



## Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

August 15, 2022  
12:00 p.m.

**Howard Office Building**  
Sonny West Conference Center  
700 Second Avenue South

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| <b>I. Call to Order and Welcome</b>  | <b>Lynn Maddox, Chair</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of July Minutes</b>  | <b>Lynn Maddox</b>        |
| <b>III. Historical Markers Review</b>  | <b>Jessica Reeves</b>     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ernest Rip Patton (updated text)</li><li>• Ratterman Row</li><li>• Ed Temple</li></ul> |                           |
| <b>IV. Guest Speaker: This Used to Be Nashville</b>  | <b>Jim Hoobler</b>        |
| <b>V. Director's Report</b>  | <b>Tim Walker</b>         |
| <b>VI. Historic Zoning Report</b>  | <b>Robin Zeigler</b>      |
| <b>VII. Other Business</b>   |                           |
| <b>VIII. Announcements</b>   |                           |
| <b>IX. Adjourn</b>   |                           |

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## Edward Stanley Temple

1927-2016

Location: Ed Temple Blvd. near John A. Merritt/ TSU campus

Edward Stanley Temple coached the legendary Tennessee State University Women's Track and Field team from 1950-1994. His Tigerbelle dynasty won 34 national championships. Forty Tigerbelle Olympians earned one or more academic degrees and won a combined 23 medals: 13 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze. Temple served as head coach of the U.S. Olympic Women's Track and Field Team in 1960 and 1964 and is one of only four coaches in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

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## Ernest Rip Patton

1940-2021

Location: Gordon Memorial Methodist (2334 Herman St.)

Ernest Rip Patton attended Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State University where he joined the Nashville Student Movement, attended meetings at local churches—including his own, Gordon Memorial Methodist—and participated in lunch counter sit-ins. In 1961, he was one of 14 students the state expelled after their arrests during the Freedom Rides. They all received honorary doctoral degrees from TSU in 2008. Dr. 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

Location: 1225 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N

In 1842, 18-year-old George Henry Ratterman arrived in Nashville from Bavaria. He became a successful grocer and merchant and built his residence at 1215 North Summer Street (now Fifth Ave. North.) Circa 1872, he erected 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. Ratterman Row is the only surviving example of a row development in Germantown.

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