



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

May 16, 2016

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on May 16, 2016, 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, Pat Cummins, David Currey, Bill Hardin, Jim Hoobler, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn were present. Dr. Carole Bucy also attended. Menié Bell, Don Cusic, and Lynn Maddox did not attend.

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

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Chair Forkum asked if there were any amendments or questions regarding the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. Alex Buchanan mentioned that Lynn Maddox was marked as present but she had not attended. Bob Allen made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Dr. Bill McKee seconded and the commission voted to approve them unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING REPORT – Jim Forkum

Chair Forkum mentioned that MHC's Council budget hearing went very well. Forkum thanked the commissioners who had attended the hearing for their support. During the hearing, several council members had mentioned that they would like to add funds for a half-time staff person to the Historical Commission's budget, and that they knew the need was justified due to the number of properties under review by the MHZC. Other council members had questions about funds for historic markers.

PRESERVATION AWARDS RECAP – Scarlett Miles

Ms. Miles mentioned that the Awards program went very well. Several council members attended. Recipients of the Architectural Awards were very appreciative. The program was recorded by the Metro Nashville Network and is available for viewing on their website. Lots of pictures were taken and are available for anyone wishing to see them.

Chair Forkum thanked Scarlett and the rest of the MHC staff for their work on the program and said it was one of the best he could remember. He also commended Tim Walker for his presentation at the Awards program and the Council budget hearing and said that Tim always represents the department very well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – none given

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Robin Zeigler](#)

A new commissioner has joined the Historic Zoning Commission. Cyril Stewart will be the representative architect. Brian Tibbs has joined the Planning Commission and will continue to serve the MHZC as the Planning Commission rep, replacing Hunter Gee, who was not reappointed to the Planning Commission.

Jim Forkum read a letter from former councilman Phil Claiborne on behalf of Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, thanking the commission for their recent recognition and Commissioners' award in the 2016 Preservation Awards program.

[CEMETERY PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT – Bob Allen](#)

Documentation provided at the meeting is available as PDF file.

[STAFF REPORTS – no reports given](#)

[OTHER BUSINESS](#)

Clay Bailey mentioned that the Memorial Day Dash 5K race is coming up on May 30. The race will begin in front of the Adventure Science Center at 7:30 a.m. He urged all commissioners to get involved- to walk, run, or volunteer. This year's run is dedicated in honor and memory of Mitchell Mielnik, who was a frequent volunteer and participated in the race several times over the years.

Clay Bailey also mentioned that Metro Parks would be hosting a series of public meetings for input on a Master Plan for Metro Parks, and that someone from the commission and/or staff should be there to encourage preservation of historic sites within the parks.

Dr. Carole Bucy, County Historian, mentioned that the Nashville Encyclopedia project has been put on hold for now, because no funds were allocated for it in the FY17 budget.

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

Respectfully submitted June 15, 2016.

Yvonne Ogren

Establishing Photographic Record of Old Cemeteries to Aid Family Researchers

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Author has spent past 2.5 years (since retirement) working on Ancestry Annals for both himself and his wife. Ancestry Annals are just the opposite of a 'family tree' - Pick yourself as the starting point and document EACH set of your grandparents back through time. Thus far, author has documented ~75 sets of grandparents, 200+ photographs, and ~5,000 descendants for each Ancestry Annals document - each document is now 350+ pages and growing.

One problem author encountered was that at least 21 of his wife's grandparents (as well as other relatives) are buried in 3 cemeteries in Green County, AL. The quickest way to ensuring identification of all known burials in those cemeteries was to photograph the individual tombstones. During one February 2016 weekend, author photographed 840 tombstones in 3 cemeteries there. The worth of these photographs to support further research was immediately obvious. For one thing, he could now work on transcription of degraded tombstone inscriptions at his own pace.

In March 2016, Bob Allen suggested that author undertake a similar photographic effort for historic cemeteries in the Bellevue area. Biggest problems encountered thus far include:

- 1) Actual Location of the site - Author had to ask directions to locate most sites. GPS Lat/Long and Accurate Location Information will cure this problem. This issue MUST be addressed.
- 2) Many of these sites are posted - You have to be aggressive - Thus far, no denials on photographing site
- 3) Legal Description of Site May be difficult to determine - These family burial sites were 'grandfathered'
- 4) No one website includes all of the published burial information - Author compiled Info from multiple sources

Author's Current Status Sheet showing Partial List of Bellevue Area Cemeteries

Bellevue Area Cemeteries

As of: 9 May 2016

Photos (Y/N)	Cemetery #	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude	Cemetery Name	# Burials	Street #	Address
Y	BE-01			McCall	19	7820	Old Charlotte Pike
Y	BE-02			Troxel-Crook	10	8460	Old Charlotte Pike
Y	BE-03			Jordan, William H	5	7704	Old Charlotte Pike
Y	BE-28			Vanderbilt Research Facility	11	8100	Coley Davis Road
N	BE-29			Stephens-Jennett	17		Charlotte Pike
Y	BE-30			Greer-Jones-Taylor	12		River Bend Road & Circle
Y	BE-31	36.03470N	86.96920W	Pasquo Church of Christ	141	8363	Highway 100
Y	BE-32			Hows-Hutton	64	7401	Huntwick Trail

**(100+ Known Burial Locations as of 2016 Among BE-, KI-, SC- Identifiers
- Author has Identified 7 Cemeteries Not Previously Listed)**

Cemetery # Column

Yellow - Author has Photographed Cemetery and Each Tombstone

Gray - Cemetery has been Destroyed Prior to 2003 or is north of Cumberland River

White - Cemetery still be to Photographed

Cemetery Name Column

Green - Compilation of all Information from Find-A-Grave and Davidson County Survey Website

Blue - Cemetery & Tombstone Photos plus Author-Generated Information Included

Status as of May 2016 - Author has Photographed ~60 (out of 100+) Historical Cemeteries and ~3000 Tombstones

In most cases, he has identified at least twice as many burials as are on current survey website. Author's emphasis is on individual burials rather than on individual (& legible) tombstones - to include identification of those individuals whose tombstone is eroded or missing.

Pasquo Church of Christ Cemetery

Cemetery ID: BE-31	Address: 8363 Highway 100 Nashville, TN 37221
Number of Internments: 141	Owner: Pasquo Church of Christ 8363 Highway 100 Nashville, TN 37221
Earliest Burial: 1910	Latest Burial: 2015
Original Land Purchaser:	Date of Original Purchase:
GPS/Lat: 36.03470N	GPS/Long: 86.96920W
Metro's Parcel ID: 169 00 059.00	Legal Reference: 00000409-0000230
Acreage: 0.2 acre	Size: 90' x 90'
Link to Burial Spreadsheet: BE 31 Pasquo Christ of Christ Cemetery Listing.xls	Links to Cemetery Photos: IMG 2599.JPG Pasquo Church of Christ.JPG



**View of Pasquo Church of Christ Cemetery
(How Well is this Site Maintained?)**

Partial List of Burials in Pasquo Church of Christ Cemetery (141 Total)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	Maiden Name	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Notes	Hyperlink to Photo
Andrews	Allison	Infant			12	6	1929	12	7	1929	Parents: Ulna Andrew & Minnie Lee Andrew	IMG 2630.JPG
Andrew	Lettie			McNeill	7	8	1895	12	22	1986		IMG 2640.JPG
Andrew	Minnie	Lee		Vaughan	4	4	1896	6	28	1948		IMG 2639.JPG
Andrew	Ulna	Foster	Sr		1	11	1894	6	13	1967	Veteran - US Marine Corps Reserve, WWII	IMG 2637.JPG
Bagwell	Nanno	Lou			5	4	1892	3	1	1940		IMG 2698.JPG
Barnes	Unknown				9	15	1842	5	4	1912	Illegible Inscription	IMG 2712.JPG
Barnes	Aline			Greer	2	23	1901	2	23	1988	Wife of James Barnes	IMG 2620.JPG
Barnes	Ida				10	14	1881	7	29	1974		IMG 2615.JPG



Tombstone for Ulna Foster Andrew, Sr

Author's Objectives

Maximize Value of Cemetery Information to Individual Family Researcher

- 1. Identify Historical Burial Plots in Bellevue Area**
- Enable Additions/Corrections as New Ones are Identified
- 2. Identify Total Number of Known Burials with Earliest & Latest Burial**
- 3. Identify Name/Address of Current Owner (as of 2016)**
- 4. Identify Individual Who Donated Property for Cemetery and WHEN**
- Intended to assist family researchers in identifying WHERE their ancestors lived
- 5. Provide Accurate Location (i.e., GPS Lat/Long) plus Instructions on Driving to Site**
- 6. Provide Legal Description of Property to Aid Researcher in Tracing Site's Legal Heritage**
- 7. Establish Photographic Baseline (as of 2016) of Cemetery Conditions**
- 8. Link Cemetery Description with Spreadsheet Listing Each Burial in That Cemetery**

Maximize Value of Burial Information to Individual Family Researcher

- 1. Identify ALL known/alleged burials in each Cemetery - Whatever the information source**
- Provide Individual Researcher with own copy of Listings and Photos - No Need to Visit Actual Site
- 2. Enable Family Member to Make Additions/Corrections as Needed**
- Families will remain primary source of new information for these early burials
- 3. Maximize Ability to Transcribe Degraded Inscriptions by Manipulation of Hi-Res Digital Photo**
- 4. Enable Convenient Sharing of Ancestral Information (e.g., Find-A-Grave.com) - MS EXCEL Spreadsheet**
- 5. Establish Photographic Baseline (as of 2016) for each Tombstone**

Maximize Value to Historical Organizations

- 1. Establish Photographic Baseline (as of 2016) for each Cemetery and Each Tombstone**



THE FRIENDS OF
**TWO RIVERS
MANSION**

3130 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214

May 13, 2016

Honorable Jim ^{JW}Forkum, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Forkum,

I wanted to take the opportunity to express my personal thanks and appreciation to you and the Commissioners for the recent recognition of the work of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. I regret that I was unable to attend the awards ceremony but calendars often have a way of producing conflicting events, especially when some events are on the calendar months in advance of another.

As the founder of the Friends group at Two Rivers it's doubly rewarding to see the organization recognized for its work. At the end of this current year the final group of the original Board will rotate off. In the six years since they were installed the efforts of these folks have indeed been remarkable and the name Two Rivers Mansion, the history of the McGavocks and the connections between the Donelson property and the Hardings and Belle Meade are more widely known than since their days.

As regards time, the Friends are still considered a young organization, but in terms of accomplishment, they are seasoned beyond their years. And, with the completion of the Master Planning process that's currently underway, both Metro Parks, Metro Historic and the Friends will have a 20 year roadmap toward making Two Rivers Mansion a benchmark property for historic preservation and the usage of such.

This current recognition would not have been possible without the help and direction of Tim Walker and members of his staff as well as Tommy Lynch and others at Metro Parks. So it's truly the recognition of a collaborative effort on the part of many folks in the private and public sectors and I commend each of you for choosing to honor all of them.

Regards,

Phillip Claiborne
Founder and President Emeritus
Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
a 501c3 tax exempt organization

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