



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

August 20, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on August 20, 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, Alex Buchanan, Dr. Don Cusic, Lynne Holliday, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy and Linda Wynn **were present**. Dr. Bill Hardin, Dr. Bill McKee, Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian and E. Thomas Wood **did not attend**.

**Guests Present:** Jeanette Bean, John Bridges, Ramona Harden, Norma Paz and Irma Paz

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

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum**

July minutes were tabled due to Linda Wynn waiting on an answer from THC regarding President Polk statement.

**HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller**

Jessica Reeves announced that they would be presenting 2 district markers, 2 privately funded markers, and 1 priority marker. The District 7 marker is being sponsored by Councilman Anthony Davis. One change that will be made is changing the name to “The Men’s Civic Club; which raised funds for the church and community” It will be located in the park facing Ann Street and the South Inglewood Park and Community Center. Jeanette Bean and Ramona Harden from South Inglewood First Baptist Church, which is formerly The First Baptist Church Rock City, introduced themselves and thanked the commission for the honor of the marker. A motion was given by Lynn Maddox to approve with a second coming from Jim Hoobler and was unanimously approved.

Caroline Eller presented the marker for District 15 Logue House (Logue Haven). This marker is being done for District 15 Council Member Jeff Syracuse. The prominent Logue House is extant and retains a high degree of integrity. Staff is assisting the owner in getting the property listed in the National Register and potentially zoned with a historic overlay. Caroline provided the history and ownership of the home in the PowerPoint presentation. A motion was given by Mark Rogers to approve with a second coming from Lynn Maddox, and the marker was unanimously approved.

The Nettie Napier Marker is on the commission’s Marker Project priority list. The marker will eventually be placed at 618 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S, the permanent location of the Day Home Club in 1907. It will also be included on the Early Black Life and Culture tour for Nashville Sites. The marker text was researched and provided by Dr. Lea Williams from Tennessee State University. Linda Wynn expressed an interest in including Mrs. Napier’s maiden

name Langston to the marker text. The text was amended to include Nettie Langston Napier in the second to last line sentence of the text. Discussion was held over “woman’s” verses “women’s” club and the proper way it should appear in the text, and it was decided that it could be approved under the condition that staff research and amend with the correct spelling. A motion was given by Linda Wynn to approve with a second coming from Bob Allen, and the marker was unanimously approved. Jessica will add the marker locations in future emails that go out pertaining to markers per Jim Forkum’s request.

The Kenner Manor Marker is being privately funded, and the text was written by Phil Thomason, who lives in the neighborhood. This marker is sponsored by the Kenner Manor Neighborhood Association. It will be placed in a Metro-owned triangle at the intersection of Kenner Ave and Woodmont Circle. A motion was given by Mark Rogers to approve with a second coming from Don Cusic, and the marker was unanimously approved.

The Jungle and Juanita’s Place marker text was written and researched by John Bridges and is being paid for by a grant from the Community Foundation’s Brooks Fund. John Bridges introduced himself and gave further insight regarding the significance of The Jungle and Juanita’s Place, including the history involving the city and its leaders. A motion was made by Alex Buchanan to approve with a second coming from Linda Wynn, and the marker was unanimously approved.

#### [NATIONAL REGISTER of HISTORIC PLACES – Caroline Eller / Scarlett Miles](#)

Caroline presented a National Register nomination for Smith Carter House on Gibson Drive in Madison, District 8. The house qualifies under Criteria B for its significance to June Carter Cash. Caroline provided a quick synopsis of Ms. Cash’s contributions to the music industry, as well as speaking about the owners and architecture of the house and providing pictures of the home through her PowerPoint presentation. A motion was given by Don Cusic to approve with a second coming from Bob Allen, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

Scarlett Miles presented a PowerPoint presentation of the National Register nomination for Rainbow Ranch, the Hank Snow House. The home is eligible under Criterion A for its significance association and importance within the theme of Performing Arts as reflected in the rise of the Nashville music business and recording industry from 1951 to 1979. Scarlett provided the background and music contributions of Hank Snow and showed the group pictures of the home and its unique knotty pine interiors. A motion was made by Don Cusic to approve with a second coming from Menié Bell, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

#### [DIRECTOR’S REPORT & MHC 2018-19 Budget–Tim Walker](#)

Tim Walker informed the group that this meeting would be the last meeting for Alex Buchanan and Bill Hardin. Tim thanked Alex Buchanan for his service on the Commission, and Mr. Buchanan was presented with a Certificate of Merit by Chair Forkum. He noted that three Commissioners are being reappointed- Jim Hoobler, Linda Wynn and Clay Bailey, and two new Commissioners have been asked by the Mayor to serve- Chris Cotton and Michelle Hall. Tim discussed the background and achievements of both new Commissioners.

Vanderbilt University published a story on the demolition of 1922 Broadway without Tim’s knowledge. The university has offered to donate the building, which would need to be moved off the site. MHC will be setting up a site visit to obtain bids for moving and repairing the house as part of the process to find a potential new owner.

The invitations have gone out for the Smith Carter Marker Dedication, being held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. They are expecting 125 people in attendance, please RSVP to the Eventbrite link that was sent to you. RSVP should be completed today in order to finalize the guest list. Jessica gave information on the event, which will include celebrity musical guests along with the Mayor Briley.

The Economic Impact Study contract was executed by Crown Castle with Place Economics, but it was not for the intended amount falling \$10,000 short. The MHC Foundation met and approved \$3,500 out of their budget towards the study leaving the amount \$6,500 short. Tim has reached out to HNI and others in an

attempt to reach this goal. Menié Bell inquired as to what happens if the monies are not raised, and Tim stated the heritage section of the study will not be as in-depth.

Mr. Walker discussed his meeting last month with Clay Bailey and Tom Wood on the Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Report and its lack of funding to cover Phase 2 archaeology. Mr. Woods had suggested creating a campaign to raise the needed funds, and they agreed to do so. Tim and Mr. Bailey went over the specifics of the campaign and are hopeful the goal can be met.

MHC's budget "True up" has been completed incorporating a \$28,900 mandated cut. Tim noted the cut will be met by reductions in travel, training, supplies and salaries.

#### **HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler**

The Eastwood historic overlay expansion goes to Metro Council at its meeting tomorrow night, and proposed Edgehill Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District is expected to be deferred by Metro Council for one meeting.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Scarlett informed the group that Council Member Nancy VanReece is in support of changing Old Due West Road to Skyline Ridge, but no ordinance has not been filed as of yet. Jessica reminded everyone of the Smith Carter House Marker Dedication on September 9<sup>th</sup> and Alex Little Page Marker Dedication on Friday at 2:30 pm. She will email the commissioners information on both dedications after the meeting. Caroline informed commissioners that the National Register Nomination State Review Board will meet in Memphis on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sears Crosstown Tower. Sean Alexander gave an update on the Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Report noting the archaeologists are still in the preliminary stages of identifying and prioritizing data.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The owners of Las Paletas, Norma and Irma Paz, introduced themselves and explained how they started their business and distributed their popsicles to the group.

Linda Wynn addressed the commission regarding the President Polk statement from the July minutes. She stated that the Capitol Commission voted no, and The Tennessee Historical Commission has not yet voted. A motion was made by Lynn Maddox to approve the minutes with the changes noted by Ms. Wynn. A second was made by Bob Allen, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.  
Respectfully submitted Sept 13, 2018.

*Paula R. Person*