



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

January 22, 2018

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on January 22, 2018, in the conference room of the Metro Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Commission Chair Jim Forkum presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Forkum, Chair; Bob Allen, Dr. Clay Bailey, Dr. Don Cusic, Lynne Holliday, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Mark Rogers, Linda Wynn were present. Alex Buchanan, Richard Courtney, Dr. Bill Hardin, Dr. Bill McKee, Menié Bell and Gerry Searcy did not attend. Also attending was Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian.

**Guests Present:** NA

**Staff Members Present:** Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person, Jessica Reeves, Melissa Sajid, Tim Walker, Fred Zahn and Robin Zeigler were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., after verifying that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum**

Jim Forkum verified that a quorum was present and asked for approval of the November and December minutes. Dr. Don Cusic made a motion to approve the November minutes as written. Lynn Maddox seconded and the November minutes were unanimously approved. Dr. Don Cusic made a motion to approve the December minutes as written. Bob Allen seconded and the December minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION – Tim Walker**

Tim Walker gave a brief introduction of the new Administrative Assistant Paula Person, whom will be taking the place of Yvonne Ogren after training. Paula spoke about her experience and background and was welcomed by the commission.

**OPEN HOUSE – Menié Bell & Lynn Maddox**

Open house will be March 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Ft. Negley visitor's center. Business solicitation for food items would be appreciated, bringing of food items is also encouraged. The invitation list is in the process of being finalized.

**HISTORIC MARKER– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller**

Per Jessica Reeves, we are in quarter 1 of 2018 and looking at the district marker list 5 through 9. A meeting was held with council members from district 6, 7, 8 and 9 regarding finalization on markers. District markers will be voted on in February's meeting and the rest will be completed in March. Nashville General Hospital is on the priority list due to the marker being missing along with the Devon Farm Marker. Information about the

Heaton Station and Locust Hill markers was provided to the commissioners but will not be voted on today. More investigation needs to be completed on Locust Hill to confirm a date for the applicant. Updated text will be added to Heaton Station and relocate it to a better location. These will be presented to the commission next month or March by the latest. Discussion was held over the HCA Marker for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is being privately funded. Jim Hoobler made a motion to approve the HCA marker with a minor text change. Lynn Maddox seconded and the marker was unanimously approved. The Waverly Place marker was voted upon with Lynn Maddox giving a motion, Jim Hoobler seconding that motion, and the commission unanimously approving.

#### **TITLE VI POLICY DISCUSSION – *Tim Walker***

Executive Director Tim Walker read the updated Title VI 1964 Civil Right Policy to the commission. The policy states that, “No person in the United States regardless of race, color or national origin be denied benefits or be discriminated against under any program receiving federal financial assistance.” Tim addressed a question about this policy already being enforced. Tim responded that it is required that all departments approve this policy annually per HR. Linda Maddox gave a motion to approve the Title VI Policy updates. Jim Hoobler seconded the motion and the commission approved the update unanimously.

#### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT – *Tim Walker***

Former Commissioner David Curry’s father passed away and the memorial service will be held 12:00pm Saturday at the Glencliff Presbyterian Church, with visitation an hour before the service. Discussion was held regarding the progress of the house restoration which will include reattaching the house to the earlier log structure, additional parking, and renovating all out buildings. Historic Nashville Inc. will be having their annual meeting this Thursday at 6:00 pm at Fort Negley, please RSVP if you plan to attend. Kix Brooks will be the guest speaker and a good turnout is expected. Ft. Negley/ Greer Stadium Cultural Landscape Plan has been finalized by Procurement and will be made public today. The Cloud Hill development team has also withdrawn their bid to develop Fort Negley Park, and the Mayor has withdrawn the RFQ. A thanks was given to Jim Forkum and Dr. Clay Bailey for their work. Clay thanked others for the team effort acknowledging the individuals and groups working together for a successful outcome. We will continue talking to organizations and businesses in an effort to obtain funding for Nashville Sites. We are currently up to \$81, 600 of the target \$200,000.

#### **HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Robin Zeigler***

Potential overlays for Edgehill, Marathon Village and Cleveland Park are still in the early stages of discussions and nothing has been filed yet. The MHZC had a light agenda in January, which could mean a heavy agenda for February. The proposed revisions to the Broadway, Second Avenue, and Downtown district’s design guidelines were deferred until the February meeting.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Scarlett reported on renaming a section of Charlotte Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd (MLK Blvd.) which would include the roadway having two names. Discussion was held regarding why other notable Nashville natives/icons were not selected over MLK. Per Scarlett the planning department stays neutral to the name change; this has not been filed to council yet. Metro Parks is looking to rename the new Southeast Park and would like to use the name Kimbro which is being researched for further history of that person. Currently, we are working on a date for the Preservation awards. Information should be coming shortly.

Jessica reported on registration for the African-American History and Culture Conference being held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, the deadline has been extended and you can register on the day of the event. The Mayor will speak before lunch, along with a poet and musical entertainment which should provide for a great event.

Caroline went to the state review board on the 10<sup>th</sup> and they approved the updated nomination for Travellers Rest, which has been sent on to the National Park Service and should be listed within 60 – 90 days. She also gave an update on the Historical Commercial Rehabilitation Grant Program. Three proposals were submitted on time for the December 31st deadline. Two of them (Germantown) meet the basic criteria for the grant, the locations (1311 & 1313, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North) will be turned into artesian shops. Caroline will find out if they need to go before the review committee and proceed from there. We need additional proposals to spend all the funding that was provided, so a request was made to the Mayor to revise the RFP and reopen the application period. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a soft deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>, this will be done in hopes to get better applications.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted January 22, 2018.

*Paula R. Person*