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MINUTES

February 26, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on February 26, 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, Alex Buchanan, Dr. Don Cusic, Lynne Holliday, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, Linda Wynn were present. Richard Courtney and Dr. Bill Hardin and did not attend. Also attending was Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian.

Guests Present: Patrick Christie-Mizell

Staff Members Present: Sean Alexander, Caroline Eller, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person, Jessica Reeves, Melissa Sajid, Fred Zahn 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 January minutes. Lynn Maddox gave a motion to approve with Dr. Bill McKee provided a second and the January minutes were unanimously approved.

OPEN HOUSE – Menié Bell & Lynn Maddox

Ribbons of Chocolate will be donating shrimp, meatballs and a cheese tray. The remainder of the food will come from donations. Lynn Maddox requested that those wanting to donate food or money fill out a sheet circulating at the meeting. The open house will take place at Ft. Negley visitor's center from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm and there is a need for beer and wine. If you know of anyone who would like to donate beer or wine please let Menié Bell or Lynn Maddox know. The invitations have already been sent out and Paula was thanked for constructing the invitations.

African American Conference – Linda Wynn

Jim Forkum acknowledged and congratulated the very successful conference held at Tennessee State University (TSU). Linda Wynn thanked everyone who came out to the conference and stated that she is receiving a lot of contacts from those wanting to speak at the conference next year. After 37 years the conference has proven to be a first rate conference. Metro channel 3 is replaying the conference if anyone is interested in seeing it.

HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller

Jessica referred the group to review the sets of text made available that provided detailed marker information. One set contained the district markers while the other detailed the priority list markers. Per Jessica Reeves the

RFP is closing this Friday, selection will be made regarding who will be making the approved markers within the next few weeks with ordering to happen in mid-March. Q4 district and priority markers are ready to go. The Riverside Church will be spear heading the dedication ceremony for the Dorothy Brown Marker; we are excited to have them on board with us. For Q1 we are ahead of schedule, we should finish the district quarter markers ahead of time next year. The Locust Hill marker which will be the district 28 marker is approved and ready to be ordered. General Hospital, Battle of Nashville, Nashville YMCA and Nashville Academy of Medicine markers were discussed. Jessica provided copies of the updated text which will be added to these markers to bring them current. The MHC edits to these markers are in need of approval, Dr. Bill McKee gave a motion to approve with a second given by Linda Wynn; all four markers were successfully approved. The Randall Jarrell marker in front of Hume Fogg High School is being replaced with the construction company paying for it, after they damaged it. A new version with updated text will complete the replacement of The Randall Jarrell marker. Due to this marker being privately funded a motion has to be entered. Lynn Maddox gave a motion with a second being provided by Linda Wynn, this marker was successfully approved. Caroline Eller gave an update on the District 6 & 8 markers. District 6 marker will be a 2-sided, 2-topic marker. The text for the marker was sent off to Councilman Withers who had previously conducted research. The information was sent off to him last week and he has not yet provided any further comments or edits since the committee looked at it. The changes were approved by the committee at last week's meeting. The final versions for District 6 & 8 markers required individual approvals; a motion was entered by Dr. Bill McKee with a second given by Lynn Maddox. Councilmember Nancy Van Reese assisted closely with the marker for district 8, the text was sent to her last week there were no edits and the final version is the version that needs to be voted on. Caroline provided the address as 1020 Gibson Dr. in Madison, a motion for approval was given by Bob Allen with a second from Linda Wynn this marker was unanimously approved. A discussion was held regarding the wording Eastland verses Eastwood for the 1855 family house owned by the Weakley family.

[Preservation Awards – Scarlett Miles](#)

The Preservation awards have been scheduled for Monday, May 21st based on the Mayors schedule and the availability of the library downtown auditorium. The event will start at 4:30 pm; reception location is still being worked on along with setting up judges. Nominations for the architectural portion of the awards program are due by Friday March 9th. If you know of anybody working on a nomination we will need to have them before the deadline and we have extra forms if needed. Committees will be meeting Thursday at 10:00 am to review nominations for the following special awards: Commissioners Award, Achievement Award and the Fletch Coke Award. Extra print outs of the forms are available if needed and are due by close of business today. As a reminder please RSVP for the Open House with the link provided, so that we can have an accurate head count.

[Ft Negley Park Cultural Landscape Report – Clay Bailey](#)

The RFP submission closed on February 20th the committee which Tim Walker is on will be making their selection in the next week or so, it is on a fast track. A significant amount of that work needs to be completed by September.

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Forkum read for Tim Walker](#)

Please refer any questions regarding the following to Tim Walker when he returns. Nashville Sites Dr. Mary Ellen Pethel and I continue to meet with various organizations to raise the \$200,000 required for Phase Two of Nashville Sites. To date we have commitments for \$151,000, which have come from Steve and Judy Turner, The District, CVC, TN Civil War National Heritage Area, Humanities Tennessee, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We hope to have the funding in place, so that the project can launch in May. Per Bob Allen Dr. Mary Ellen Pethel will be speaking on March 9th to the Bellevue genealogy group.

Davidson County Cemetery Survey Website

MHC is working with Fletch Coke and the Colonial Dames to take ownership of this site. MHC will be responsible for hosting and maintenance and are partnering with the Colonial Dames and the MHC Foundation to find funding to update and enhance the site by transferring the information to WordPress, a website management system. Per Carole Bucy the Nashville.gov website have all the cemetery records and a lot of the information was provided by the survey and is a wonderful resource. Fred Zahn spoke of the extensive work and data entry that was completed by interns in order to develop the websites with plans for two websites to exist. The newer website will be more user friendly while the latter is data based centered, the hope is to have the foundation cover the expense.

Sunnyside Repairs

DAAD Architects, EMC, and Collier Engineering are working with Metro Parks and MHC staff to evaluate the existing condition of Sunnyside and its three outbuildings. DAAD will be meeting with MHC staff later this week to discuss the programming of the expanded office space, which will include the rear portion of the house and a new two-story connector. The design package, which will include pricing, should be completed by June 1.

Two Rivers Mansion Archaeology

TVAR recently completed Phase 1 archaeology in the area behind Two Rivers Mansion. This work was done in preparation of siting an events building/amphitheater that was proposed in the 2015 Master Plan, and Friends of Two Rivers Mansion covered the cost of the archaeology. Some additional archaeology will be done prior to the building construction. Sean Alexander helped review the report and can answer related questions. Jim Forkum questioned what will be done with found artifacts; will they be part of the exhibit on location? Per Sean artifacts will be property of Metro and an agreement would have to be reached.

2018-19 Budget Process

We submitted our new budget and asked for two increases that will cover software renewal fees and expanded internet bandwidth. The administration strongly suggested departments not ask for any increases this budget cycle, however after discussions with Finance, they agreed to allow us to request these two increases as they are for items necessary for MHC staff to do their daily work. Menié Bell asked for a dollar figure, this question will be deferred to Tim Walker.

Mayor's Budget Hearing

MHC's budget hearing with Mayor Barry will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 4:45pm. We have been asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the hearing. Although we are awaiting details, we have been told that our department's hearing will be done as a part of a group hearing entitled "Regulation, Inspection, Conservation, and Historical." Other departments that are likely to be included in this group are Codes, Planning, and Parks. Once I get specifics, I'll pass them on. Jim Forkum encouraged the Commissioners to show up to support as they have in the past.

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT - Robin Zeigler](#)

Robin Zeigler had nothing to report for February.

[STAFF REPORTS](#)

Scarlett Miles informed everyone that past preservation winners can be found on the open data portal and goes back to 1973.

[OTHER BUSINESS](#)

Please complete the form circulating around if you will be bringing food or donations to the Open House. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:07 pm. Respectfully submitted March 12, 2018.

Paula R. Person