

## METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)

### MINUTES

February 22, 2021

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held an electronic meeting on February 22, 2021 with Commission Chair Clay Bailey presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Dr. Clay Bailey, Chair; Davis Acker, Dr. Jhennifer Amundson, Pamela Bobo, John Bridges, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Lynn Maddox, Chakita Patterson, E. Thomas Wood, and Linda Wynn, **were present.**

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Jessica Reeves, Susie Pallas, and Scarlett Miles were present.

**Guests Present:** Metro Attorney Alex Dickerson, ITS Charda Johnson

Chair Dr. Clay Bailey called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

Alex Dickerson informed the Commission about changes made to Executive Order No. 16, which went into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting must be livestreamed, a recording must be made available to the public and anyone observing the meeting must be able to tell who is speaking. This can be achieved by the commissioners using video, announcing themselves as they begin speaking or by being recognized by Chair Bailey by name before they speak.

Commissioner Cotton made a motion that the proposed agenda constitutes essential business and that meeting electronically is necessary to maintain the health, safety and well-being of citizens due to the pandemic. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bridges. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Dr. Clay Bailey***

Chair Bailey presented the January minutes for approval. Commissioner Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Maddox provided a second, and the January minutes were approved by roll call vote,

#### **HISTORICAL MARKERS – *Jessica Reeves***

Jessica presented the Battle of Nashville Attack by U.S. Colored Troops on the Confederate Right Flank historical marker to the Commission. This marker was proposed by Gary Burke, a USCT descendant at Fort Negley, and Dr. Lea Williams and will be paid for by Metro marker funds. The lunette is at 190 Polk Avenue and the property is owned by a group with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The two-sided marker text gives context about the Battle of

Nashville before, during and after the attack on Granbury's Lunette on December 15, 1864. Chair Bailey commented that the recognition of the USCT is appropriate during Black History Month and long overdue. He also thanked staff and the marker committee for their work. Jessica provided additional details of how a military lunette is constructed. Commissioner Bridges made a motion to approve the marker text and Commissioner Cusic provided the second. A roll call vote was taken, and the marker was approved as presented.

#### [NCAAHC RECAP – Commissioner Linda Wynn](#)

Chair Bailey thanked Commissioner Wynn for her service with the Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture over the years. Commissioner Wynn thanked Tim and Caroline for all of their work to make this virtual conference happen, Commissioner Bobo for serving on the planning committee and the other Commissioners for participating virtually. Commissioner Wynn commented that over 200 people attended the conference, and her students were especially interested in the TSU sit-ins of the 1990s. Commissioner Wynn said she has stepped down as lead chair of the conference but will continue to assist Dr. Williams.

#### [MHC CHAIR UPDATE - Dr. Clay Bailey](#)

Chair Bailey stated that the task force is still in the process of evaluating a complaint and will have a recommendation to present at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also stated that the Second Avenue task force, chaired by MHZC Vice Chair Cyril Stewart, is still contributing to the efforts to rebuild Second Avenue after the Christmas Day bombing.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bridges moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Cusic seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, February 24, 2021.

*Susie Pallas*