



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

January 28, 2019

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on January 28, 2019, 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, Menié Bell, Christopher Cotton, Dr. Don Cusic, Michelle Hall, Jim Hoobler, Lynn Maddox, Dr. Bill McKee, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, Linda Wynn **were present.** Lynne Holliday and E. Thomas Wood **did not attend.** Dr. Carole Bucy, county historian, also attended.

Guests Present: Charlie Bailey, Victoria Hensley

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock, Caroline Eller, Scarlett Miles, Jessica Reeves Melissa Sajid were present.

Chair Jim Forkum called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present. Tim Walker introduced new intern Charlie Bailey, son of Dr. Clay Bailey, and talked about his work on the Music Row, Fort Negley and Nashville Sites.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Forkum

Jim Forkum asked for approval of the December minutes. Don Cusic made a motion to approve, Lynn Maddox provided a second, and the December minutes were unanimously approved.

HISTORIC MARKERS– Jessica Reeves & Caroline Eller

Caroline Eller and Jessica Reeves presented and discussed four markers for commission approval. The first was for District 22, Historic Bellevue. It will be a two-sided marker that will include site names and locations. A motion was given by Bob Allen with a second from Don Cusic, and the marker was unanimously approved. The marker for District 23, Hillwood Estates, was discussed, and a motion was given by Menié Bell with a second from Don Cusic. The marker was unanimously approved. The marker for District 24, Jewish Community Center Bombing, will have text on both sides of the marker. A motion was given by Chris Cotton with a second from Lynn Maddox, and the marker was unanimously approved. The marker for District 34, Josephine Holloway and the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, will be double-sided with text on each side. Dr. Carole Bucy voiced her concern about the location and gave additional information regarding the significance of Josephine Holloway. A motion was given by Lynn Maddox to table this marker upon further marker text research and discussion with a second from Menié Bell and the marker was unanimously approved for deferral. Jessica thanked the Commissioners who came to the Logue House marker dedication ceremony on January 15th and reminded everyone that the Patsy Cline Dream House marker dedication will be on January 30th at 2:00 pm, noting the home will be open for tours. The Nashville Porter and Ale Brewery marker dedication will be held on February 19th at 3:00pm at 1901 Charlotte Avenue with a reception at the Blackstone Brewery.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS –Scarlett Miles

Scarlett Miles presented the nomination for Clover Bottom Farm, which was listed in 1975. The nomination is being updated with additional information and images. After a short discussion, a motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from Mark Rogers and the nomination was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Tim Walker

Tim Walker discussed two bills going to Metro Council in February. One bill clarifies the language in the zoning code to require a preservation permit for work in a historic overlay. The other bill creates a new zoning overlay, a Historic Interiors Landmark, which will allow for significant public interior spaces to be protected. He plans to ask the administration to landmark the interiors of Union Station and the Customs House as the federal government already requires Metro preserve their interiors. He noted that the presentation on Nashville Sites will be moved to next month as the agenda will be lighter and asked Caroline Eller to give an update of the Economic Impact Study for Historic Preservation. She stated that the first draft (analysis) of the economic impact study report was received from the consultant, although a few sections are forthcoming. The office and the advisory committee will be reviewing and providing comments back to the consultant. The study should be completed in the next 30 days, and we plan to have a public rollout of the study in May. Mr. Walker added that we are still raising money to make up the deficit for part 2 of the study, and any funding ideas are appreciated.

Mr. Walker stated that legislation has been filled in both state houses to create a state historic tax credit that will provide a 10% credit for certified rehabilitations of National Register properties in Davidson County. He also stated a draft of the Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Report will be shared with stakeholders next month, and the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU has agreed to update the Fort Negley National Register nomination after Greer Stadium comes down. The Advisory Committee for Fort Negley met last week and are discussing fundraising for site improvements. We have a new MHZC Commissioner, Leigh Fitts, who is an architect and landscape architect with Hastings Architecture. MHC has placed a 90 day demolition hold on five adjacent Music Row buildings, and Council Member O'Connell has asked MHC to set up a meeting with the developer that includes Historic Nashville, Inc. and himself. Victoria Hensley was reintroduced to the Commission as the intern working on the CLG grant to revise the design guidelines for neighborhood conservation districts.

STAFF REPORTS

Scarlett Miles gave a survey update. She stated they were almost finished with White's Creek area, and had recently completed the Dickerson Pike corridor. She also noted the Preservation Awards are coming up soon, and she is working with the Mayor's Office to schedule a date in May. The deadline for nominations is March 8th, with the judge's selection to be in April. The forms for special awards will be going out in an email soon.

Jessica Reeves mentioned we are on track for the Marker Project, and all the district markers should be finished by June. Over 200 people have registered for the Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture; if you are available to, please come.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Carole Bucy announced that the Nashville 101 lecture series will be offered at the Green Hills Library from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm, for the four Thursdays in February. Dr. Bucy praised Commissioner Hoobler on the tour he led at the Tennessee State Museum for Staff, Commissioners, and their families.

Menié Bell urged everyone to come out to support the marker ceremonies and emphasized the importance of Commissioners being present.

Linda Wynn reminded everyone that the Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture is February 8th, and thanked Lynn Maddox (and Vanderbilt University) for providing the bags for the event this

year. There will be a full program with four profiles and music by Carlos DeFord Bailey, the grandson of DeFord Bailey.

Bob Allen noted that the Bellevue History and Genealogy Group meeting will take place on Friday.

Dr. Clay Bailey commended Jessica and Caroline for the wonderful job they have done with the markers, with professionalism and grace.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted February 20, 2019.

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