



METROPOLITAN
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MINUTES

June 16, 2014

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on June 16, 2014, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Bill McKee presiding.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Jim Forkum, Vice-Chair; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, George Cate Jr, Holly Conner, David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, and Mark Rogers. Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn were not present.

Guests Present: Dr. Carole Bucy

Staff Members Present: Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Tara Mielnik, Yvonne Ogren, Robin Zeigler

Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm, after verifying that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Cate moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting as written. **Commissioner Currey mentioned that he was not in attendance at the May meeting. The correction was noted.* Commissioner Cate amended his motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Cusic seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESERVATION AWARDS – Scarlett Miles

Scarlett Miles reported that the program was a big success, with Mayor Dean presenting awards and almost the entire commission attending. She thanked everyone for being there and for their help and support.

NASHVILLE ENCYCLOPEDIA – Dr. Carole Bucy

Dr. Bucy will host a series of community meetings to formally introduce the project for local residents. Participants will have opportunities to talk about the history of their community and suggest topics for inclusion in the encyclopedia. Bucy is hopeful that the meetings will generate interest and more volunteer writers will come forward. A press release was to be announced the next day.

Bucy also reported that funds for a staff person to assist MHC with the project were not approved. The staff will give as much time as possible to the project but the “go live” date will likely be delayed until mid-2015.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker

**No report.*

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Robin Zeigler*

Ms. Zeigler mentioned that there are four district expansions that will be reviewed by Metro Planning and Metro Council in the next few weeks. Historic zoning staff members have been incredibly busy working on staff recommendations and permits.

STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Tara Mielnik mentioned that MHC and Fort Negley had received a two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to show a series of documentary films on civil rights. The program, titled “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle” features a series of film screenings on related topics. The first in the series is “The Abolitionists” and screenings of this film were to begin on June 21. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hoobler spoke briefly about plans for the Battle of Nashville commemoration coming up in December. Churches are being contacted to ask for their participation in a synchronized tolling of bells across the city. Several commissioners mentioned that they knew of locations that might be willing to participate. Hoobler asked commissioners to send contact information to him so the Sesquicentennial committee could reach the responsible parties.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

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