

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2014—7:30 AM
City Training Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ernie Bacon, Dianne Christian, David Eagan, Thomas Flagel, Sam Gant, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Jim Roberts, Jay Sheridan, Mike Skinner, Deborah Warnick, Sam Whitson

Staff Present: Amanda Hall, Deanna Scheffel, Meghan Scholl

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Minutes: February 13, 2014

Ms. Lewis moved to approve the February 13, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Minutes: March 13, 2014

Mr. Whitson moved for approval of the March 13, 2014 meeting minutes with the following corrections: the amount of the gun carriage proposal be changed from \$50,000 to \$60,000, and Blue & Gray Day date be changed from November 13th to November 14th. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Discussion of Federal Line Markers.

Ms. Hall stated the last time the commission met she explained that staff had met with TDOT to discuss placing markers in the state right-of-ways, and currently, there is not a process that would allow for the markers to be approved for that. Ms. Hall stated the only markers approvable are the TN Historical Commission type signs. Ms. Hall stated they are working on a process, but it is not ready yet. Ms. Hall stated in the meantime, she was directed to pursue local route signage, and she is working with the maps to identify the parcels where the signs would be placed to get the property owner names. Ms. Hall stated it was suggested to form a small group of commissioners to talk with the property owners about placing the markers.

Ms. Lewis questioned who would fund.

Ms. Hall stated she would prefer the City to fund since there is only a handful of local markers.

Discussion ensued of alternate temporary markers such as tape or small granite markers.

Mr. Flagel questioned if flags would work.

Mr. Jacobs stated temporary would look cheap.

Ms. Hall stated the next step is identifying property owners then discussing a maintenance agreement with the city.

Discussion of Gun Carriage Proposal.

Mr. Whitson stated they have met with Mr. Fred Prouty to put together a "draft" grant application and Ms. Hall has been helping us on that. Mr. Whitson stated Mr. Prouty suggested a non-profit apply for this grant. Mr. Whitson stated they have \$5,000 in donations already.

Ms. Hall stated if the City is being requested to help allocate funds toward the proposal that Franklin's Charge is submitting to the Tennessee Wars Commission, the City would like the BPC to consider the request and make a recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Alderman as to whether or not it is appropriate. Ms. Hall stated the request from Franklin's Charge is that the City allocate \$28,000 to help assist with the grant application process.

Mr. Whitson stated he thinks the commission should say that it requests that the City buy two of the four gun carriages and also all the money be given to the City to purchase the gun carriages so the City will own the gun carriages. Mr. Whitson explained the carriages would be about \$54,000, but they want to raise \$60,000 for signage and a plaque.

Mr. Whitson moved to request the City allocate \$28,000 in the City's new budget for two of the four Gun Carriages in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Mr. Gant seconded the motion.

Ms. Pearce questioned if the installation should be added. Ms. Pearce amended the motion to change the amount from \$28,000 to \$29,000 to include installation. Ms. Lewis seconded the amendment, and the amendment passed (13-0).

With the main motion having been made and amended, it passed unanimously (13-0).

Ms. Hall stated she would prepare a memorandum stating that the BPC is recommending the City allocate \$29,000.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws/Ordinance Amendments

Chair Sheridan stated they have been working on this for a couple months now concerning the organizational orientation being adjusted and the term structure.

Ms. Hall stated the draft will be submitted to BOMA sometime next month for consideration and that it will be two or three readings. Ms. Hall stated Chair Sheridan contacted the African American Society to see if they would be interested in joining the BPC and they are interested, especially Ms. Alma McLemore. Ms. Hall stated they would talk to Mayor Moore to let him know that organization is interested and explained it would be up to Mayor Moore to nominate someone.

Announcements and Other Business.

- **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Ms. Warnick stated they should have the final proof for the Sesquicentennial banners by tomorrow or Monday. Ms. Warnick stated if an event was being planned, please let the CVB know to put it on the Franklin 150th website.

Ms. Scheffel thanked everyone for helping with the trails and stated that tickets go on sale Friday at Harlinsdale for the Americana Music Festival.

Ms. Warnick named off several events for the Americana Music Festival.

Ms. Pearce stated Ms. Mariah Reddick's great, great, great grandson will be in Franklin on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3 and that there will be a reception at the Library with a tour to follow.

Ms. Pearce stated that the Tour of Homes would be hosted on June 7 & 8 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Acting Secretary