

SPRING HILL  
HISTORIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016  
6:00 P.M

Call meeting to order

Stipulation of members present

Consider Approval of the Historic Commission Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2015

*General Announcement – The procedural rules for public comment will be Audience members wishing to speak must be recognized by the Chairman.*

1. Comments of interested citizens

**New Business**

1. Consider Resolution 16-01, a Resolution to endorse and affirm support of a Tennessee Historic Commission Federal Preservation Grant application for St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
2. Continue Discussion of 2016 Historic Commission Goals and Strategic Planning
3. Round Table Discussion
4. Adjourn

***Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00PM***

**CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE  
HISTORIC COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 16-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL HISTORIC COMMISSION TO  
ENDORSE AND AFFIRM SUPPORT OF A TENNESSEE HISTORIC COMMISSION  
FEDERAL PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR ST. MARK UNITED  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of the City of Spring Hill Historic Commission to promote the preservation and protection of the physical character and quality of life in the city; to promote the educational, cultural civic awareness and general welfare of the city while providing a sense of commitment and continuity between the past and present through the encouragement of preservation and protection of historically significant sites and structures; and to foster civic pride and historic recognition through the preservation of the City's heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Spring Hill's Comprehensive Plan, "Spring Hill Rising: 2040", recommends the City ensure that historic and cultural resources are preserved to maintain the community's unique history and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Historic Commission administers the Historic Preservation Grant program made available through funds under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, under the Historic Preservation Grant program, owners or administrators of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) may apply for funds to restore or to plan for the restoration of these properties; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church (St. Mark's) located on Maury Hill Street in Spring Hill, Tennessee, circa 1900, is listed on the NRHP since 2000 and has been identified as the oldest standing Primitive Baptist Church in Maury County and one of the oldest in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mark's throughout its history has served at the center of community life for African-Americans in Spring Hill, as a church, and notably as a school for African-American children until 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mark's is in much need of physical restoration to be returned to its historic appearance as outlined in a report of "Physical Condition Assessment and Restoration Recommendations for St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church" completed in December 2006 under the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area (TCWNHA) administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU Center for Historic Preservation); and

**WHEREAS**, through assistance and guidance provided by MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, a new roof was installed in February 2007 in order to stabilize the structure and preserve the structure from further deterioration; and

**WHEREAS**, the African American Heritage Society of Maury County (AAHSMC), a registered non-profit agency under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which has a stated primary objective to preserve the heritage and history of African-Americans in Maury County, will be submitting a Historic Preservation Grant application on behalf of St. Mark's in an effort to continue the physical restoration and preservation of the structure that began in 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee Historic Commission hereby affirms and pledges its full support for a Tennessee Historic Commission Federal Preservation Grant Application request for St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church and requests the Tennessee Historic Commission give thoughtful consideration to the application submitted by the African American Heritage Society of Maury County.

**Passed and adopted by the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee Historic Commission, this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2016.**

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Secretary