

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)  
MINUTES

September 17, 2012

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on August 20, 2012, in the conference room of the Historical Commission office at 3000 Granny White Pike, with Chairman Bill McKee presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Dr. Bill McKee, Chair; Vice-Chair Jim Forkum, Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, George Cate, Jr., Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Mark Rogers, Holly Sharp, and Linda Wynn. Commissioners David Currey, Lynn McDonald, and Gerry Searcy were not present.

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Yvonne Ogren, Sean Alexander, Tara Mielnik, Scarlett Miles, Fred Zahn, and Robin Zeigler.

Commission Chair Bill McKee called the meeting to order after verifying that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Commissioner Allen moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting as written. Commissioner Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**BUCHANAN STATION CEMETERY- *Tim Walker***

In the absence of Dr. Natalie Inman, Mr. Walker gave details on the service to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, at the BSC to commemorate the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Buchanan Station. Reminders with further details were to be sent to commissioners during the week before the event.

**KNOW NASHVILLE – *Dr. Tara Mielnik for Dr. Carole Bucy***

Dr. Carole Bucy's Know Nashville history series is sold out. The classes will continue through October 4. In this series, Nashville's history is being presented topically. The first class, "Rock City: How the Land Shaped Nashville's History," explored Davidson County & middle Tennessee geography, and its relationship to history, with "The Buckle of the Bible Belt" addressing Nashville's religious heritage. Educational history will be the topic of Class 3, "The Athens of the South." The series concludes on October 4 with a discussion of Nashville during times of war, "From Plowshares into Swords."

**METRO @ 50 - *George Cate, Jr.***

Commissioner Geo. Cate reported that the planning of events for the commemoration is proceeding well. The next event will be a panel discussion on **Consolidation and the School System**, on October 10, 2012, at 5:30. Future Metro@50 events will be posted on the website [www.metroat50.org](http://www.metroat50.org) and the **Metro at 50** Facebook page.

**CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler***

Commissioner Hoobler related plans for commemorative event on April 13, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church, which was used as a hospital during Nashville's Union occupation.

Dr. Bobby Lovett is scheduled to speak on the topic of emancipation in 2014.

Director Tim Walker mentioned that grant applications submitted to the TN Civil War National Heritage Area were under review. One would be used for a historic structures report on Fort Negley. Another is a joint grant application involving 15 partner agencies to create a brochure promoting CW histories at various sites.

Commissioner Hoobler also mentioned that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shelby Park was coming up. The Shelby Park Centennial Celebration, on October 13, 2012, will observe the park's rich history, nature and beauty. Activities are being developed by Friends of Shelby Park & Bottoms. The event will be held throughout Shelby Park proper and will include a variety of activities and live performances.

#### *DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Tim Walker*

- Two of MHC's major events are coming up before the next MHC meeting: the NCCA Living History Tour on October 6, and Oktoberfest on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Walker has spoken with Council Members Tim Garrett and Lonnell Matthews, who are interested in funding repair and restoration of Sunnyside. Several other Council Members spoke in support.

#### *HISTORIC ZONING REPORT- Robin Zeigler*

- Ms. Zeigler mentioned that three Historic Zoning commissioners had been appointed and would begin to serve at the September MHZC meeting.

#### *NASHVILLE CITY CEMETERY Living History Tour-*

Chair McKee mentioned that the theme for this year's LHT is Nashville during the Union occupation. The goal of the Living History Tour is to raise funds for the City Cemetery Association and to raise public awareness of the site.

Commissioner Linda Wynn mentioned that Fisk University's Jubilee Day is also to be held on October 6

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

Submitted by

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