



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

November 16, 2015

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on November 16, 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, Menié Bell, Alex Buchanan, Pat Cummins, David Currey, Don Cusic, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn were present. Alex Buchanan, Dr. Bill McKee, and Mark Rogers did not attend.

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

Guests Present: Phil Thomason

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Mr. Forkum asked if there were any amendments, corrections or questions of the minutes from the meeting. With no corrections, Alex Buchanan moved for approval. Lynn Maddox seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS – Phil Thomason, Scarlett Miles

Phil Thomason (Thomason & Associates- Preservation Planners) presented the National Register nomination for the Kenner Manor Historic District. Kenner Manor developed around Woodlawn Mansion in the late teens and '20s. Of the 187 total resources in Kenner Manor Historic District, 145 (77%) are classified as contributing to the neighborhood. The Kenner Manor Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of community planning and development, and Criterion C for architecture. Kenner Manor is significant in the early suburbanization of Nashville, Tennessee, as large land estates were subdivided into smaller tracts in the early-twentieth century. The Kenner Manor Historic District is representative of the transition between streetcar suburbs and early automobile suburbs, as a strictly grid-patterned layout evolves to more curvilinear streets and larger lot sizes. The range of architectural styles and forms employed within Kenner Manor represents the predominate trends in the early- to mid-twentieth century, featuring the Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and English Cottage Revival styles. Most common house forms in the neighborhood include Bungalows, Minimal Traditionals, and Ranch houses. Kenner Manor retains a strong integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, and association. The period of significance begins in 1914, when the Kenner Manor Land Company was formed and the neighborhood was platted, until 1966, the fifty-year mark.

Following the presentation, Jim Hoobler made a motion to approve the nomination's eligibility to be listed in the National Historic Register. Pat Cummins seconded, and the commission approved unanimously.

Scarlett Miles presented the National Register Nomination for the Inglewood Place Historic District. Initially planned in 1909, the Inglewood Place Historic District, including its 1919 and 1933 country club expansions, is eligible at the local level under Criterion A in the area of community planning and development, and Criterion C in the area of architecture. It is the second oldest planned neighborhood in Inglewood, a historic suburb of Nashville, and the oldest intact representation of a streetcar suburb.

Following the presentation, Menié Bell made a motion to approve the Inglewood Place Historic District as eligible for listing in the National Register; Lynn Maddox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

[MHC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – Lynn Maddox](#)

Lynn Maddox gave information on the MHC Open House. It is scheduled for December 10, in lieu of December's regular meeting, and will be held at Stone Hall in Hermitage. Tim Walker mentioned that the 4:30 to 6:30 time period overlapped the Nashville City Cemetery Association's Holiday event, so it may affect the attendance of our Open House. Lynn Maddox asked for volunteers to bring food items.

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker](#)

- The new owner of the Gallatin Avenue Fire Hall has begun renovations in the building and held an Open House event to show the work in progress. Commissioner Bell attended the event and mentioned that the restoration seemed to be progressing very well. MHC staff member Scarlett Miles is currently working on the National Register nomination for the building.
- The MHC co-sponsored an Eagle Scout project to clean up the cemetery at Cane Ridge Church. The cemetery has not been maintained in many years and the congregation of the church is diminishing, therefore they have no money to hire anyone to restore the cemetery. The young man and his father spent a day cleaning up the property and resetting some headstones with the assistance of a Master Gardener and Dan Allen, a cemetery restoration contractor.
- Tim has a meeting with Rich Riebeling scheduled for the next day (November 17). He plans to talk about the Historical Commission's goals and funding needs for FY17, including asking for \$50,000 to hire a consultant to perform a study of how Historic and Neighborhood Conservation zoning designations impact property values.

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler](#)

There are three new Neighborhood Conservation districts that are going through Metro Council and should be approved in December or January. The Waverly-Belmont district will be first, and covers approximately 800 properties that are located between Lealand Avenue and Franklin Pike, near Sunnyside. Colby Sledge, the new district council member, is a strong supporter of the MHZC. The other two districts are Inglewood Place and Jackson Park, which covers over 1000 properties in that area.

The Old House Fair is coming up on March 5, 2016 and will again be held at the Sevier Park Community Center. Travellers Rest will be hosting a variety of children's activities. The radio station Lightning 100 will be a major sponsor and promoter of the event.

[STAFF REPORTS](#)

None given.

[OTHER BUSINESS](#)

Commissioner Pat Cummins gave a report from the latest meeting of Friends of Kellytown. Nick Fielder, former state archeologist, had given an update on the findings of an archaeological investigation completed during the summer (2015). Findings indicate that the site was inhabited as late as 1400-1450. There was also discussion about the neighboring Kelly property to the south of the current site. Archaeological evidence suggests that a

large portion of the village is on that land. The current owner lives out of the country and is not in a position to donate or sell the property, but expressed interest in the work of the group.

Commissioner Linda Wynn mentioned that the 2016 Conference of African-American History and Culture was scheduled for February 12. The theme for the event is "Existing Beyond the Veil: Celebrating Fisk University's Third Jubilee, 1866-2016." Registration forms will be mailed out early in January and will be distributed to the commissioners at the January 25 MHC meeting.

Commissioner Bob Allen gave report from a recent meeting of the Commission's Education and Outreach Committee. The committee members have discussed putting together a quarterly series of educational seminars. Possible topics could be entertainment, music, politics and sports. Belmont University could possibly be a venue, but any funds taken would have to be donated to Belmont. Another project the committee would like to take on is assembling a calendar of any history-related events that are taking place around Nashville during the year. The committee will meet again prior to the January 2016 MHC meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted January 21, 2015.

Yvonne Ogren