



## Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2023  
12:00 p.m.

**Howard Office Building**  
Sonny West Conference Center  
700 President Ronald Reagan Way

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| <b>I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome</b> | <b>Linda Wynn</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of October Minutes</b>          | <b>Linda Wynn</b> |
| <b>III. Public Comment</b>                      | <b>Linda Wynn</b> |

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 about an agenda item will be allotted two (2) minutes to make comments. No advance registration is required.

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| <b>IV. Review/VOTE: Bylaws Revision</b> | <b>Linda Wynn</b>     |
| <b>V. VOTE: Historical Markers</b>      | <b>Jessica Reeves</b> |

- **Professor Bailey (1831-1917)**
- **Callie Guy House (1861-1928)**

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| <b>VI. Guest Speaker: Dr. Angela Sutton, Vanderbilt University</b><br><i>Pirates of the Slave Trade: The Battle of Cape Lopez and the Birth of an American Institution</i> |  |
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| <b>VII. Director's Report</b>       | <b>Tim Walker</b>    |
| <b>VIII. Historic Zoning Report</b> | <b>Robin Zeigler</b> |
| <b>IX. Other Business</b>           |                      |
| <b>X. Announcements</b>             |                      |
| <b>XI. Adjourn</b>                  |                      |

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## Historical Markers, November 2023

### Professor Bailey (1831-1917)

Location: 2000 Greenwood Ave.

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Born in Southampton County, Va., John E. Bailey, the namesake of Bailey School, found a vocation in music by 1850. He moved here from Lynchburg, Va. with his wife Julia Powell to serve as music director for City Schools from 1873 to 1917. He believed that all could read and sing music when one placed “the study within their reach.” With no budget, he went from school to school for 44 years, teaching the 18<sup>th</sup> century “singing schools” method to over 85,000 people.

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### Callie Guy House (1861-1928)

Location: 16085 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S

Funded by MHCF

Born enslaved in Rutherford County, Tenn., Callie Guy House led one of the earliest reparations movements, the National Ex-Slave Mutual Relief, Bounty, and Pension Association. Founded in 1894 by House and Isaiah Dickerson, the organization petitioned Congress to grant compensation to and provide aid for the burial expenses of formerly enslaved people. Their efforts led to the first major reparations lawsuit, *Johnson v. McAdoo*, in 1916. Her home stood near this site.

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