

## METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)

### MINUTES

January 24, 2022

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held a meeting at the Sonny West Conference Center—Fulton Campus on January 24, 2022, with Commission Chair Lynn Maddox presiding.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Lynn Maddox; Jhennifer Amundson, Clay Bailey, Menié Bell, Pamela Bobo, Christopher Cotton, Don Cusic, Jim Hoobler, Jane Landers, William McKee, Linda Wynn **were present.**

**Staff Members Present:** Tim Walker, Robin Zeigler, Jessica Reeves, Scarlett Miles, Susie Pallas, Sean Alexander, and Ann Mikkelson (legal counsel)

**Guests Present:** Carole Bucy (county historian)

Chair Lynn Maddox called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Lynn Maddox*

Chair Maddox presented the December minutes for approval. Commissioner McKee made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Cotton provided a second, and the December minutes were unanimously approved.

#### HISTORICAL MARKERS – *Jessica Reeves*

Reeves presented the marker for Alice Thompson Collinsworth, located at the corner of Mt. View Road and Crossing Blvd. The marker is funded by the Thompson-Collinsworth-Davis family. This two-sided marker will have information about Collinsworth on one side and a sketch of the house, that is no longer extant, on the opposite side. She proposed two small revisions in the text regarding the location of the Creek village where Collinsworth was held for two years.

Vice-chair Wynn made a motion to approve the Thompson marker, Commissioner Hoobler provided a second, and the marker was unanimously approved.

#### CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – *Linda Wynn*

Commissioner Wynn provided an update on several of the presenters and topics for the conference on February 11, 2022.

#### PRESERVATION AWARDS – *Scarlett Miles*

Miles reminded commissioners that their nominations for the Honor Awards (Achievement, Commissioners', Fletch Coke awards) are due Friday, January 28. She explained that the

Nominations and Events/Special Projects committees will meet on Wednesday, February 2, to select the slate of nominees. The MHC will vote on the slate at the February 28 meeting. The committee meeting will likely be at Sunnyside, depending on the number of attendees, and we will notify members if there are any changes.

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

Director Walker provided an update on Sunnyside construction, stating that it is on schedule. The Second Avenue salvage project is close to being complete. He thanked NDOT, Metro General Services, The DISTRICT and MHC Foundation for their assistance and funding. All materials will be reused for reconstruction, which should begin in a few months. There will be a presentation on the Fort Negley master plan at the next MHC meeting. He provided an overview of the budget process and timeline and noted the Mayor's priorities. The Aittafama' project is delayed since bids came in higher than expected; however, the Friends Group is finding donors so work may begin this spring.

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

Zeigler announced that there are two Landmark designations in the works: 915 Kirkwood and 518 Russell. Russell will be the first Historic Landmark-Interior. As a part of the demo-review process and with the cooperation of the Chair and Vanderbilt University, there will be a new marker for the Walter O. Parmer Field House.

#### **TASK FORCE COMMITTEE REPORT - *Clay Bailey***

Commissioner Bailey said that the report will be distributed to commissioners at the end of the meeting. He and Mikkelson cautioned commissioners against discussing the report until the March 21 meeting, when it will be on the agenda. He noted it has been more than a year-long process and he and the Chair thanked committee members and Dr. McKee's assistant for their help. Walker said staff would follow up with commissioners who were not present, to make sure they received the report.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Hoobler thanked staff for their work on repairing vandalism at the Nashville City Cemetery.

Commissioner Bell noted that the department is in opposition to Councilmember Murphy's legislation, as presently written, for notification requirements that would ultimately do away with administrative permits. She noted that the current process is efficient and provides strong customer service. Walker added that 2/3 of permits are administrative, which is a process that has been in place for 30 years and follows the processes of other municipalities. Commissioner Bell requested that the historic zoning commissioners be invited to the retreat meeting, once planned.

Commissioner McKee thanked those who supported his reappointment to the commission.

Commissioner Cotton announced that Fort Negley will soon be having their board retreat, which will be a hybrid live-virtual meeting.

Commissioner Hoobler said the anniversary of the City Cemetery will be celebrated in October.

Commissioner Bobo wished everyone a happy new year and encouraged everyone to attend the African American History and Culture Conference.

Dr. Bucy said she is working on a History of Nashville 103 session that will cover WWII to present, including the creation of Metro. She and Tim, with funding from the MHC Foundation and Council, are working on reprinting the book about the creation of Metro. Metro Archives is assisting with revising images. She announced her retirement from teaching and said she will continue to serve as the county historian. She hopes retirement will allow her to complete multiple projects, already in the works.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McKee moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Cusic seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, February 17, 2022.

*Robin Zeigler*