

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2015—7:30 AM**  
**City Training Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Dianne Christian (arrived 7:38), David Eagan, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Mike Grainger, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Jim Roberts, Mike Skinner, Deborah Warnick (arrived 8:10), Sam Whitson, JT Thompson, Alma McLemore, Eric Jacobson (arrived 7:40), Thomas Flagel

**Staff Present:** Amanda Hall, Susan Coleman

Chair Whitson called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

**Minutes: February 12, 2014 Meetings**

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

**Discussion of Carter Hill Battlefield Park Master Plan Proposal**

Mr. Grainger stated he and Ms. Hall, as well as others, were in a meeting last week for preparation for the March 24<sup>th</sup> BOMA meeting, discussing the overall plan for transfer of land and the city cost for maintaining these parks. Mr. Grainger stated this was a very successful meeting.

Chair Whitson requested to know if there were any more comments, and no one commented.

Mr. Jacobson stated he had an update on the gym. Mr. Jacobson stated Rep. Jack Johnson brought it up in a Senate hearing yesterday, and Rep. Yeager is supportive of getting it included in the supplemental budget.

Chair Whitson stated he was going to try and get the Mayor, along with others, to walk through the gym and see its condition.

Mr. Jacobson stated he has been talking about the funding of the demolition of the gym, which was estimated at \$540,000 at one point. Mr. Jacobson stated it was the number one capital project request on the Tennessee Historical Commission list, but it was cut from the budget before it ever left the Governor's office. Mr. Jacobson stated it is now back on the radar due to Rep. Johnson bringing it back up for attention.

**Discussion of Upcoming Commission Update to March 24<sup>th</sup> BOMA Work Session.**

Chair Whitson stated this would be kept simple and asked Ms. Hall to pass around copies of the PowerPoint. Chair Whitson stated he wanted to show photos of this team in action and stated if there is something that needs to be added to let him know. Chair Whitson stated some of the priorities for this year were discussion of the Carter Hill Battlefield Park, the Columbia Avenue

Design Standards, conducting a sign survey, the federal line markers, and demonstrating support for the City Parks Master Plan and Historic Cemetery Preservation Plan. Chair Whitson stated the BOMA Work Session meeting starts at 5 pm.

Ms. Pearce requested to know if there was anything on the archeological dig.

Ms. Hall stated she would look and see.

Ms. Lewis suggested including the hospital flags and the Masonic Temple.

Ms. Pearce requested to know if anything on the tourism dollars was added.

Chair Whitson stated if Ms. Pearce would send them something, they would add it.

Ms. Hall explained the agenda is already due and the presentation must be finalized ASAP.

### **Consideration of 2015 Commission Goals**

Chair Whitson stated there needed to be a motion to endorse goals for 2015. Chair Whitson stated the Carter Hill Battlefield Park, the sign survey, federal line markers, and support for the African American Museum.

Ms. Pearce made a motion to add the Columbia Avenue Design Standards. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion passed (15-0).

Ms. Pearce made a motion to approve the listed goals with the amendment. Mr. Gant seconded the motion, and the motion passed (15-0).

### **Organizational Announcements**

- **5-minute spotlight : SUV/SCV**

Mr. Gant gave a brief presentation of Sons of the Union Veterans of Civil War, stating that it is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought to save the Union in the American Civil War. Mr. Gant stated it began in 1881 and was chartered by Congress in 1954. Mr. Gant stated there are 200 base camps, they have bi-monthly meetings, and there are 6,360+ members nationwide. Mr. Gant explained the requirements needed in order to be a part of this organization and stated a few of the events they are and have been involved with.

Mr. Eagan stated the Sam Davis Camp Number 1293 was chartered in 1967 and that today the camp has around a 115 members and meets monthly in Brentwood. Mr. Eagan stated the camp has a website and newsletter. Mr. Eagan stated SCV is a direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and was organized in 1896. Mr. Eagan stated the SCV serves as a historical, patriotic, non-political organization dedicated to ensuring the true history of 1861-1865 period is preserved. Mr. Eagan stated there are about 35,000 members nationwide with the headquarters being located in Columbia, Tennessee.

Ms. Pearce stated she would do a 5-minute spotlight on the Heritage Foundation next month.

### **Announcements & Other Business:**

Mr. Jacobson requested to know what kind of trees were planted at Eastern Flank in what they are calling the Grove.

Ms. Hall stated she could find out.

Mr. Eagan stated in May the Sons of American Revolution will be doing a grave dedication in the old City Cemetery and would give more information at next meeting.

Ms. Lewis mentioned that from April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Tennessee Preservation Trust is having its annual conference in Chattanooga, TN. Ms. Lewis reminded everyone to come to the Tennessee State Museum to see exhibits.

Ms. Pearce stated Domino's pizza will be served on the day of demolition of the Domino's Pizza building. Ms. Pearce stated this may happen in April.

Mr. Jacobson stated the Franklin Theater will be playing Steven Spielberg's movie "Lincoln" on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Mr. Jacobson stated this was a really great movie.

Ms. McLemore stated on June 20<sup>th</sup> they would having their Juneteenth Celebration honoring Mr. Tommy Murdic this year at the McLemore House Museum.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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Acting Secretary