



METROPOLITAN
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Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Midtown Hills Police Precinct

1441 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome** **Linda Wynn**
- II. Davidson County Cemetery Survey, Phase II (Grant Project Update)**
Dr. Lydia Simpson, Senior Historian, New South Associates, Inc.
- III. Approval of August Minutes** **Linda Wynn**
- IV. Public Comment** **Linda Wynn**
- The Metropolitan Historical Commission holds a designated public comment period at the beginning of each meeting. Members of the public in attendance may provide comments to the Board or its Committees during this designated time. Anyone wishing to speak on behalf of or in opposition to an agenda item will be allotted two (2) minutes to make comments. No advance registration is required.
- V. VOTE: Executive Director Salary Increase** **Linda Wynn**
- **FY23 Approved Budget Salary Increase for MHC Director of \$25,000 – Vote on Effective Date of Increase (July 1, 2023)**
- VI. VOTE: Historical Markers** **Jessica Reeves**
- **“Woodmont”/Woodmont Christian Church Sanctuary 1949**
 - **Russ McCown (1929-1994) “Sir Cecil Creape”**
 - **Nashville Christian Institute 801 24th Ave N**
- VII. Director’s Report** **Tim Walker**
- VIII. MHZC Report** **Robin Zeigler**
- IX. Other Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Adjourn**

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Historical Markers, September 2023

Proposed by Woodmont Christian Church

Location: 3601 Hillsboro Pike

“Woodmont”

This four-story colonial residence was constructed in 1910 by Stone Stein for G.A. Puryear as a country home called “Woodmont.” It was built on the state’s first concrete road, Concrete Blvd. Woodmont Christian Church purchased this home in 1943 for \$37,500 to be used as a combination worship and education space and a parsonage. Today it houses administrative offices and preschool classrooms for the church.

410 characters and spaces

Woodmont Christian Church

Sanctuary 1949

Woodmont Christian Church was founded in 1943 as a mission of the downtown Nashville congregation Vine Street Christian Church, which traces its origins back to 1820. Noted Nashville architect Edwin Keeble designed this highly stylized classical church in 1949. The 220-foot-tall spire, engineered by the Nashville Bridge Company, overcame the low setting of the site and became the most recognized architectural feature of the area.

433 characters and spaces

Proposed by Larry Underwood

Location:

Russ McCown (1929-1994)

“Sir Cecil Creape”

“Did someone call?” With those words Russ McCown opened Creature Feature on WSM-TV from 1971-73, where he introduced late-night horror films as Sir Cecil Creape and instantly became a local celebrity. WSM, where McCown was a film editor, started a Sir Cecil fan club, and the Boy Scouts of America offered a “Sir Cecil’s Ghou! Patrol” patch. McCown revived the Sir Cecil character at a national level from 1983-85 on The Nashville Network (TNN) on The Phantom of the Opry.

472 characters and spaces

Proposed by Lipscomb University

Location: 24th and Batavia

Nashville Christian Institute

801 24th Ave N

A.C. Holt established Nashville Christian Institute in 1940 as a Church of Christ residential school for African American students. In 1942, the school became an elementary and high school offering a rigorous education rooted in the Bible. Dedicated faculty members including Holt, Marshall Keeble, Lucien Palmer and Willie Cato led NCI, educating over 500 students, including civil rights attorney Fred D. Gray. The school closed in 1967.

439 characters and spaces