



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES
May 20, 2019

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on May 20, 2019, 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; Davis Acker, Bob Allen, Dr. Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Michelle Hall, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy and E. Thomas Wood, Linda Wynn **were present.** and County Historian Dr. Carole Bucy **did attend.**

Guests Present: Phillip Staffelli (Intern)

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock, Caroline Eller, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person, Jessica Reeves, Jenny Warren and Robin Zeigler were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Jim Forkum asked for approval of the April minutes. Menié Bell made a motion to approve, Lynn Maddox provided a second, and the April minutes were unanimously approved. Discussion was held regarding how to protect historic houses in the future and utilizing social media for public awareness. Davis Acker (New Commissioner) was introduced and welcomed to the commission along with summer intern Phillip Staffelli.

HISTORICAL MARKERS– Jessica Reeves

Jessica Reeves presented markers for Hillsboro High School (District 25) and Crieve Hall (District 26). Hillsboro High School (District 25) selected by Councilman Russ Pulley, will be placed in front of the school. A motion was given by Chris Cotton with a second from Don Cusic, and the marker was unanimously approved. Crieve Hall (District 26) selected by Jeremy Elrod will be placed at Crieve Hall Elementary School. A motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from Tom Wood, and the marker was unanimously approved. Jessica discussed the Google Doc spreadsheet (MHC Marker Tracker) that was created which showcases information on all markers. It will display marker names, where the marker is in the process, when it will be installed, etc. The tracker link will be emailed to the Commissioners by Jessica Reeves.

PRESERVATION AWARDS –Scarlett Miles

Scarlett Miles thanked those who attended the Preservation Awards which was held on May 9th, 4:30 pm at the Nashville Public Library. As a recap we had thirty-three nominations, twelve winners, two honorable mentions, Judges included Dr. Lea Williams, Leigh Fitts and Jane-Coleman Cottone. Special thanks were given to the staff and Commissioners that participated with various tasks involved in running the event. A meeting will be held with the Nominations Committee to debrief and to obtain information for the future awards event.

Election of Officers at June Meeting –Tim Walker

Nominations need to be made in the June meeting for the Chair position which will serve two terms. Discussion was held regarding the process of nomination and re-appointment.

Warren House Update –*Tim Walker*

The Warren House has been featured on social media by the HNI board; there have been no significant changes to the Specific Plan (SP) approved by Planning and Metro Council in 2014. There was lack of information explaining the details of the SP which led to people thinking that Council had signed off on the demolition of the building.

MHC BUDGET UPDATE –*Tim Walker*

Tim Walker stated we are working to bring our all outstanding expenses current by the end of the month (mileage, comp, etc.) in order to know where the department's budget stands in relation to the administration's cost savings goal. Finance has recently reviewed our budget and thinks we are on target to meet the savings target. Jim Forkum thanked those who attended the budget hearing on May 14th and explained that he expressed what was needed in the budget for departmental success. He also added that Councilmembers showed great support for the department.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –*Tim Walker*

Tim Walker thanked Menié Bell, Jim Forkum, Linda Wynn, Tom Wood and Dr. Clay Bailey for attending the department's budget hearing with Metro Council. He noted that next month's meeting will be held at the Fort Negley Visitors Center and will start 30 minutes early due to Donovan Rypkema from Place Economics presenting the Economic Impact Study for Historic Preservation. A reminder will be sent before the meeting in hopes that all can attend. Mr. Rypkema will give the same presentation to Metro Council the following day at 3:15 pm on June 18th, and the presentation will be taped for Metro Nashville Network. We also will be meeting with the Mayor, his Chief of Staff and other staff members with the same presentation. Phase 2 of the study will start the same week, and we will be meeting with stakeholder groups. The Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Report final should be back to us by the end of this month, and we are working with Parks on the RFQ for a master plan of the park. We are completing the fundraising for phase 2 archaeology on the Greer Stadium Site proper; we are about \$15,000 shy of what is needed. The Music Row Vision Plan will go to the Planning Commission next month.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT –*Robin Zeigler*

Robin Zeigler discussed we are behind on the Marathon Village overlay; a community meeting will be held towards the end of the month. A potential neighborhood overlay in Green Hills was discussed; buildings would not be protected from demolition if it goes through planning.

STAFF REPORTS

Caroline Eller stated she is working on Historic markers for Cane Ridge School and the Myhr House in Bellevue and they should be presented next month. Jessica Reeves informed the group that we would have two additional graduate interns and a high school intern assisting the department for the summer. Sean Alexander reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Dash, the 5K race around Ft. Negley and through the City Cemetery.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Carole Bucy discussed her experience at the City Cemetery with the Isaiah T. Creswell 5th graders. Recommended to the Mayor that it was not feasible to put affordable housing in the Morris Building. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Chris Cotton mentioned the UNESCO Slave Route announcement at Ft. Negley tomorrow followed by a lunch and learn, the event starts at 10:30am.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted June 11, 2019.

Paula R. Person