



Notice and Public Comment Instructions for the Tennessee Historical Commission

Tennessee Historical Commission meeting will be held October 20, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM EDT/ 8:00 AM CDT

Location: Rocky Mount State Historic Site

200 Hyder Hill Rd., Piney Flats, TN 37686

Join the meeting via internet link:

<https://tn.webex.com/tn/j.php?MTID=m77aa58027abccf84f04607a5672b317f>

Meeting Number: 2309 769 9952 Password: Oct23THC

Join the meeting via internet telephone:

(415) 655-0001

Public Comments NOT concerning the two waiver petitions on the agenda will take place during the regular portion of the meeting.

- An interested entity, group, or individual that wishes to provide a written comment prior to the meeting may do so by emailing the comment to: Ask.THCA@tn.gov
- To be considered by the Commission at this meeting, the comment must be received no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023.
- An interested entity, group, or individual that wishes to orally comment at this meeting must make their request by emailing Ask.THCA@tn.gov no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023. The request to comment must include the name of the interested entity, group, or individual. **Requesters MUST be present at the meeting.** The name of those who have requested to comment will be called in the order that requests were received. When the requesters name is called, the requester will come up to the podium and will have up to three minutes to comment.

Public Comments concerning the two waiver petitions on the agenda will take place during each respective hearing. Instructions to participate in each are:

Metro Nashville Fort Negley Petition for Waiver

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412 (c)(4) provides, in part, that: *“At the initial hearing, the commission shall determine which interested entities, groups, or individuals should be given written notice by the public entity, including copies of the petition and supporting reports.”* *Emphasis added.*

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412 (c)(6) provides, in part, that: *“An interested entity, group, or individual shall be afforded an opportunity to offer public comments regarding a petition for waiver at any commission hearing on a petition.”*

Note that the purpose of this initial hearing is solely to determine which interested entities,

groups, or individuals should be given written notice of the petition for waiver. Therefore, comments should be limited to that topic and not the merits of the petition for waiver.

An interested entity, group, or individual wishing to provide a written comment on Metro Nashville's Fort Negley petition for waiver may do so by emailing the comment to: Ask.THG@tn.gov. To be considered by the Commission at this initial hearing, the comment must be received no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023.

An interested entity, group, or individual wishing to orally comment at this initial hearing on Metro Nashville's Fort Negley petition for waiver must make their request by emailing Ask.THG@tn.gov no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023. The request to comment must include the name of the interested entity, group, or individual.

Requesters MUST be present at the meeting. If a requester is not present when their name is called, they will forfeit their opportunity to comment at this initial hearing on this petition for waiver. The name of those who have requested to comment will be called in the order that requests were received. When the requesters name is called, the requester will come to the podium and the requester will have up to three minutes to comment on this petition for waiver.

Middle Tennessee State University Forrest Hall Petition for Waiver

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An interested entity, group, or individual wishing to provide a written comment on Middle Tennessee State University Forrest Hall petition for waiver may do so by emailing the comment to: Ask.THG@tn.gov. To be considered by the Commission at this initial hearing, the comment must be received no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023.

An interested entity, group, or individual wishing to orally comment at this initial hearing on Middle Tennessee State University Forrest Hall petition for waiver must make their request by emailing Ask.THG@tn.gov no later than 10:00 AM CDT on October 17, 2023. The request to comment must include the name of the interested entity, group, or individual.

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