

## Tennessee Monuments and Memorials Commission

### Draft Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, the Tennessee Monuments and Memorials Commission met in person at Clover Bottom Mansion in Nashville, TN.

Members present were: Kent Collier, Stephen Hale, Dr. Anthony Hodges, Tiny Jones, Imogene King, and Jo Ann McClellan.

Staff members of the Tennessee Historical Commission present were: Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Patrick McIntyre; Senior Historic Preservation Attorney, Miranda Christy; Tennessee Heritage Protection Act and Outreach Coordinator, Caty Dirksen; and Dan Brown, State Historic Sites Program Director.

- A. **Call to Order:** Executive Director McIntyre called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. CDT. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the election of a Chair Pro-Tem, as Chairman Ketron was unable to attend the meeting. Miranda Christy explained the process. Tiny Jones nominated Dr. Anthony Hodges and Stephen Hale seconded. After a voice vote, the motion passed. Dr. Anthony Hodges welcomed the Commission and guests. Caty Dirksen called the roll, with six members present and three absent.
- B. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments for the meeting.
- C. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the previous Monuments and Memorials meeting held on July 31, 2023, were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting. Dr. Hodges asked if there were any corrections. There were no corrections to the minutes. Kent Collier motioned to approve the minutes and Imogene King seconded. After a voice vote, the motion passed.
- D. **Tennessee Heritage Protection Act: Metal Museum Petition:** A joint petition by the City of Memphis and the National Ornamental Metal Museum Inc was filed to relocate the statue "Ikon", which memorializes the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Overton Park.

Dr. Hodges read into the record Section H of the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act. The petition would allow the "Ikon" sculpture to be relocated along a new sculpture walk on the property. Dr. Hodges invited the Executive Director of the Metal Museum, Carissa Hussong, to make remarks.

Carissa Hussong stated that the museum has been working with the Federal Historic Tax Credit program of the Tennessee Historical Commission for their adaptive reuse project for the former Memphis College of Art building and grounds. As part of the ongoing work at the property the Metal Museum needs to move the statue, so that the plaza where it is located can be regraded for ADA accessibility.

Kent Collier moved to approve the joint petition and Imogene King seconded. After a voice vote, the motion passed. The Commission thanked the Metal Museum for their efforts to preserve the building.

- E. **Announcements / New Business:** Miranda Christy mentioned the need for the Monuments and Memorials Commission to adopt a set of bylaws. A draft will be sent to the Commission, and they will vote on this at the next meeting.
- F. **Adjournment:** Kent Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jo Ann McClellan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM CDT.