

# METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission  
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## MHC Marker Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 8, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Sunnyside in Sevier Park

3000 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204

(MASKS RECOMMENDED)

- I. New Business
  - a. Review proposed historical markers
    - i. Ernest Rip Patton (updated text)
    - ii. Ratterman Row
    - iii. Ed Temple

## II. Adjourn

As a notice to the public, the purpose of the Marker Committee meeting is to select language for the proposed marker. Accordingly, there will be no public comment or participation at this committee meeting. The full Metro Historical Commission will meet on August 15, 2022, to determine whether to adopt the proposed marker. Options for public comment will be made available at the August 15 meeting.



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Ernest Rip Patton  
1940-2021

Ernest Rip Patton attended Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial University where he joined the Nashville Student Movement, attending meetings at local churches—like his home church Gordon Memorial Methodist—and participating in lunch counter sit-ins. In 1961, he was one of 14 students expelled by the state after being arrested during 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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Modern Civil Rights Activists in Nashville  
1957-1964

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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Ratterman Row  
1223-1231 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

In 1842, 18-year-old George H. Ratterman arrived in Nashville from Germany. He became a successful merchant and built his residence at 1215 5th Ave N. Circa 1872, he built this row of two duplexes and a detached house for new German immigrants. A grant-funded restoration of these houses in 1984 was pivotal to the revitalization of Germantown.  
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Edward Stanley Temple  
1927-2016

Ed Temple coached women's track and field at Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State College from 1953-94. The Tigerbelles, a name given to the team by Temple, won 34 national championships. Forty Tigerbelles were Olympians, winning a combined 23 medals. Temple was head coach of the Olympic Women's Track and Field Team in 1960 and 1964, and assistant coach in 1980. He has been inducted into nine Halls of Fame and is one of only four coaches in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.  
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