



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

June 19, 2017

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on June 19, 2017, 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, Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan, David Currey, Don Cusic, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn were present. Clay Bailey did not attend. Dr. Carole Bucy, county historian, also attended.

Guests Present: Council Member Jeremy Elrod; Kelsey Lamkin, Rohan Pethkar and Mia Polk, MHC interns

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

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Jim Forkum asked if there were any amendments or questions regarding the minutes from the April meeting. Alex Buchanan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Linda Wynn seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

METRO PROPERTIES NAMING ORDINANCE – Councilman Jeremy Elrod

Councilman Elrod addressed the commission, first thanking them and the staff for the service they provide to the community. He said that he had drafted the ordinance, which would require the Historical Commission to create a process to review and make recommendations to Metro Council on the naming of any Metro-owned structure, room, bridge, or campus, after a recent proposal to name a local bridge after a living person. Elrod's intent was for the process of designating names for Metro properties to be the responsibility of those who would research the proposed namesakes and locations from an historic point of view. The bill has been deferred and will be brought up again in August, after the FY18 budget season is complete. In the meantime, the councilman will be meeting with Tim Walker and MHC Chair Forkum to discuss how to best accomplish the intent without over-burdening the staff and commission.

**Councilman Elrod left the meeting following this discussion.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker

Mr. Walker said that final reading of the Metro Council's substitute budget will be heard on Tuesday, June 22, and that the MHC will likely be getting one new position and a half (or part-time) position. The mayor's FY18 Capital Spending Plan was approved the previous week, and funds to begin the engineering and design plans

for restoration of Sunnyside and the surrounding buildings are included. The administration plans to release a second Capital Spending plan later in the year.

Two Historic Zoning commissioners, Cyril Stewart and Kaitlyn Jones, will be up for reappointment also at the next Council meeting. LaDonna Boyd will be appointed as a new member of that commission in July.

A short story was in the *Tennessean* today wherein Tim and Robbie Jones were quoted about the proposed Nashville Yards development, on the former Lifeway campus, which proposes demolition of the historic Sullivan Tower. It was last surveyed in 2007, and at that time it was not noted as historic, but the building's status changed several years ago when it was reassessed by MHC staff and THC. At that time it was determined to be National Register Eligible or NRE.

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler](#)

Ms. Zeigler reported that Council member Kathleen Murphy has filed for an extension of the Whitland Neighborhood NCZO. A small district in Sylvan Park is going forward for designation as a new NCZO. This will be called Bowling House district.

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Jessica Reeves reported that the Centenary Methodist Publishing House marker was installed on Monroe Street in Germantown. She plans to meet with the management at Union Station hotel in the next week to talk with them about getting the Union Station marker re-installed at that location.

[OTHER BUSINESS](#)

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

Respectfully submitted July 11, 2017.

Yvonne Ogren