



METROPOLITAN
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MINUTES

July 20, 2015

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on July 20, 2015, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Jim Forkum presiding.

Commissioners Present: Jim Forkum, Chair; Clay Bailey, Vice-Chair, Bob Allen, Alex Buchanan, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, Linda Wynn and Dr. Carole Bucy were present. Menié Bell, Holly Conner, David Currey, Don Cusic, and Dr. Bill McKee did not attend.

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

Guests Present: Pat Cummins, Toye Heape

TRAIL OF TEARS PRESENTATION – Pat Cummins

Pat Cummins from the Native History Association gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current status of study and documentation of the Trail of Tears route through Davidson County. The presentation included maps and photographs of identified routes, as well as five structures that are known to have been built prior to the exodus. Cummins is hopeful that interpretive sites and road signage will be placed wherever possible to raise public awareness of the tragic event in Native American history.

FORT NASHBOROUGH NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS – Scarlett Miles

MHC staff member Scarlett Miles presented a report on Fort Nashborough, explaining that the structure had been demolished on June 19-20, and the Tennessee Historical Commission had deemed it no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As it was formerly located within the jurisdiction of the Nashville Certified Local Government (CLG), the Historical Commission was required to review and approve its delisting. Following brief discussion Jim Hoobler moved to approve its delisting, Linda Wynn seconded, and the commission approved the motion without objection.

Tim Walker talked about the plans to construct a new interpretive center on the site and that funds for Phase One have been approved. He was hopeful that funds will be appropriated for Phase Two. He reported that some plaques and signage from the fort are now stored at Sunnyside, and some interpretive items that had once been on display inside the cabins are now in storage at Two Rivers Mansion.

MHC FOUNDATION AND UPCOMING EVENT – Tim Walker

Mr. Walker reported that during the most recent meeting of the MHC Foundation, the board had decided to hold a public event to formally announce the formation of the 501(c)3, and to promote the book *Nashville Architecture, A Guide to the City*, which is to be released in August. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 16, on the front lawn at Sunnyside. The Sheriff's office will be setting up a tent and all food and beverages have been donated. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to benefit the MHC Foundation.

Also, the Foundation's website is set up, with information on Foundation activities and merchandise that can be purchased, which will also benefit the organization. The web address is www.metrohistoricalfoundation.org.

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.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker

Mr. Walker mentioned that Pat Cummins would be appointed as a new MHC commissioner before the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Respectfully submitted August 3, 2015.

Yvonne Ogren