



METROPOLITAN
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

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MINUTES

October 19, 2015

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on October 19, 2015, 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; Clay Bailey, Vice-Chair, Bob Allen, Pat Cummins, Don Cusic, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy were present. Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan, David Currey and Linda Wynn did not attend.

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

Guests Present: Dustin Owens, Stan Romines, and Alicia Viravouth from the Office of Management and Budget

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Mr. Forkum asked if there were any amendments, corrections or questions of the minutes from the meeting. With no corrections, Lynn Maddox moved for approval. Bob Allen seconded and the Commission approved the minutes as written.

MHC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim Walker presented a list of recommended committee assignments for the next two years and asked for a motion to approve them as assigned. Lynn Maddox made the motion for approval, Bob Allen seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve the committees.

The assignments are as follows:

MHC Chair: Jim Forkum
MHC Vice-Chair: Dr. Clay Bailey
Davidson County Historian: Dr. Carole Bucy

COMMITTEES:

- By-laws committee
Alex Buchanan
- Community Education and Outreach

Bob Allen- chair
Clay Bailey
Pat Cummins
David Currey
Don Cusic
Jim Hoobler
Bill McKee
Linda Wynn

- Events and Special Projects

Menie Bell
Pat Cummins
Lynn Maddox- chair
Mark Rogers
Gerry Searcy

- Historic Markers

Clay Bailey
Pat Cummins
Bill Hardin
Jim Hoobler
Linda Wynn- chair

- Nominations

Bob Allen
Lynn Maddox
Bill McKee- chair

Note 1: MHC Chair and the County Historian are ex-officio members of each of the Commission's committees.

Note 2: Commissioner Bell will serve as the Historical Commission voting member of the Metro Historic Zoning Commission. Jim Hoobler will serve as the alternate.

[NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION – Tara Mielnik](#)

Tara Mielnik presented the National Register nomination for the Bluefields Historic District. Bluefields is located in Donelson, north of the airport, near the intersection of Donelson Pike and Lebanon Road. The district consists of approximately 180 houses built from the 1930s to the 1950s, with styles including Tudor Revival, English Cottage Revival, Colonial Revival, Minimal Traditional and Ranch. The district is being nominated under Criterion A for history, and Criterion C for architecture.

Following the presentation, the MHC passed a motion signifying their consent that the Bluefields Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register.

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker](#)

- The Fall 2015 issue of Preservation magazine, which is published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), includes a story on the restoration of the ACME Feed and Seed building on Broadway, and its success as a restaurant. Walker and Robbie Jones from HNI were both quoted in the article.
- Walker recently attended the 149 –year Homecoming celebration at East Nashville First Baptist Church. He was asked to speak briefly about the history of the church. He said it was a very nice event and well attended.

- The project to survey and record the historic resources on Music Row is now complete. In all, 68 buildings were identified as NRE. Those properties will be flagged so the MHZC staff will be notified any time a building or demolition permit is requested. They will have the authority to hold up the issuance of any permit for up to 90 days. A public meeting was held at RCA Studio B to announce the findings of the report, with the Vice-President of the NTHP giving the lead address.
- Council member Jeff Syracuse has contacted Mr. Walker to talk about possibly making the Elks Lodge building on Jefferson Street a historic landmark. It the last remaining of a dozen jazz clubs that existed in that area at one time. Jimi Hendrix played there when he was just getting started in music.
- Walker mentioned that in past years the MHC held a Holiday Open House in lieu of the regular December meeting, and asked if the commissioners would be in support of the idea again this year. Jim Hoobler suggested that it could be held at Stone Hall, which has recently been designated as a historic landmark and is also a Metro-owned property. Walker said he would contact Metro Parks to see if it would be available for that purpose, then contact the commissioners about possible dates for the event.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Tim Walker*

There are two new Neighborhood Conservation districts that are going through Metro Council and should be approved in December or January. The Waverly-Belmont district covers approximately 800 properties that are located between Lealand Ave and Franklin Pike, near Sunnyside. Colby Sledge, the new council member in this area, is a strong supporter of the MHZC. The other district is Inglewood Place/Jackson Park, which covers over 1000 properties in that area.

Robin Zeigler recently hosted a Contractors' Authorization course to help contractors and permit applicants to understand the processes of how and when to apply for a Preservation Permit, when to call for inspections, etc. It was very well attended and she has received some very good feedback from the attendees. It will soon be available as a PDF and online.

The Old House Fair is coming up on March 5, 2016 and will again be held at the Sevier Park Community Center. Travellers Rest will be hosting a variety of children's activities. Ms. Zeigler plans to begin promoting the event soon and hopes that more families will come.

STAFF REPORTS

Tara Mielnik mentioned that Old School Farm (formerly Wade School) would be holding its first annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 24. It would be a fun family-oriented event for anyone to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Forkum expressed his concern about the future of Greer Stadium and the grounds around it. It is currently owned by Metro Parks. After some discussion, it was decided that a letter of support should be sent to Mayor Barry to ask that the grounds not be sold to developers, and for them to be maintained as open space for public use. A draft will be brought to the commission's attention in November.

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

Respectfully submitted November 11, 2015.

Yvonne Ogren