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August 19, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

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

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome Linda Wynn, Chair
- II. VOTE: July Minutes Linda Wynn
- III. Public Comment Linda Wynn  
The MHC 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.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Nina Scall, Director of Programs, Tennessee Wars Commission
- V. VOTE: Historical Markers Jessica Reeves
  - Pearl Creswell/ Creswell House (participatory budget)
  - Burton-Compton House (privately funded)
- VI. Marsha Trimble Historical Marker, Potential Locations Tom Wood
- VII. Director's Report Tim Walker
- VIII. Historic Zoning Report Robin Zeigler
- IX. Other Business
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjourn

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## Historical Markers, August 2024

### Pearl Sanders Creswell 1912-1994

Following her graduation from Fisk University in 1932, Pearl Sanders married fellow alum Isaiah T. Creswell (1902-1992) and settled on Fisk's campus. She worked at Fisk for 40 years curating the Alfred Stieglitz Collection at the Carl Van Vechten Gallery. Pearl also promoted the arts and other activities in the African American community. She co-founded Mother's Study Group that became a chapter of Jack and Jill of America and served on the board of the Nashville branch of the NAACP.

488 characters and spaces

### Creswell House

In 1963 Pearl and I.T. Creswell contracted architect Robert Anderson of Donald E. Stoll and Associates and interior decorator Stephen Ferris to design a house befitting their busy lifestyle. To make the most of their small lot near Fisk University's campus, the house was designed in the mid-century modern style, seldom seen in Nashville. The interior combines openness with elements to ensure privacy and features a slate floor entryway, atrium and unique built-in cabinets.

476 characters and spaces

### Compton-Burton House "Seven Hills"

In 1929 Andrew M. Burton, a founder of the Life and Casualty Insurance Co., and his wife, Lillie Armstrong, purchased a two-story Greek Revival house built c.1853 by Felix Compton. They renovated the house and added several outbuildings to the property. Following Lillie's death in 1981, the house and 192 acres were willed to David Lipscomb College (now Lipscomb University). The school sold the property—which became the Burton Hills development—in 1984, and the house was dismantled.

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Side 2 photo caption:

William Lucas sold half of his 1784 land grant to his brother Andrew in 1791. Andrew and his wife, Nancy Gower-Lucas, sold 100 acres to their son John in 1812, who built a log cabin here. Felix Compton, who held 34 enslaved people as of 1850, purchased the cabin and land in 1853. He built the house which was later used as Confederate General Walthall's headquarters. After the Battle of Nashville in December 1864, the house served as a Federal field hospital. The Compton and Burton families each lived here for 52 years.

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