

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

Present: Deborah Warnick, Ernie Bacon, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Alma McLemore, Mike Skinner, Pam Lewis, Rachael Finch, David Eagan, Mary Pearce, Rich Buckner, Thomas Cartwright, Tim Stillings, Clay Perry

Staff Present: Amanda Rose, Joey Bryan, Brian Walker, Susan Coleman

Call to Order

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

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Mr. Skinner moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion.

Mr. Gant requested to include in the goals section of the minutes his suggestion of pursuing a donation of two cannons from the Shiloh National Battlefield.

Mr. Skinner moved to amend the minutes to include Mr. Gant's suggestion of pursuing the two cannons. Ms. Pearce seconded the amendment, with the motion having been amended the motion passed 13-0.

Consideration of 2017 Goals

Mr. Bacon arrived at 8:07.

Ms. Rose stated we discussed 2017 Goals at the last meeting, but lost the quorum prior to approving them. Ms. Rose stated she has requested in the Planning budget a strategic planning session later this year and with the session we can plan a three to five year strategy with long term goals.

Mr. Skinner stated the cannons will need to be budgeted due the significant amount.

Ms. Rose stated she will need to speak with Mr. Stuckey about this to see where we are on this.

Mr. Huffman noted the guns do not have to be picked up immediately, but do need to be secured.

Ms. Pearce stated she would like to add as a general statement to the goals regarding the ongoing preservation efforts of historic Civil War resources.

Ms. Rose stated agreed.

Chairwoman Lewis suggested that the Commission provide BOMA with more updates and their activities.

Ms. McLemore stated she would like to establish an annual African American history tour.

Mr. Skinner moved to approve the 2017 Goals. Mr. Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed 14-0.

Update on Federal Line Markers Proposal

Mr. Bryan stated the Engineering Department has approved the maps and was hoping to submit the application to the State, but there was an unexpected issue. Mr. Bryan stated the request for markers on state property must go before the Excess Lands Committee and the committee only meets every other month and the next meeting is in May. Mr. Bryan stated we can proceed with contacting interested property owners for markers along City roads. Mr. Bryan stated he will draft up some literature on how the project works.

Ms. Rose stated they will be talking to people here in the City on how best to notify people about the markers and see if they are consenting to having one of the markers abutting their property. Mr. Rose asked if anyone would like to help with this.

There were several who offered their help.

Discussion of Cannons on the Square Interpretative Signage

Chairwoman Lewis stated she would like an update on this since it has been ongoing for three years.

Ms. Warnick requested to know the proposed location of the signs.

Mr. Huffman stated around the outside walk some place, but not in the center.

Discussion ensued on placement and possibility of front and back signage.

Mr. Huffman stated there are several drafts for the sign, but no final draft. Mr. Huffman stated maybe Mr. Rick Warwick should weigh in on this.

Ms. Pearce stated he is the official Williamson County Historian.

Chairwoman Lewis stated Mr. Warwick should already have an early draft in his files.

Ms. Pearce moved Mr. Rick Warwick, the Williamson County Historian, to review and approve the copy of a two-sided marker. Mr. Stillings seconded the motion and the motion passed 14-0.

Parks Department & Organization Announcements

Ms. Rose stated Mr. Grainger has resigned from the commission due scheduling conflicts and really values what this groups does. Ms. Rose stated we are now down two commissioners. Ms. Rose stated she was wondering if it would be agreeable to this group to reduce the number from an eighteen to a sixteen-member group. Ms. Rose stated this would not affect the ten preservation organizations that are currently standing on this commission. Ms. Rose stated this would require an ordinance amendment and she would be happy to do that.

Discussion ensued on whether the change is wanted or needed.

Mr. Bacon stated the term limits should be reconsidered and added to the modifications being discussed.

Ms. Rose stated she would have to discuss the term limits with Mayor Moore.

Mr. Perry moved to amend the ordinance to have 16 members. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion and the motion passed 13-0.

Mr. Walker requested everyone look at the handout with current concrete pads of the cannons on the square and stated they would like to expand that footprint that is shown on the other hand out. Mr. Walker explained the reason being for safety and to have something more appealing where the cannons are the main focal point. Mr. Walker showed a couple of options.

Discussion ensued on different options.

Ms. Finch moved to contact Jim Lewis at Stones River National Park for guidance on material design for cannon pads. Mr. Buckner seconded the motion and the motion passed 14-0.

Ms. Pearce requested to have a site visit to the City Cemetery with Mr. Walker to see the work being done the markers.

Mr. Walker and Ms. Rose stated that could be arranged.

Ms. Pearce stated the Heritage Foundation is calling for Preservation Awards and you can go online to nominate someone or a specific project.

Mr. Skinner stated there will be a roundtable meeting this Sunday concerning Civil War flag preservation.

Chairwoman Lewis stated the Tennessee State Museum will be opening next year.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Acting Secretary