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Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting

Teleconference

July 20, 2020

12:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Clay Bailey, Chair

II. Historical Markers

Jessica Reeves

- Road to Woman's Suffrage (privately funded)
- Edgehill Community I (priority list)
- Edgehill Community II (priority list)

III. Adjourn

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Campaign to Win the Vote

Location: Church St. and Anne Dallas Dudley Blvd.

Sponsor: Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

{side 1} The Nashville Equal Suffrage League was formed nearby in 1911 at the former Tulane Hotel. In coordination with the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association the energetic efforts of women leaders influenced public opinion in the decade ahead. Nashville's suffragists hosted the 1914 convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association (NAWSA), a milestone event. The Hermitage Hotel was headquarters and became the site of many future suffrage activities.

{side 2} Among tireless leaders of the 19th Amendment victory in 1920 was Anne Dallas Dudley, for whom this boulevard is named. It was built in 1912. Prominent women included Dr. Mattie Coleman, Lizzie Crozier French, Catherine Talty Kenny, Abby Crawford Milton, J. Frankie Pierce, Katherine Burch Warner and Sue Shelton White. The Suffrage automobile parade of May 1915 formed up along the boulevard. Here also were several war bond rallies, in part championed by suffragists during the Great War.

History of Edgehill

Location: 1000 Edgehill Ave, Easley Recreation Center

Sponsor: Edgehill Neighborhood Associations

Edgehill's history dates from the decades before the Civil War, when country estates were located on and around Meridian Hill, now E.S. Rose Park. The construction and defense of Union fortifications during the war drew many more African Americans to the area, where they contributed to the Union victory and the end of enslavement. After the war, they built the free communities of "New Bethel" and "Rocktown" that developed during the twentieth century into Edgehill.

The Edgehill Community

Location: 16th Ave S and South St.

Sponsor: Edgehill Neighborhood Associations

Established during and after the Civil War, Edgehill grew into a vibrant African American community in the twentieth century, drawing new residents through its schools, churches and thriving local economy. Edgehill was home to many African American leaders, and residents played vital roles in the Civil Rights Movement. Their advocacy included opposition to urban renewal, which adversely altered the neighborhood. Edgehill's resilience as a diverse community continues their legacy.



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Event: 7/20/20 | Metro Historic Commission Board Meeting

Date and Time: July 20th at 12:00 PM

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