

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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Metropolitan Historical Commission
November 18, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

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

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| I. | Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome | Linda Wynn, Chair |
| II. | VOTE: October Minutes | Linda Wynn |
| III. | Public Comment
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. | Linda Wynn |
| IV. | Historical Markers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mills and Zibart Bookstores (privately funded) | Jessica Reeves |
| V. | Ethics Training, Metro Legal | Ann Mikkelsen |
| VI. | Director's Report | Tim Walker |
| VII. | Historic Zoning Report | Robin Zeigler |
| VIII. | Other Business | |
| IX. | Announcements | |
| X. | Adjourn | |

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Historical Markers, November 2024

Mills-Zibart marker

Location: 700 block of Church Street

Side 1:

Mills Bookstore
711 Church Street

Reuben M. Mills established Mills Bookstore in 1892 at Fourth and Union, moving to various downtown locations before opening here in 1957. Daughter Adele Mills and her husband, Bernard Schweid, continued after he retired. They offered shelter, support and a telephone to students participating in the downtown 1960s sit-ins and fiercely opposed book banning. The bookstore left downtown in 1970, moving to various sites before closing in 1990, two years short of a century in business.

485 characters and spaces

Side 2:

Zibart's Books and Records
719 Church Street

In 1897 Sam and Lee Zibart, typesetters at *The American* in Printers Alley, opened Zibart Bros. News & Cigars on Cherry Street (Fourth Ave). By 1917 they operated 12 downtown shops and hotel newsstands. Zibart's flagship book and record store opened in 1933 and became a staple of Nashville cultural life and a hub for authors, entertainers, journalists, politicians and scholars. Lee's sons, Alan and Carl, added stores in Green Hills and Madison. The downtown store closed in 1970.

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