



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES
April 15, 2019

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on April 15, 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, Mark Rogers and E. Thomas Wood **were present**. Dr. Bill McKee, Gerry Searcy, Linda Wynn and County Historian Dr. Carole Bucy **did not attend**.

Guests Present: Tonya Hancock (District 9 candidate), Victoria Hensley and Stephen Jernigan

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Melissa Baldock, Caroline Eller, Paul Hoffman, Scarlett Miles, Paula Person, Jessica Reeves and Melissa Sajid 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 asked for approval of the March minutes. Lynn Maddox made a motion to approve, Dr. Clay Bailey provided a second, and the March minutes were unanimously approved with a minor word change.

HISTORICAL MARKERS– Jessica Reeves

Jessica Reeves presented markers for Rev. Bill Barnes and Hillsboro High School (District 25). There were a number of edits suggested for the Rev. Bill Barnes marker. After these suggestions were applied, a vote was taken. A motion was given by Don Cusic with a second from Jim Hoobler, and the marker text was unanimously approved, with E. Tom Wood voting against the Barnes marker placement. The Commission then discussed the location of the Bill Barnes marker. Two locations were proposed: Public Square Park and Edgehill United Methodist Church. After a lengthy discussion, Jim Hoobler made a motion to place the marker in Edgehill. Christopher Cotton seconded the motion, and the Commission voted to approve the location. Minor edits were made to the Hillsboro High School marker, after which a motion was given by Jim Hoobler with a second from Tom Wood and the marker was unanimously approved.

PRESERVATION AWARDS –Scarlett Miles

Scarlett Miles announced the Preservation Awards will be held on May 9th, 4:30 pm at the Nashville Public Library with the reception following immediately at The Dream Hotel. It was also reiterated that the Commission had selected Ann Toplovich along with Steve and Judy Turner for the Achievement Awards. The MHC will present the Commissioners' Award to Tennessee Crossroads.

MHC BUDGET UPDATE – Tim Walker

Tim Walker noted we will not be able to meet this year's budget savings goal and that the Finance department understood the department inability to meet the goal due to the leanness of our budget. MHC's budget hearing with Metro Council will take place on May 14th at 4:15 pm, and those attending are asked to arrive about 15 minutes early. Tim Walker thanked the Commissioners that attended the budget hearing with Mayor Briley last month.

[DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Walker](#)

Tim Walker stated that Davis Acker is going before Metro Council for confirmation as a new MHC member on April 16, 2019. We received a final draft of the Economic Impact Study for Historic Preservation, and study will be presented to the Metro Council Planning, Zoning and Historical Committee in June. Caroline Eller added that we anticipate having the final report this month, and we plan to move forward with the Part II incentives portion of the study and begin those meetings during the same trip as the Part I presentations. She also noted that we will be creating a webpage for the study that will include a video of the presentations and link to the final document.

[HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – Tim Walker](#)

Kenner Manor was approved on third reading by Metro Council as a Neighborhood Conservation District. Marathon Village, a proposed Historic Preservation District is before the MHZC at its April meeting. Robin Zeigler is working with Council Member O'Connell and the Edgehill community to revise their design guidelines.

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Jessica Reeves mentioned that the Public Art and Mural Tour for Nashville Sites will take place on April 23, 2019, beginning at 3:30 pm and will meet downtown at the Music City Convention Center and includes art work on the downtown areas. The Big Payback (dedicated day of donating to nonprofits) will begin on May 02, 2019 and the MHF Foundation will participate. Caroline Eller stated that we are halfway through the 4 Nashville 101 sessions being presented this month by Dr. Bucy in Bellevue. These lectures are being taped by Metro Nashville Network and posted on the Metro YouTube channel. Please let me know if you would like links to these lectures. We will also be taping the Nashville 102 series at Lentz Public Health Center in September.

[OTHER BUSINESS](#)

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted April 23, 2019.

Paula R. Person