friends of Kellytown's proposal to change the name of Kellytown Archeological park to "Aaitafama," and to send a letter to the Friends of Kellytown indicating MHC's support. Lynn Maddox seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the commission approved the motion unanimously.

#### **DECEMBER MEETING – Tim Walker**

Tim opened discussion about preemptively cancelling the December 19 MHC meeting, as it falls on the same week as the Christmas holidays. It is always difficult to get a quorum together, and at this time there are no action items coming up in the month of December. **MOTION:** Lynn Maddox made a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 19, 2016. Bill McKee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

The staff has completed sorting and documenting the Giers prints and glass negatives from the Sarah Hicks collection, and Tim has settled with the family. The office will be transferring all the glass negatives to the Nashville Public Library. On a related topic, Jessica Reeves has been taking inventory of all the photographs, slides and digital images which the office has on hand. There are over 140,000 pictures in MHC files, both digital and hard copy. We would like to work with the library on a project to digitize everything and make them available to the public and more accessible to staff.

Patrick McIntyre, director of the Tennessee Historical Commission, has extended an invitation to the MHC to come and hold their January 23rd meeting at Clover Bottom. **MOTION:** Don Cusic made a motion to hold the January 23rd meeting of the MHC at the THC office, located at 2941 Lebanon Pike in Donelson. Linda Wynn seconded and the motion passed.

David Currey will give presentations on the Two Rivers Master Plan and Fort Nashborough at THC, after the MHC meeting adjourns.

Tim, Jim Forkum and Brian Tibbs met with Mayor Barry to discuss the creation of a Preservation Grant Fund to assist property owners with the expenses of restoring historic structures. The mayor's administration is interested and will be meeting in December to discuss it further.

#### **HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler**

The expansion of the Waverly-Belmont NCZD has evolved into its own Neighborhood Conservation Zoning District, which will be called Hillview Heights-Inverness. It will be heard at the Historic Zoning December meeting, and go to Planning for approval in January. There has been a lot of interest in Bed & Breakfast-Homestays, and several may be submitted for approval in the next few months.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Wynn mentioned the 2017 Conference on African-American History and Culture, and reminded everyone that the event is scheduled on Feb. 10.

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

Respectfully submitted January 20, 2017.

*Yvonne Ogren*