

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2014—7:30 AM**  
**City Training Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Dianne Christian, David Eagan, Thomas Flagel, Sam Gant, Mike Grainger, Robert Huff, Sam Huffman, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Jim Roberts, Jay Sheridan, Mike Skinner, Sam Whitson

**Staff Present:** Amanda Hall, Deanna Scheffel, Susan Coleman, Lisa Clayton, Meghan Scholl

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Chair Sheridan introduced Dianne Christian as the newest member of the commission and welcomed her.

**Minutes January 9, 2014.**

Ms. Lewis moved to approve the minutes as submitted for January 9, 2014 meeting. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Leadership Franklin Class project McLemore House Cell Phone Tour Stop & Rack Card.**

Ms. Clayton stated that she was not only the Parks Director but is also a new class member of Leadership Franklin this year and has brought a draft form of a cell phone tour rack card for the McLemore House before the commission today. Ms. Clayton stated that about three years ago, the Parks Department presented a program to this commission to share the story of Franklin. Ms. Clayton stated the Leadership Franklin class went to the McLemore Home. Ms. Clayton stated that the McLemore House and the Hard Bargain Community would like to be added to the Cell Phone Tour. Ms. Clayton stated she would like to get thoughts and blessing from this commission.

Ms. Pearce stated that the McLemore House is struggling to staff the tours right now.

Mr. Skinner moved to endorse Ms. Clayton's request. Mr. Flagel seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

**Discussion Regarding Federal Line Markers.**

Ms. Hall stated that the last time the commission met the more endorsed option discussed was a wood post that Mr. Whitson had designed and passed around. Ms. Hall stated she spoke with the directors of the Engineering, Streets, and Planning Departments to see how to proceed with seeking approval. Ms. Hall stated one major concern was the maintenance of the wood post

and was asked to provide the exact location of the markers due to the locations being pivotal to getting TDOT approvals.

Mr. Whitson suggested getting the markers set that do not need TDOT approval to get this project going.

Ms. Pearce suggested Mr. Huffman and Mr. Gant mark the sites not needing approval.

Chair Sheridan stated Mr. Jacobson is supposed to have the sites all laid out.

Ms. Hall stated 5 of the 8 thoroughfares given to her are state roads.

Mr. Gant passed around pictures of concrete markers and stated that he contacted four different organizations concerning bids for these markers. Mr. Gant stated he had wanted to do seek an estimate locally but found someone in New Orleans who gave him a phone quote of \$150 per marker, with \$2500 to make the model. Mr. Gant stated the total cost would be \$6500 to \$7000. Mr. Gant stated he felt they would do a good job for a good price.

Discussion ensued on shipping costs, etc.

Ms. Hall stated the next step after getting exact locations and deciding on the type of material to use, with estimates, she could move forward with staff to see if the project proposal could go through an administrative approval or whether it would need to go through BOMA as a sign package.

Mr. Grainger requested to know if a package could be put together for next meeting.

Mr. Huffman moved to move forward with Mr. Gant's proposal for concrete marker concept option. Mr. Grainger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Flagel suggested that the commission get a list of residents where these would be placed to get a go-ahead from them.

## **Announcements and Other Business.**

### **• Bylaws/Ordinance Amendments**

Chair Sheridan stated Ms. Margie Thessin has submitted her resignation and should be thanked for her service. Chair Sheridan stated he felt the change to the Bylaws/Ordinance changing Ms. Thessin's organization to a new one should be fairly simple and suggested adding the African-American Heritage Society.

Mr. Whitson moved to add the African-American Heritage Society organization to the commission. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Ms. Hall stated she would propose changing the term limits as well due to how some organizations are limited on members.

Ms. Pearce moved to amend Mr. Whitson's motion to include changing the by-laws to not have term limits. Mr. Grainger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (14-0).

With the main motion having been made and amended, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall explained the by-laws can be amended by the commission but that the ordinance sets up the commission make-up, which must go before BOMA.

- **Sesquicentennial Banners**

Chair Sheridan stated he had an update to present from Ms. Warnick and stated that the CVB needed \$15,000 to do the banners and that they have raised \$10,000 of the \$15,000 with just about every organization involved has pledging money. Chair Sheridan stated the question is whether we could use the Illumination budget the commission used to have of \$5,000 to make up the remainder of the money needed.

Mr. Skinner suggested to sit down with Mr. Stuckey to discuss.

Ms. Hall stated she would set up a meeting.

Mr. Skinner moved to investigate the City giving \$5,000 for the cost of the Sesquicentennial Banners and establish some representation to speak to Mr. Stuckey about this matter. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

- **Civil War Trust Park Day event**

Ms. Scheffel stated Civil War Trust Park Day event would be held April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

- **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Ms. Pearce stated on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Theater the 2013 CNN Hero of the Year, Chad Pregracke, who has dedicated his life to cleaning up the Mississippi River and other waterways, will be speaking. Ms. Pearce stated the governor will be there as well as a complimentary light breakfast.

Ms. Lewis stated February 22 is the TN Preservation Trust board meeting. Ms. Lewis stated there is a conference coming up that will be in West TN and that she will pass additional information when she gets it.

Mr. Skinner suggested putting on next month's agenda a discussion of gun carriages. Mr. Skinner stated they have found out that Mr. Fred Prouty with the TN Wars Commission has a \$30,000 matching grant opportunity.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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Acting Secretary