

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2015—7:30 AM
Training Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ernie Bacon, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Clay Perry, Mike Skinner, Sam Whitson, Jim Roberts, David Eagan, Dianne Christian, Mary Pearce

Staff Present: Brian Walker, Susan Coleman, Amanda Hall, Emily Hunter, Andrew Orr, Joey Bryan, Bob Martin

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

Minutes: November 11, 2015 Meetings

Mr. Skinner moved to approve the November 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Consideration of 2016 Meeting Dates

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the 2016 Meeting Dates calendar. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Consideration of 2016 Chair & Vice-Chair

Mr. Skinner moved to nominate Mr. Whitson as 2016 Chair. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Mr. Skinner moved to nominate Mr. Bacon as 2016 Vice-Chair. Mr. Whitson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Discussion of Plan of Action for Historic City & Rest Haven Cemeteries

Mr. Walker passed around an aerial photograph of the cemetery. Mr. Walker stated that with the cemetery assessment and ground penetrating radar survey done, the Parks Department is assessing the need to restore some of the monuments, boxes, etc., to stabilize them. Mr. Walker stated the City Cemetery is in worse shape than Rest Haven and that the Parks Department would like to start with the City Cemetery first. Mr. Walker explained they would begin at the front near 4th Avenue North and work backward. Mr. Walker requested that this commission communicate with BOMA to help get funding in the upcoming budget.

Ms. Hall stated she would be applying for grants as well.

Ms. Pearce suggested collecting brochures from other cemeteries for ideas.

Consideration of Recommendation for Proposed Amendments to the Columbia Avenue Overlay Standards.

Mr. Martin explained that the Planning Department was in the process of updating the Land Use Plan and accompanying that is a plan to update the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Martin stated some areas of the City are more sensitive than others and that the Columbia Avenue corridor is one of those areas.

Mr. Orr stated the goals for today are to review the standards and proposed changes and that he would like to wrap up anymore changes by the end of next week so as to have the final version ready for January 14th BPC meeting. Mr. Orr presented a PowerPoint and explained that the last update to the Columbia Avenue Standards was done in 2008. Mr. Orr showed the various slides with proposed changes.

Discussion ensued on CAO1 through CAO5, with the commission offering suggestions.

Mr. Orr stated they would be back with the final version for review by this commission in January.

Organizational Announcements

Ms. Hall stated Mr. Grainger was reappointed for another term.

Ms. Pearce stated Dickens of a Christmas event was this weekend.

Mr. Bryan passed out a draft of the commission's accomplishments for review.

Mr. Whitson stated the Carter House Association is no more and that the Carnton Associations is no more as well. Mr. Whitson stated these two associations were combined into one called the Battle of Franklin Trust.

Ms. Pearce stated there is a Section 106 Review currently underway in respect to the Reid Lovell property, and Ms. Pearce explained.

Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Acting Secretary