

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 2016—7:30 AM
Training Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dianne Christian, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Alma McLemore, Mike Skinner, Ernie Bacon, Sam Whitson, Clay Perry, Pam Lewis, Jim Roberts

Staff Present: Bob Martin, Amanda Hall, Joey Bryan, Brian Walker

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

Minutes: May 12, 2016 Meeting

Ms. Lewis moved to approve the May 12, 2016, meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion and the motion passed 10-0.

Update on Improvements to Ft. Granger and Carter's Hill Parks

Mr. Walker stated they placed sixteen signs at Fort Granger requesting people stay off the earthworks because they are trying to change people's minds of Fort Granger and see it as a historical site. Mr. Walker stated at the City Cemetery they have removed the old fence and cleaned out the fence row to get ready to be replaced. Mr. Walker stated at Carter Hill they had to remove four trees and have smoothed out some of the rough areas and will be reseeding the entire site to get a better turf standing. Mr. Walker stated the new fence is being put up and after that is complete there will be pedestrian openings cut off Columbia and Cleburne. Mr. Walker stated they have received quotes for the trails and hopefully will start in the spring.

Update on Current Planning Projects

Ms. Rose requested everyone look at the two pages that were handed out of the elevations and site plan of the proposed Taco Bell building to be located in Longview Subdivision. Ms. Rose stated there has not been a meeting yet to advise her on how this was moving along and did not have any comments as of yet.

Ms. Lewis requested to know if this group could weigh in on signage.

Ms. Rose stated the elevations that was first submitted has been changed to take off the signage due to the signage being reviewed by a different group. Ms. Rose stated a comment could certainly be provided for more sensitive signage, but there could be no additional requirements other than what is provided in the Zoning Ordinance for the Columbia Avenue Overlay.

Mr. Bacon requested to know the status of the plot of land that was to be set aside.

Ms. Rose explained it is designated an open space lot and would be to the left of this project.

Mr. Bacon requested to know if this would be given some type of historical recognition.

Discussion ensued on the fact this area needed interpretation.

Ms. Rose stated yes and the land planner is very sensitive to this being a designated open space. Ms. Rose pointed out the location of the open space and explained there would be an easement that would connect to

Merrill Drive that is a private street. Ms. Rose stated she would be happy to speak with Mr. Baumgartner, planner for project, and state your concerns.

Mr. Skinner spoke on the rock wall that exists there.

Ms. Rose stated she would contact the Engineering Department to see if someone could come speak to this commission on the intended site design for Columbia Avenue or at least get some information for the commission.

After discussion Mr. Bacon made a motion to have the following comments added to the project review:

- Use of context-sensitive signage with muted colors;
- Use of context-sensitive lighting;
- Incorporate period-appropriate stone into the building's architecture (i.e. stone that is similar to the stone wall that runs along Columbia Ave. elsewhere within the development);
- Concentration of landscaping along the property boundary shared with the designated open space lot;
- Construction of a stone wall along front property line that is emulative of the historic stonewall that runs along Columbia Ave. elsewhere within the development; and
- Ms. McLemore and Ms. Lewis will work with Ms. Rose in developing a recommendation

Mr. Clayton seconded the motion and the motion passed 10-0.

Update on Federal Line Markers Proposal

Ms. Rose stated it was decided a request will be made at the FMPC/BOMA work session for 10 sets of line markers at the August 23, 2016 meeting.

Organization Announcements

Ms. Rose stated the Federal Preservation Grant Program made its announcement recently and our request has been approved to have 14 of the markers restored and explained the cost. Ms. Rose stated she also applied for a grant to resurvey the downtown National Register District and it was approved as well.

Mr. Huffman showed a picture of the Werthen property.

Ms. McLemore thanked everyone for their support of the Juneteenth Celebration as well as the city. Ms. McLemore stated they have an upcoming event on Saturday for the Tom Murdic Scholarship Fund. Ms. McLemore stated they are working on the opening of the McLemore House and noted Ms. Warnick is working with them on this and everyone here will be notified.

Mr. Skinner stated BOMA was in the midst of picking projects for funding of the next ten years and explained. Mr. Skinner stated one item on there was the widening of Columbia between Fowlkes and Downs Boulevard into three lanes.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Acting Secretary