

# METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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## METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC) MINUTES November 18, 2024

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting at the Howard Office Building, Sonny West Conference Center on November 18, 2024, with Chair Linda Wynn presiding.

### Attendance

Commissioners: Dr. Clay Bailey, John Bridges, Dr. Don Cusic, Dr. Erica Hayden, Jim Hoobler, Dr. Jane Landers, Dr. Bill McKee, Sandra Parham, Dr. Marisa Richmond, Vice Chair Laura Rost, Larry Woods and Chair Linda Wynn were **present**.

Menié Bell, Dr. Celso Castilho, and Tom Wood, and were **not present**.

Staff Members: Caroline Eller, Dr. Adam Fracchia, Bryan Gilley, Russell LeSturgeon, Scarlett Miles, Jessica Reeves, Dustin Summers, Robin Zeigler, and Stephanie Gittins (intern) were **present**. Ann Mikkelsen (Metro Legal) was **present**.

County Historian: Dr. Carole Bucy was not present.

Guest: Sandra Shelton

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND WELCOME – Chair Linda Wynn**  
Chair Linda Wynn called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. and verified that a quorum was present after a roll call of attendance. One commissioner arrived after Roll Call.
- II. **REVIEW OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES – Chair Linda Wynn**  
Chair Wynn presented the October 2024 meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner McKee moved to accept the October 2024 minutes and

Commissioner Hoobler provided a second. The commission unanimously approved the October 2024 meeting minutes.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Chair Linda Wynn**

Chair Wynn opened the floor for Public Comment. Regarding the historical marker for Mills Bookstore/Zibart's Books and Records, Sandra Shelton reported that she is in touch with Richard Schweid [grandson of Reuben M. Mills, founder of Mills Bookstore] and he is thrilled about the marker.

IV. **HISTORICAL MARKERS – Jessica Reeves**

Jessica Reeves presented the Mills-Zibart historical marker for approval. The marker will be placed within the 700 block of Church Street, between the road and sidewalk near the courthouse. One slight change from the submitted text: on the Mills Bookstore side, "R. M." will be added to the title "Mills Bookstore" to read "R. M. Mills Bookstore." Commissioner Richmond moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. The commission voted unanimously to approve the R.M. Mills Bookstore/Zibart's Book and Records historical marker.

Ms. Reeves updated the MHC on upcoming marker dedications and installations. The dedication ceremony for the Coach Cornelius Ridley historical marker at Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School/former Pearl High School will take place on November 22 at 10:00am in front of the Gupton-Ridley Gymnasium. Guests may park across the street at Watkins Park. Chair Wynn encouraged commissioners to attend. Ms. Reeves noted that with today's marker approval, the commission has approved 286 markers. More dedication ceremonies will take place in December.

V. **ETHICS PRESENTATION:**

[Ann Mikkelsen, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney, Metropolitan Department of Law](#)  
Ann Mikkelsen provided biennial ethics training for members of the Metropolitan Historical Commission. She reviewed Metropolitan Code of Laws § 2.222 *et seq.*, the general ethics ordinance that applies to all Metro employees, including any member of any board, agency, commission, or authority, and which is referenced in Rule III of the Metropolitan Historical Commission's Bylaws and Policies.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT– Tim Walker**

No report presented this month as Director Walker was absent from the meeting.

VII. **HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler**

Historic Zoning Administrator Robin Zeigler reported that the Citizen Historic Preservation Academy graduation social hour held last week was a success. Preservation Society of Nashville sponsored the event. Nashville developer Tony Giarratana spoke about the Elliston Place Soda Shop and his firm's work on the Rock Block. Admin. Zeigler also added that two council members attended the event, and the program included a congratulatory video from Mayor O'Connell.

Admin. Zeigler anticipates that changes to the Inglewood Place design guidelines will be on the Historic Zoning Commission's agenda next month. The Green Hills Neighborhood near Lipscomb University (Bonner, Green Hills Drive, Eden Ave, and North/South Observatory) has expressed interest in historic zoning and has held several community meetings with MHZC staff presenting. She anticipates the neighborhood to file an application for historic zoning early next year 2025. Additionally, Broadway design guidelines may also be updated. Chair Wynn noted that the Citizen Academy social hour was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

#### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None presented.

#### IX. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MHC confirmed plans to meet as scheduled on Monday, December 16. Commissioner Hoobler mentioned that Downtown Presbyterian Church will hold the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Waffle Shop on Thursday, December 5, from 11am-2pm. Chair Wynn noted that the Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture will take place on Friday, February 14, 2025, at TSU's Avon Williams Campus downtown. Registration will open in December. Commissioner Bridges mentioned the Service of Repentance at Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday, December 5. The service is in response to the work led by The Isaac Project\* Committee [project leads spoke to the MHC at the June 17, 2024 meeting]. Commissioner Bailey mentioned the very nice and well attended dedication for the Judge Lillard marker and expressed concerns about the condition of the house. Several in attendance also noticed it, including Roderick Glatt [grandson of Judge Lillard]. The house may be vacant and/or have an absentee property owner. Commissioner Bailey expressed concern that it could be lost. Ms. Reeves has put Mr. Glatt in touch with Council Member Terry Vo.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McKee moved to adjourn; Commissioner Cusic seconded. The meeting ended at approximately 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Monday, December 16, 2024.  
Scarlett C. Miles