

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, February 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Sevier Park Community Center clubroom
3021 Lealand Lane, Nashville, TN 37204
(MASKS RECOMMENDED)

- I. New Business
 - a. Review proposed historical markers
 - i. Robert E. Lillard
 - ii. Warehouse 28
 - iii. St. Bernard Academy
 - iv. Bellevue High School
- 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 February 27, 2023, to determine whether to adopt the proposed marker. Options for public comment will be made available at the February 27 meeting.

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Robert Emmitt Lillard

Location: 1062 2nd Ave S

Funding: MHC (for NPS Civil Rights grant)

Robert E. Lillard (1907-1991) was a fireman at the city's first African American fire station, Engine Co. 11, until 1950 when he began practicing law full-time. In 1951, Lillard and attorney Z. A. Looby became the first African American council members elected since 1911. Lillard helped desegregate the Parthenon, worked to pass anti-discrimination laws, defended student sit-in protesters, and was a First Circuit Court judge. He lived and worked at this location from 1936 to 1972.

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Warehouse 28

Location: 2529 Franklin Pike

Funding: private

Steve Smith and Michael "Dolly" Wilson opened Warehouse 28 in April 1978. It began as a gay disco, but the Warehouse quickly attracted anybody, gay or straight, who wanted to dance. As the AIDS epidemic exploded, the Warehouse staged drag-show fundraisers that made possible the founding of Nashville CARES (Nashville Council on AIDS, Resources, Education and Services) in 1985. The bar closed in 1994. Smith died of AIDS-related causes in 1995.

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Saint Bernard Academy

Location: 2131 Bernard Avenue

Funding: private

Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) founded the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831 in Dublin, Ireland. In 1866, six Sisters of Mercy came to Nashville and opened St. Bernard Academy to 400 female students. St. Bernard Academy and Convent moved to 21st Avenue South in 1905, and added a wing with a chapel, cafeteria and sleeping quarters in 1924. The school became a private, co-educational, independent Catholic school in 1988 and in 2021 was recognized as a Mercy affiliate school.

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Bellevue High School

Location: 656 Colice Jeanne Rd.

Funding: private

Located at 656 Colice Jeanne Road, Bellevue High School opened in 1931 serving almost 100 students. The first graduating class was in 1933. A new high school opened across the street in 1970, and the former high school became a junior high. Bellevue High School closed in 1980, and the building was demolished in 1981. For the 50 years it stood, this school was the cornerstone of the Bellevue community and students recorded numerous academic and athletic achievements.

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