



METROPOLITAN
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

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MINUTES

June 15, 2015

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on June 15, 2015, 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; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan, David Currey, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox and Mark Rogers were all present. Holly Conner, Don Cusic, Jim Forkum, Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn did not attend.

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Yvonne Ogren, and Robin Zeigler

Guests Present: Dr. Carole Bucy, MHC interns Susan Steffenhagen and Roma McGuire

Dr. McKee mentioned the sudden death of Commissioner Lula Brooks and asked that the Commission be notified of her arrangements as soon as they were known. He also mentioned that MHC staff member Tara Mielnik's son, Mitchell, is in the hospital in very serious condition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order and said the first item on the agenda was to determine if there were any amendments, corrections or questions of the minutes from the May meeting. With no corrections, Bob Allen moved for approval. Menié Bell seconded and the Commission approved without objection.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Bob Allen brought a recommendation from the Nominations Committee that Jim Forkum be elected to serve as the new Historical Commission Chair, with Clay Bailey as the new Vice-Chair. As a committee recommendation, there was no second. Dr. McKee asked for the vote and the committee's motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Carole Bucy expressed her appreciation for Dr. McKee and the years he served as Chair of the MHC.

Bob Allen continued with the description of the MHC Committees and who would be serving on each, as a second recommendation from the Nominations Committee. The commission voted unanimously to approve the committees.

The assignments are as follows:

MHC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS for 2015

By-laws

Alex Buchanan- chair

Community Education and Outreach

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

Events and Special Projects

Menie Bell
Lynn Maddox- *chair*
Mark Rogers
Gerry Searcy

Markers

Clay Bailey
Jim Hoobler
Linda Wynn- *chair*

Nominations

Bob Allen
Holly Connor- *chair*
Lynn Maddox

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.

[FY16 BUDGET UPDATE – Tim Walker](#)

Mr. Walker gave a report on MHC's Budget Hearing before Metro Council, which took place May 20. The hearing went well; with several council members asking that funds be added to the MHC FY16 budget for another staff person. He asked commissioners to contact council members on the Budget and Finance Committee and thank them for their support.

Council Member Anthony Davis will be filing legislation for two additional conservation overlays in the Inglewood area.

[PRESERVATION AWARDS RECAP – Tim Walker](#)

Mr. Walker reported that the program went well and was thankful that Jessica Reeves was able to work in Scarlett's place and administrate the program and event. The reception at the L&C Tower was a huge success.

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker](#)

- Mr. Walker reported that he had recently spoken with Scott Danforth at UT Press about the Nashville Architecture book. It is to be released in August and the office will receive a number of copies at no charge. These are to be distributed to individuals who have been involved in the project since its beginning, nearly 20 years ago. Plans will be made for a book launching party soon after the office gets the shipment of copies.
- The Friends of Kellytown board recently released an RFP to hire an archaeologist for site work, specifically ground-penetrating radar. A bidder has been selected and they are in negotiations with that individual to settle a contract price. Some areas are to be cleared of trees in order for the archaeologist to cover more of the site with the radar.
- MHC has received a CLG Grant for \$30,000 to do a master plan of Two Rivers Mansion. Friends of Two Rivers Mansion is providing the 40% match for the grant. Mr. Walker has a meeting with the executive committee in 3 weeks; they will be working with the iProcurement Dept. to prepare the RFP and a consultant may be hired by late August.

- Because the Flood Mitigation Wall was voted down by Council, the status of the Fort Nashborough project is again to be determined. Funds for reconstruction have not been approved, but it is to be demolished before June 20th. Parts of the structure have recently collapsed, making it unsafe for the public to be nearby. The entire project will most likely be rebid. *David Currey also mentioned that a sign showing the design of the proposed interpretive center will be placed at the site.*
- New signage for Buchanan Station and the Buchanan Station cemetery is being ordered and will go up soon. This was funded through a grant from the Tennessee Wars Commission.
- A meeting was to be held that night at the Planning Commission for the public to comment on the NashvilleNext Community Plan. The Historical Commission has been involved in the process since its beginning and it is important that citizens are made aware of the direction that the city may take in planning for future growth and development.
- Funds were allocated for repairs at Fort Negley this year in the Mayor's Capital Spending Plan. Several walls have collapsed since the historic structures report was completed and it is critical that Phase One of those repairs begins soon.
- Dr. Bill McKee, Jim Forkum and Mr. Walker have met with Mayor Dean to finalize a list of historic properties that will be designated as Historic Landmarks. The designation must be approved by the Historic Zoning Commission, Planning Commission and Metro Council before it goes into effect.
- The Welch College Library will be designated as a Historic Landmark. Several other buildings around the library will be demolished to make way for new development, but the neighborhood is in support of it as there are multi-family units that will be torn down and they will be replaced by single-family homes.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Respectfully submitted July 14, 2015.

Yvonne Ogren