

METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MHC)

MINUTES

October 17, 2022

The Metropolitan Historical Commission held a meeting at the Sevier Park Regional Community Center on October 17, 2022, with Commission Chair Lynn Maddox presiding.

Commissioners Present: Lynn Maddox, Linda Wynn, E. Menié Bell, Pamela Bobo, Jim Hoobler, Dr. Bill McKee, Gerry Searcy, E. Thomas Wood, and Larry Woods **were present.**

Staff Members Present: Tim Walker, Dustin Summers, Scarlett Miles, Caroline Eller, Jessica Reeves, and Ann Mikkelsen (Metro Legal) **were present.**

County Historian: Dr. Carole Bucy **was present.**

Guests Present: Bob Henderson, Joe Williams, and Dee Dee Byrd **were present.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME – *Lynn Maddox*

- a) Chair Maddox called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m. after verifying that a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Lynn Maddox*

- a) Chair Maddox presented the September meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner McKee made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Hoobler provided a second. The commission unanimously approved the September minutes.

III. GUEST SPEAKER – *Bob Henderson*

- a) PRESENTATION: Native American villages near Kelley's Point
 - i. TOPIC: A detailed history of archeological excavation/examination of Native American villages and cemeteries (stone box graves) and an American Civil War Naval site amidst impending commercial and residential development along the local Cumberland River area.
 - ii. Q/A: Commissioners inquired about a variety of discussed topics relative, but not limited to; the condition/relocation of Native American remains, proximity of homeless encampments to the site, federal assistance/involvement, and where the discovered antiquities are being kept.

IV. PROJECT UPDATE – *Scarlett Miles and Tim Walker*

- a) PRESENTATION: James C. Warner's Renraw House
 - i. TOPIC: Scarlett talked about the history of the Renraw House and the pending negotiations with developers about moving the house to another location on the Nashville Auto-Diesel College Campus to make way for a new building.
 - ii. Q/A: Commissioners inquired about a variety of discussed topics relative, but not limited to; the condition of the house inside/out, who will ultimately own the house, the proposed new location, the possibility of its demolition, and attempts to get it listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT– *Tim Walker*

- a) Director Walker updated the Commission on various projects that MHC is currently working on with the following key notes:
 - i. Dr. Marisa Richmond's official confirmation of appointment to the MHC on 10/18/2022.
 - ii. The narrowing down of selected candidates for the HP1-Archaeologist position.
 - iii. Sunnyside's renovation status: Gate/Site access details, equipment being moved on site, tree relocation/removal, and relative delays (i.e., sidewalk permits due to variance related matters).
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: The full MHC Director's Report was sent to MHC members on Friday, October 14th, 2022.

VI. HISTORIC ZONING REPORT – *Tim Walker*

- a) Director Walker updated the Commission on various projects that MHZC is currently working on with the following key notes:
 - i. Due to Robin Zeigler's absence, no MHZC Report was presented. Director Walker asked if there were any questions relative to the MHZC report that was detailed in his director's report, the MHC voiced no questions.

VII. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Chair Maddox extended a welcome to returning/reappointed MHC Commissioner's Linda Wynn, Dr. Clay Bailey, Jim Hoobler, and MHC's new Commissioner Larry Woods
- b) Commissioner Bell welcomed former MHC Commissioner Chris Cotton as a new MHZC Commissioner.
- c) Commissioner Bell noted that she attended a webinar with Robin Zeigler for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, which allowed an opportunity for them to showcase the work of the MHZC.

- d) Dr. Carole Bucy noted that Caroline Eller and herself have been working with staff of the Nashville Public Library and Metro Archives on a publication about the formation of the Metro Nashville Government for its 60th Anniversary.
- e) Commissioner Hoobler noted that it is the 200th Anniversary of the City Cemetery and that all Lantern Tours have been sold out.
- f) Director Walker noted that the next MHC meeting will be held at the Sonny West Conference Room on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Chair Maddox called for adjournment. The meeting ended at approximately 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Monday, November 21st, 2022

Dustin G. Summers