

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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Metropolitan Historical Commission
October 21, 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: September Minutes Linda Wynn
- III. Public Comment Linda Wynn
The MHC holds a designated public comment period at 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: Jennifer C. Core, Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Society
- V. Historical Markers Jessica Reeves
 - Kossie Gardner Sr. (participatory budget)
 - Islamic Center of Nashville (participatory budget)
 - Dr. Robert Fulton Boyd (privately funded)
 - Dr. George Whipple Hubbard/ Dr. William J. Sneed (privately funded)
- VI. Director's Report Tim Walker
- VII. Historic Zoning Report Robin Zeigler
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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Kossie Gardner Sr. (participatory budget)

Kossie Gardner Sr.
1897-1990

Born Carthegegius Crosby, Kossie Gardner Sr. was a farmer and Pullman porter before becoming an undertaker. By 1925 he was the youngest funeral director in Nashville. Gardner moved the K. Gardner Funeral Home from a rented room downtown to 1511 Jefferson Street, where it continued for 64 years. He owned the K. Gardner Building at 419-421 4th Ave. N. and in 1953 established Gold Coast—Nashville's first African American subdivision. In 1958 he opened the Hills of Calvary cemetery.

Islamic Center of Nashville (participatory budget)

Islamic Center of Nashville

In the early 1970s local and international Muslims began meeting for weekly prayers at Vanderbilt University. By 1978 they established the Islamic Center of Nashville (ICN). In 1979, with help from Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens), the group bought a house on 12th Ave. S as a place of worship. In 1989 they demolished the house for Nashville's first built mosque, which later became a welcoming space for new arrivals from Kurdistan and around the world.

Dr. RF Boyd (Meharry funding)

Dr. Robert Fulton Boyd
1855-1912

Born into slavery in Giles County, R.F. Boyd earned degrees from Meharry's Medical (1882) and Dental (1886) departments. In 1887 he joined the faculty. In 1892, he was the first African American nominated to run for mayor of Nashville, as well as the Tennessee General Assembly. A founder of the National Medical Association of Colored Physicians and president of the People's Savings Bank and Trust Company, in 1900 Boyd founded Mercy Hospital as a training hospital for Meharry students.

Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Sneed (Meharry funding)

Side 1 (text with photo inset):

Dr. George Whipple Hubbard

1841-1924

George Hubbard joined the U.S. Army Christian Commission in spring 1864 and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland that August. In Nashville, he taught African American students and served as principal of the Bellview Public Colored School. After receiving his M.D. from Vanderbilt University, Hubbard helped form the Meharry Medical Department of Central Tennessee College, where he served as dean for 39 years (1876 to 1921).

Side 2 (text with photo inset):

Dr. William J. Sneed

1835-1907

Born in Brentwood, Tenn., W.J. Sneed received his M.D. from the University of Nashville then joined the Confederate Army as a surgeon. After the war, he returned to Nashville and taught at his alma mater before cofounding the Meharry Medical Department at Central Tennessee College. A master Mason and member of the Presbyterian Church, Sneed taught at Meharry for thirty years, from 1876 until his death.