

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2015—7:30 AM
City Training Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Sam Whitson, Mike Skinner, Sam Huffman, Sam Gant, Alma McLemore, Ernie Bacon, Dianne Christian, Thomas Flagel, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce (arrived 7:45)

Absent: Robert Huff, Eric Jacobson, Mike Grainger, JT Thompson, Jay Sheridan, Jim Roberts, Deborah Warnick, David Eagan

Staff Present: Amanda Hall, Susan Coleman, Deanna Scheffel

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

Minutes: December 11, 2014 Meetings

The minutes were not available to be considered.

Discussion of Carter Hill Battlefield Park Master Plan Proposal

Chair Whitson stated Ms. Clayton understands the commission's concern when it talks about the ratio of active, passive, and historic parks. Chair Whitson stated Ms. Clayton is sensitive to that and requested to know from Ms. Scheffel if the commission would be allowed to review the draft Comprehensive Master Plan.

Ms. Scheffel stated yes, that she did not think that would be a problem. Ms. Scheffel stated Dr. Crompton will be at the Breakfast with the Mayor and suggested everyone come.

Ms. Lewis stated she felt we need to keep letting people know why this commission does what it does.

Chair Whitson stated Ms. Clayton sent an email and stated classifications will be counted into overall park acreage, historic parks, but will not be counted in the level of service that directly is linked to growth of population. Chair Whitson stated they are sensitive our concerns.

Ms. Pearce stated she hopes that works. Ms. Pearce stated she has had several people who stated it should not be connected to us and explained.

Chair Whitson stated the key is when meetings are held, this commission needs to show up.

Ms. Pearce stated we should look at other communities with battlefield land.

Consideration of 2014 Accomplishments & 2015 Goals

Chair Whitson stated each member needs to collect what all our individual groups did over the year and be thinking about goals for 2015.

Ms. Hall stated she wasn't able to type up everything, but she has some she has written down and we can consider the goal options next month and to please email her any you have to include.

Chair Whitson stated he wanted to sequence the presentation to BOMA with the Carter Hill Battlefield Park.

Ms. Hall stated the first thing is the creation of the Historic Cemeteries Preservation & Maintenance Plan that will be going to BOMA soon. Ms. Hall stated that the commission also supported allocation of city funds for the Eley tract, it supported allocation of funding to purchase Civil War land through the Civil War Trust partnership, it endorsed the concept of the Carter Hill Battlefield Park in a public/private partnership, it edited the commission ordinance to include the African American Heritage Society, and it removed term limits for organizational representatives.

Chair Whitson stated over the year he would like to allocate five minutes to each organization at each meeting and it would one per meeting.

Ms. Hall stated the commission has supported the grant initiative for pursuance of ground penetrating radar detection at both cemeteries and the grant was recently awarded. Ms. Hall stated the commission supported the McLemore phone tour and rack cards, the sesquicentennial banners, the cannons on the square initiative, and it assisted with interpretative signage at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Ms. Hall stated she is open for any suggestions for 2015 goals. Ms. Hall stated she would type up the current list and send out.

Mr. Bacon requested to know if the work groups should get going.

Chair Whitson suggested it be added to next month's agenda that the sign survey committee will meet.

Mr. Huffman suggested adding the progress made on the federal trench line markers to the agenda and to include it as a goal for 2015.

Ms. Scheffel stated they were underway with signage at Fort Granger. Ms. Scheffel stated a grant application was submitted.

Announcements & Other Business:

Ms. Lewis stated there is an event at the Tennessee State Museum concerning blue and grey painting for the Civil War and suggested everyone go to it.

Discussion ensued on what to do with all the left over Illumination candles.

Chair Whitson requested Mr. Bacon give an update on the strip mall.

Mr. Bacon stated the strip mall is down and now they are waiting on Dominos being able to move into their new building. Mr. Bacon stated the city will put in topsoil when everything is done with moving and tearing down.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Acting Secretary