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## Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

MAY 16, 2022  
12:00 p.m.

**Howard Office Building**  
Sonny West Conference Center  
700 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave South

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| <b>I. Call to Order and Welcome</b>   | <b>Lynn Maddox, Chair</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of April Minutes</b>  | <b>Lynn Maddox</b>        |
| <b>III. Historical Markers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dudley Field (privately funded)</b></li><li>• <b>Ernest Rip Patton (MHC funded)</b></li></ul> | <b>Jessica Reeves</b>     |
| <b>IV. Preservation Awards</b>  | <b>Scarlett Miles</b>     |
| <b>V. Guest Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Celebrating Historic Preservation</i></li></ul>   | <b>Dr. Carole Bucy</b>    |
| <b>VI. Director's Report</b>  | <b>Tim Walker</b>         |
| <b>VII. Historic Zoning Report</b>  | <b>Robin Zeigler</b>      |
| <b>VIII. Other Business</b>   |                           |
| <b>IX. Announcements</b>  |                           |
| <b>X. Adjourn</b>   |                           |

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## Dudley Field/Vanderbilt Stadium

Funding: Vanderbilt University

Location: Jess Neely Blvd. and Natchez Trace in front of stadium

Dudley Field opened on Oct. 14, 1922. Named for Dr. William Dudley, it was the first stadium in the South built for football. The first night game took place on Sept. 25, 1954, after lights were installed for the Billy Graham Crusade. Events here included the first NFL exhibition game in the South, in 1944, and a speech by President John F. Kennedy in 1963. After a major renovation, it re-opened as Vanderbilt Stadium on Sept. 12, 1981. It was also home to the Tennessee Oilers in 1998.

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## Ernest Rip Patton

Funding: MHC

Location: Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, 2334 Herman St.

### Ernest Rip Patton 1940-2021

(side 1) Ernest Rip Patton was born in Nashville and graduated from Pearl Senior High School in 1958. At Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial University (now Tennessee State University), he participated in the Nashville lunch counter sit-ins. In 1961, he was one of 14 students expelled by the state after being arrested in Jackson, Miss., as part of the Freedom Rides. Those students received honorary doctoral degrees in 2008. Patton spoke, and often sang, across the country about his activism.

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### Civil Rights Activists in Nashville 1957-1964

(side 2) Countless men and women fought for equal rights for African Americans in Nashville during the Jim Crow era, beginning with the 1957 desegregation of public schools. Test sit-ins at downtown eateries began in 1959 and efforts to desegregate public facilities lasted until the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Members of the Nashville Student Movement and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee departed Nashville as Freedom Riders in 1961 and advocated for equal voting rights through 1965.

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