



METROPOLITAN
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MINUTES

December 17, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on December 17, 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, Menié Bell, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Michelle Hall, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, E. Thomas Wood, Linda Wynn **were present.**, Lynne Holliday, Jim Hoobler and Gerry Searcy **did not attend.** Dr. Carole Bucy, county historian, also attended.

Guests Present: NA

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock, Caroline Eller, Jessica Reeves
Melissa Sajid, Fred Zahn and Robin Zeigler, were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 November minutes. Lynn Maddox made a motion to approve, Don Cusic provided a second, and the November minutes were unanimously approved with amendments. E. Thomas Wood informed the group that he had spoken to Mayor Briley at the marker dedication for The Jungle and Juanita's, then the discussion centered on the renovation needs to Sunnyside. Mayor Briley concluded that if reelected he would add the building to the capital spending plan in another year or so. Jim Forkum reminded the Commissioners to keep these talks going in order to bring this to fruition.

HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller

Jessica Reeves gave the 2018 Marker Project recap informing the group that we are ahead of schedule at this time and have approved 40 markers, exceeding the goal number of 35. The marker for District 18 –Elizabeth Rhodes Eakin was presented by Jessica Reeves and was chosen by Council Member Burkley Allen. The marker will be going up by the Eakin School. Edits included writing Mrs. Eakin's name as Elizabeth Rhodes Atchison Eakin, deleting "New Deal era Works" in the body of the marker text, and adding a comma after "In 2006," in the text body. A motion was given by Mark Rogers with a second from Don Cusic and the marker was unanimously approved. Marker for District 20 - Cockrill Bend was presented by Caroline Eller and was chosen by Council Member Mary Carolyn Roberts. The marker will be located by the front entrance of the State Penitentiary. Edits included changing a semi colon to a period in the text body. A motion was given by Mark Rogers with a second from Don Cusic and the marker was unanimously approved. Marker for District 21 – Club Baron was presented by Jessica Reeves; this will be a double sided marker to be placed at the Elks Lodge on Jefferson Street. It was selected by Council Member Ed Kindall. Jessica will double check on the name Browns Drug/Browns Pharmacy and other edits including adding an apostrophe on the word Ellis in the text. A motion was given by Chris Cotton with a second from Don Cusic and the marker was unanimously approved. District 22 marker Historic Bellevue will be deferred to January.

Granny White Grave Marker was presented by Caroline Eller; this is a priority marker correcting an earlier marker that had some things that were unclear, and the new text includes more information. Edits included removing "of the" in the text and adding "She was buried here in 1816." A motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from Mark Rogers and the marker was unanimously approved. Marathon Motor Works marker was presented by Caroline Eller; edits included changing "who to which", "they to it" capitalize the word South and remove the comma after "In 1910". A motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from Mark Rogers and the marker was unanimously approved. Nashville School of Law marker was presented by Jessica Reeves. A motion was given by Tom Wood with a second from Mark Rogers and the marker was unanimously approved. Freedman's Bank /Duncan Hotel marker was presented by Jessica Reeves; this is a two sided marker with Freedman's Bank on one side and Duncan Hotel on the other. The edits to the Freedman's marker text included capitalizing the word federal, deleting unsond lending, adding a hyphen between African-American. Edits to the Duncan Hotel text include adding a hyphen between African-American, replacing the word they with it and capitalizing the word hotel. A motion was given by Mark Rogers with a second from Don Cusic and the marker was unanimously approved

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Tim Walker](#)

Tim Walker explained to the group that Ann Eaden's husband Glen Eaden unexpectedly passed. Dr. Mary Ellen Pethel has been asked to come back and do a presentation on Nashville Sites to the group either in January or February. Caroline Eller spoke about the Economic Impact Study that was held on December 6th in the office. The third and final meeting for the part one analysis portion of the study will be held in January where Place Economics will present a mostly final draft to the advisory committee. It will be sent out to everyone for review and feedback on how things are progressing would be appreciated. We were awarded the National Trust Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the Heritage Tourism portion of the analysis. Jessica Reeves discussed We Remember Nashville which is a local community engagement portion of Equal Justice Initiative.

[MHC 2018-19 Budget–Tim Walker & Paula Person](#)

Tim Walker discussed that he met with the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director for the mid-year budget meeting and we are on track for the 5% cut. A discussion was held about improvements for next year's budget, such as software renewals. The internet is running slow and we have connection issues. ITS informed us that we are maxing out on our internet line and that we need to go to a dedicated line which is not in our budget. It is an additional \$1,500 that becomes a part of the operating budget for a dedicated line.

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler](#)

Robin Zeigler announced that federal funding has been awarded to complete consolidation of all the neighborhood conservation zoning guidelines. The monies will be used to hire a designer to come up with the plans; every district will have their own chapter. Victoria Hensley who is a graduate student from MTSU has already started research on the outbuildings. Kenner Manor is moving forward with their historic overlay and will go before the Zoning Commission in January. The Old House Fair is coming up and will be held on March 2nd, 2019.

[STAFF REPORTS](#)

Jessica Reeves announced that the African-American History and Culture Conference will be held on Friday, February 8th. You can register online; preregistration is discounted to \$30.00. Lynn Maddox brought Vanderbilt University on as a sponsor this year they will provide tote bags for participants. January 15th, Tuesday at 9:00 am is the district 15 marker dedication at the Logue House, the Mayor has already confirmed that he will be in attendance.

Caroline Eller briefly mentioned that survey work was completed last week in North Nashville; they will go out again this week or in early January. The state has sent the updated National Register nomination for Clover Bottom Farm. This will be presented at the State Review Board in January and the draft will be sent out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Menié Bell acknowledged the marker committee on the hard work they have done. Lynn Maddox announced that the Administrative Assistant for the City Cemetery is retiring, if you know of anyone who would be interested please let Albert Austin know. Bob Allen gave thanks to Dr. McKee, Lynn Maddox, David Weintraub for participating with the Bellevue Genealogy Group and spoke about the First Friday lectures and speakers that are lined up until March. Jim Forkum mentioned the tours that will be given by Jim Hoobler at the new State Museum; Tim Walker stated we will send out the dates to everyone.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted January 23, 2019.

Paula R. Person