

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2017—7:30 AM
Training Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Deborah Warnick (arrived at 8:07), Ernie Bacon (arrived at 8:07), Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Alma McLemore, Mike Skinner, Pam Lewis, Rachael Finch, David Eagan, Mary Pearce, Rich Buckner, Thomas Cartwright

Staff Present: Amanda Rose, Joey Bryan, Brian Walker, Emily Hunter

Call to Order

Chairwoman Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes: January 12, 2017 Meeting

Mr. Huffman moved to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Ms. McLemore seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Update on Federal Line Markers Proposal

Mr. Bryan stated he has been working on the maps he presented at the previous meeting and the Engineering Department is ready to approve them. The marker locations along state routes will then be sent to TDOT for final review and approval. Mr. Bryan projected 3 locations he needed input on. Mr. Bryan explained they would need to potentially look for alternate locations to place the signs so they are not on private property, but within the defined right-of-way.

Update from Parks Department

Mr. Walker stated that the last of the bollards have been installed along the walkway at the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. Mr. Walker stated they will be meeting with Mr. Cullen to discuss the donation of the cannons. Mr. Walker stated that there may be as many as three cannons installed by this summer. Mr. Walker stated that several hazardous trees have been removed from Ft Granger. Mr. Walker stated the new signs are at Fort Granger and will be installed soon.

Ms. Warnick stated we need to be consistent with future signage.

Ms. Rose stated she, Mr. Walker and Ms. Amy Herron met with the group that volunteered to work on the Parks donation policy. Ms. Rose stated she and Ms. Herron are working on a donation policy and would bring before this commission at a later date to review.

Discussion of 2017 Goals

Ms. Rose stated she received a few emails with suggested goals. Ms. Rose stated at one time the Commission discussed creating a program to work with boy and girl scouts to visit our historic parks and possibly develop that into a merit badge. Ms. Rose stated there is an opportunity to finish our line markers project and the City has a City Cemetery restoration project under way. The project will restore

sixteen markers through a state grant and additional money from the City may be able to restore three to five more markers. Ms. Rose stated another goal to consider would be to develop a media event around the new signage at Fort Granger and future signage at Carter Hill Park as well. Ms. Rose stated an additional goal is working on being more active with sharing our activities and accomplishments with the BOMA. Ms. Rose stated she is working to develop a strategic planning session for this commission.

Chairwoman Lewis stated Mayor Moore has told her he would like to hear more from this commission.

Ms. Rose stated Chairwoman Lewis suggested doing a photo submission campaign for our Parks Department. Ms. Rose stated she usually does a photo contest in May to celebrate National Preservation Month and explained how it worked. Ms. Rose stated maybe we could tie the parks campaign in with this campaign.

Ms. Warnick stated she would also like it to tie in to the Art Scene.

Discussion ensued how to develop the photo campaign.

Chairwoman Lewis suggested having more of a presence at local events and festivals.

Mr. Gant stated that the Shiloh Battlefield National Park has a donation program that gives cannons to municipalities and non-profits. The grantee must provide the carriages for the guns. Mr. Gant stated he would like the Commission to investigate this as a possibility for Ft. Granger.

Discussion of January BPC motion re: HPO

Mr. Bacon stated this has been discussed before and now after conversation with Ms. Pearce he would like to discuss it with the Commission further.

Ms. Pearce stated that the development of Carters Court is in play and the Barker property is in the process of being conveyed to the heirs. Ms. Pearce stated there is going to be changes in that area coming and we need to give this area the same consideration towards development as the downtown area receives.

Ms. Rose projected the area in question and showed the existing overlay area. Ms. Rose explained the overlays and the Columbia Avenue corridor area.

Discussion ensued on the properties around the Carter House.

Ms. Rose stated there was a motion made at the last meeting and requested to know if Mr. Bacon would like to amend that motion.

Mr. Bacon stated he would like for Ms. Rose to have a conversation with Mr. Jacobson about this.

Ms. Rose stated she would.

Ms. Rose stated there is also a sign survey and maybe this information could be vetted to the Parks Department, etc.

Commission Organizational Announcements

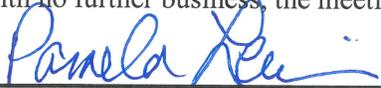
Chairwoman Lewis stated on April 19th there will be a dedication of the Interpretative Panels at the McLemore House.

Ms. Warnick stated the installation of the African American and women's historical markers had been delayed.

Mr. Skinner stated the CWRT would be meeting this Sunday at 3 pm at the Masonic Hall for a presentation about the history of slaves from Franklin who serve on both sides of the Civil War.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.



Acting Secretary