

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)
MINUTES

February 25, 2013

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held its regular meeting on February 25, 2013, 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; Bob Allen, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Lula Brooks, George Cate, Jr., Holly Conner, David Currey, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Lynn McDonald, Mark Rogers, Gerry Searcy, and Linda Wynn. Vice-Chair Jim Forkum was not present.

Staff Members Present: Yvonne Ogren, Sean Alexander, Melissa Baldock

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

Approval of Minutes: *Commissioner Holly Conner moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting as written. Commissioner Linda Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

KELLYTOWN PRESENTATION: Forest Hills Mayor William Coke

Mayor Coke gave a brief presentation on the status of the Kellytown archaeological site and showed photographs. *(A copy of his report is attached).*

HISTORIC MARKERS- *Yvonne Ogren*

Staff member Yvonne Ogren presented revised text for the Sylvan Park School Marker.

Motion: Commissioner Jim Hoobler moved to approve the text as revised. Commissioner Cate seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE CONFERENCE- *Linda Wynn*

Commissioner Wynn reported that the conference went very well, and that it was one of the highest attended in the history of the event. She thanked all commissioners who attended and thanked staff for their assistance before and during the event.

PRESERVATION AWARDS- *Yvonne Ogren*

Mrs. Ogren gave a brief report for Scarlett Miles on the status of plans for the 2013 Preservation Awards program.

- The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 22nd. Nomination forms are available on the MHC website.
- The program will be held May 29th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Nashville Public Library, with reception to follow at the Rymer Gallery on 5th Avenue North.
- Judges will be Patrick McIntyre (Tennessee Historical Commission) Anne-Leslie Owens, (MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation), and Joni Priest (Metro Planning Commission).
- Special Awards (recap):
Leadership Award in History – (former) Vice-Mayor George H. Cate, Jr
Achievement Award – Ann Tidwell
Commissioners' Award – Barry Walker and Marathon Village

METRO 50TH COMMEMORATION

Visit the website www.metroat50.org and the Metro at 50 Facebook page for up-to-date information about future Metro@50 events.

KEITH SEARCY MEMORIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL: *Gerry Searcy*

At the request of Chair McKee, Commissioner Searcy gave a brief recap on the dinner, reporting that over 2100 meals were prepared and delivered to elderly and shut-in persons. She thanked all the commissioners who served as volunteers at the event.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT- *Jim Hoobler*

Commissioner Hoobler reported that the original Emancipation Proclamation was on display for 72 hours at the Tennessee State Museum. Over 30,000 people were able to see it during that time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

None given

HISTORIC ZONING REPORT-

None given

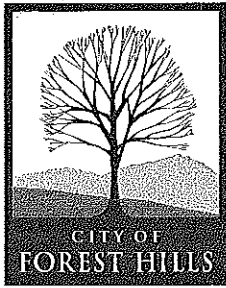
OTHER BUSINESS

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

Submitted by

Yvonne Ogren

March 13, 2013



KELLYTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

WILLIAM G. COKE
MAYOR

JOHN C. LOVELL
VICE MAYOR

LANSON HYDE
COMMISSIONER

Location: In Metro Nashville at the corner of Hillsboro Pike and Old Hickory Boulevard.

Significance: The site represents a major Mississippian (AD 1000-1450) Native American town that is endangered by possible commercial development.

History of site:

- 1997 – TDOT proposal for turn lanes on north bound Hillsboro Pike bordering Kellytown site
- 1999 - February through, July TDOT archaeologist, Gary Barker, finds seven Mississippian structures, with major finds of pottery, jewelry, building tools, five child burials and palisade fortifications
- 2002 - Completed turn lanes
- 2002 - Regency Realty Group buys site for \$804,000. Reportedly to build a Publix Grocery store.
- 2008 - Proposal to Metro Planning Commission to rezone from R-40 to SP-MNR
- 2008 - November. Public Hearing at Congregation Micah. City of Forest Hills and surrounding Metro residents oppose rezoning. Planning Commission denies

OVERVIEW OF SITE FROM STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST, MICHAEL C. MOORE

“The presence and distribution of the palisades, structures, burials, and other features uncovered by TDOT provides explicit proof that intact archaeological resources occur within the undeveloped tracts southeast of the Old Hickory Blvd./ Hillsboro Rd. intersection.”

“Archaeological sites, and especially significant sites such as Kellytown, comprise non-renewable resources that are disappearing at a rapid rate. Protection of the intact archaeological features at Kellytown (including human burials) could be accomplished by developing the site into a park or greenspace.”

RECENT CONTACTS WITH REGENCY

SMALL PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMED

Members include:

Bill McKee, Chairman Metro Historical Commission

Tim Walker, Executive Director, Metro Historic Commission

Shain Dennison, Metro Greenways

Jason Swaggert, Metro Planning

Audra Ladd, Land Trust for Tennessee

POSSIBLE OUTCOME

Addition to Warner Parks. Partnership with area Universities as an archaeological laboratory.

FUNDING

From Public and private sources. Commitment from the City of Forest Hills