



METROPOLITAN
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MINUTES

November 19, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on November 19, 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, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Michelle Hall, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, E. Thomas Wood, Linda Wynn **were present**. Menié Bell, Lynne Holliday and Gerry Searcy **did not attend**. Dr. Carole Bucy, county historian, also attended.

Guests Present: NA

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Caroline Eller, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person and Jessica Reeves, were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 October minutes. Lynn Maddox made a motion to approve, Don Cusic provided a second, and the October minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR’S MEETING – Jim Forkum & Tim Walker

Jim Forkum & Tim Walker provided an update over the meeting that was held with Mayor Briley at the Sunnyside location. Menie Bell, Jim Forkum and Tim Walker were in attendance and the meeting was very successful. Mayor Briley took a tour of the building, observed the damage and mentioned that he will try to get restoration work completed on the building with the next capital spending plan.

HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller

Jessica Reeves informed the group that the H.G. Hill and Marathon Motor Works marker discussions will be moved to next month. The dates for upcoming marker dedication ceremonies were made available to the Commissioners. Six markers were reviewed in the meeting, eight or nine more will be reviewed next month. The marker for District 12 – Dodson School was discussed by Caroline Eller, a motion was given by E. Thomas Wood with a second from Jim Hoobler the marker was unanimously approved. District 17 – May Hosiery Mills marker was presented and discussed by Jessica Reeves, a motion was given by Chris Cotton with a second from Don Cusic the marker was unanimously approved. District 19 – Dr. Matthew Walker Sr. marker was presented and discussed by Jessica Reeves, a motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from E. Thomas Wood the marker was unanimously approved. Priority list marker Johnson Station was presented and discussed by Caroline Eller, a motion was given by Jim Hoobler with a second from E. Thomas Wood the marker was unanimously approved. New priority list marker Hell’s Half Acre was presented and discussed by Jessica Reeves and will be included in the Nashville Sites Tour. Jim Hoobler gave a motion to approve with a second from Don Cusic, the marker was unanimously approved.

Jim Forkum read a thank you note from The West End Home Foundation thanking the commission for their support. Name tags were passed out to the Commissioners in this meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & MHC 2018-19 Budget–Tim Walker & Paula Person

Tim Walker discussed that Michelle Hall agreed to be on the events committee and Chris Cotton will be on the by-laws committee. Tim provided the option for the Commissioners to change or add to committee assignments. Jim Forkum (Chair) has the authority to make any committee changes. Tim Walker, Clay Bailey and Chris Cotton have been asked to join the Fort Negley Advisory Board, the meeting will be held tomorrow at the home of Kix Brooks. This meeting will cover the master plan and fundraising for the Fort Negley Site. Money has been donated for Crowd Wise, from Pay Pal, the Historical Foundation and Fort Negley and we are a little shy of \$15,000 at the moment. A presentation of Nashville Sites will be given to the District Board by Dr. Patel and Tim Walker in January. They will also meet with the Turner Family Foundation as they contributed a great deal of money to this project. 800 work hours have been devoted from staff, interns and students on the completion of this project. Dr. Patel and Tim are working with Jarvis Signs to get a bid for signage that will go on buildings or historic markers, that will make you aware of the site on the tour. We are on budget with this project and are moving ahead very well. A draft was received of the Ft.Negley Landscape Report, THC helped with funding of the report by providing a \$40,000 grant. The Historical Commission Office, Parks and the Ft.Negley Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting to go through the report and provide comments; it is on track to be finished around the December 10th. Tim Walker will be going to Vanderbilt for a discussion over 1922 Broadway the house that they would like to donate. Per Vanderbilt the house does not need to be moved until next summer and there are 2 people interested in purchasing the property. We are currently on track to meet our 5% cut currently and don't foresee any issues; savings in salaries was left due to Yvonne's part time position.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler

No information to report as the zoning staff was attending the Historic Zoning Commission Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Jessica Reeves announced the conference will be held on Friday, February 8th on-line registration and payment options will be available by the end of this month. The registration forms will be mailed out and links will be emailed, you should be able to register and pay online by the end of the month. On December 6th, there will be a Music Row Tour and East Nashville Tour it will be posted on the Facebook page and sent out to everyone.

Scarlett Miles briefly mentioned that the sub area 3 survey has begun.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carole Bucy announced that Nashville 101 will be held at the Green Hills Library for 4 Thursdays in late January and February. The event information will be placed in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Jim Hoobler discussed the new museum building being open, the museum is open until 8:00pm and he can provide tours on Thursday. Tim Walker was tasked with getting together the Commissioners and their family members that might be interested in a museum tour.

E. Thomas Wood reported that commemoration of the Cornelia Fort project might not take place.

Bob Allen announced the next 3 speakers at the Bellevue Geology Group. The group is averaging 40 to 45 people a month. Also, the Bellevue Harpeth Historical Association has received a grant from the Community Foundation for historical reenactments at the DeMoss cabin in Red Caboose Park.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted December 13, 2018.

Paula R. Person