## February 13, 2015 – NCPH 2015 Annual Meeting Hotel Update for Nashville

As a result of unprecedented early participation in the Nashville conference, our already large block of rooms at the conference hotel filled up beyond capacity a full month prior to the room rate deadline in March. The Sheraton would have allowed our block of rooms to grow past its contracted size, but due to a major city-wide festival, their hotel is sold out. Nearby hotels are also beginning to fill up and so NCPH has yet been unable to contract for a second block of rooms at a downtown hotel.

We suggest that you reserve a room today using a tool such as <u>Kayak</u>, <u>Trip Advisor</u>, <u>Expedia</u>, <u>Hipmunk</u>, or <u>Priceline</u> to find the best rate and location. As of 2/13, there a few hotels/motels within a mile of the Sheraton (623 Union Street) that have rooms for \$180 or less (Ramada, Comfort Inn, Clarion, Knights Inn), and several more a bit beyond that distance. Nashville's free <u>Music City Circuit</u> bus, and other public transit, can shorten the walk from outlying hotels and help you get to conference events.

Another option moving forward, is to think about sharing a room with someone you know who has a reservation, or to use our room share board on the Public History Commons to find a roommate: <u>http://publichistorycommons.org/conference/2015-home/2014-roommates/</u>

## Local Recommendations as of 2/16

As of 2/16 the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel Nashville has availability. It is 2 miles north of the downtown, but has a free shuttle to downtown locations: <a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumnashville/">http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumnashville/</a>

Another option is the Scarritt Bennett Center, a former college campus near Vanderbilt on the west side of the city. It offers inexpensive, basic dorm type rooms and is 2 miles from the Sheraton: <a href="http://www.scarrittbennett.org/accomodations/rooms-rates/">http://www.scarrittbennett.org/accomodations/rooms-rates/</a>

The Local Arrangements Committee also suggests AirBNB as a good resources showing several places for rent in the Music Row/Vandy area as well as East Nashville. Zoom into this map to explore: <a href="http://bit.ly/19wZp1U">http://bit.ly/19wZp1U</a>

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NCPH contracted a small block of rooms (\$179) at the Double Tree Nashville by the Airport located about 8 miles from the downtown.

## **Double Tree Suites by Hilton Hotel Nashville Airport**

2424 Atrium Way Nashville, TN 37214

To book a room in this block, call 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the NCPH or National Council on Public History block.

Information on transportation options between the airport and the downtown area can be found of page 8 of the preliminary *Program* PDF: <u>http://ncph.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2015-Annual-Meeting-Digital-Program-Web.pdf</u>