



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

November 20, 2017

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on November 20, 2017, 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, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan, Don Cusic, Bill Hardin, Lynne Holliday, Jim Hoobler, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers and Linda Wynn were present. Richard Courtney, Lynn Maddox, Gerry Searcy did not attend. Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian, also attended.

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock, Briana Davis, Caroline Eller, Scarlett Miles, Jenny Warren, Jessica Reeves, Fred Zahn, and Robin Zeigler.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He asked if everyone would be okay with Clay Bailey giving his update first. There was no opposition, and Mr. Bailey provided a brief update on matters at Fort Negley. Bailey went on to mention the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Nashville on December 9. He also talked about the new website that he would like for the Commissioners to visit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Jim Forkum*

Jim Forkum stated that the October minutes would be sent in e-mail for review at a later date.

HISTORIC MARKERS – *Jessica Reeves and Caroline Eller*

Ms. Reeves provided a copy of the revised historic marker guidelines to Commissioners. She talked about the revisions that were made to the guidelines, and how they would be moving forward with the new criteria. Chair Forkum asked if there were any suggestions or comments. Mr. Cusic made the motion to approve the revisions to the marker guidelines. Ms. Wynn seconded and the revisions were approved.

The GranDale Marker was the next item on the agenda to be voted on. Mr. Cusic made the motion to approve the marker. Ms. Wynn seconded and the marker was approved. Ms. Reeves mentioned the Marker Project, and asked Ms. Eller to provide an update to the Commissioners. Ms. Eller gave a general overview on the marker process for districts 1-4, and provided a brief update for council district 4. She mentioned that Councilman Swope wanted to recognize the Granbery-May house at 631 Hill Road. Ms. Eller noted that Ms. Reeves reached out to the property owner about the project to make sure they would be comfortable with the marker placement. Ms. Eller stated that she would be drafting a text and sending it for review to the councilmember and the property owner in early December. It will then be forwarded to the committee meeting on December 11, and then on to the MHC meeting on December 18.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT – *Caroline Eller*

Ms. Eller gave a brief summary on the Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Grant. She mentioned that she and Mr. Walker had been working with the staff at the Mayor's Office of Economic Development to get proposals for this program. She then went on to explain how the funds would be used to assist in the rehabilitation of the historic commercial buildings that are designated for tier 1 in Davidson County. Ms. Eller provided the Commissioners with more information about the criteria for the HRC Grant.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Tim Walker*

Mr. Walker reported that he had met with Metro Finance about preparation for the next budget cycle. There was brief discussion about the Capital Spending Plan. He also mentioned that he was working with Metro Parks to get the Cultural Landscape Report (Plan) RFQ out. He went on to talk about the Morton Cabin Interpretive History Project that he and Grassmere Zoo were collaborating together on, which would educate the public on the site's African-American history. Finally, Mr. Walker provided a brief update on the Nashville Sites Project with Dr. Pethel.

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Robin Zeigler*

Ms. Zeigler informed the Commission that the Whitland NCZO might expand, and there is interest in an NCZO for the Kenner Manor district, and an HPZO for Marathon Village. Ms. Zeigler also mentioned that MHZC is revising the design guidelines for all three downtown districts, Broadway, Second Avenue, and Downtown. She noted that there will be two community meetings scheduled next week to help inform about the process regarding the guideline revisions.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Forkum asked the staff if anyone had any business that needed to be shared. Ms. Miles gave an update about upcoming survey work in Joelton that she, Ms. Reeves, and Ms. Eller will be conducting. Mr. Walker announced that part-time MHZC staffer Jenny Warren was attending her first MHC meeting, since she usually does not work on Mondays. He asked her to introduce herself and give her background, which she briefly did. Mr. Alexander mentioned a community meeting tonight for a potential overlay for Kenner Manor. Commissioner Allen mentioned a book that was published by him and the Hickman County Historic Preservation Group. Chair Forkum asked if we should defer the discussion about the annual Open House to the next meeting, and Mr. Walker agreed that we should. Mr. Hoobler invited everyone to the Nashville City Cemetery Association's Holiday party on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at 4711 Park Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Respectfully submitted December 2017.

Jessica Reeves