

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2014—7:30 AM
Eastern Flank Event Facility at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ernie Bacon, Dianne Christian, David Eagan, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Eric Jacobson (arrived at 7:42 am), Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Jim Roberts, Mike Skinner, JT Thompson, Sam Whitson, Jay Sheridan

Absent: Robert Huff, Mike Grainger, Deborah Warnick, Thomas Flagel

Staff Present: Amanda Hall, Susan Coleman, Deanna Scheffel

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

Minutes: July 10, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Bacon moved to approve July meeting minutes. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Discussion of Carter Hill Battlefield Park Master Plan Proposal

Ms. Stacy Watson with Franklin's Charge provided a presentation with a map & drawing showing an outline of the master plan with the properties adjacent to the Carter House, trails, green space, etc. Ms. Watson stated they could continue acquiring the land, but there has to be connectivity and signage done to let people know where they are and where they could go next. Ms. Watson noted there are not a lot of urban battlefield parks. Ms. Watson stated the official drawings will be coming in the near future.

Ms. Lewis requested to know what the price tag was.

Ms. Watson stated \$2.8 million to acquire the land and then additional monies for demolition of structures on acquired properties.

Ms. Pearce stated Mr. Ben Johnson prepared the drawings.

Discussion of Civil War Sign Audit

Ms. Hall stated the subcommittee would meet after this meeting to discuss photographing the Civil War signage that is currently around the city. Ms. Hall stated this would document what is currently out there and what should be out there.

Chair Sheridan stated it would make sense for the subcommittee to look at some sort of standard, brand to be used as we go forth.

Vice-Chair Whitson stated that could be step two after seeing what we already have.

Ms. Hall stated she just received yesterday a copy of the approved guidelines for gateway monuments and transportation art from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Ms. Hall stated this is the document that will allow for a type of approval for the Federal Line Marker product the commission hopes to put out on the city & state right of ways.

Announcements & Other Business

- **Parks Update**

Ms. Scheffel handed out a paper packet with a map, updates and photographs on what Parks has been doing at Eastern Flank and Fort Granger. Ms. Scheffel stated there was also an event schedule from the 2014 Tennessee Sesquicentennial Civil War Signature Event.

- **Historic Cemeteries Update**

Ms. Hall stated the Federal Preservation grant money received from the TN Historical Commission has allowed the City to hire Chicora Foundation, out of Columbia, SC, to do a preservation and maintenance plan for the Resthaven and City cemeteries. Ms. Hall stated the report should be available by November.

Ms. Scheffel stated the DAR group is getting quotes to restore the Dudley monument and once the quote is received and the City has the preservation report, there will be a process put in place for letting individuals who want to fund and do restorations in the cemetery.

- **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Vice-Chair Whitson stated Ms. Harriett Harms has taken on the task of sending out letters to the hospital sites and the city should recognize all the work she is doing.

Vice-Chair Whitson stated the gun carriages have been ordered.

Ms. Pearce stated the Masonic Hall wants to hold a reception for the dedication ceremony for the gun carriages.

Chair Sheridan passed out rack cards from Convention & Visitors Bureau for the 150th and noted there have been articles published in several magazines.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Acting Secretary