

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2017—7:30 AM
Training Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ernie Bacon, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Mike Skinner, Pam Lewis, Rachael Finch, Rich Buckner, Clay Perry, Sam Whitson, Thomas Cartwright, Tim Stillings

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

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Minutes: May 11, 2017

Mr. Bacon moved to approve the May 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Perry seconded the motion, and the motion passed 10-0.

Update from Civil War Sign Subcommittee & Consideration of Subcommittee Recommendations

Ms. Rose stated the sign subcommittee met on June 28th, and she has passed out some information from the 2008 Wayfinding Signage program to review. Ms. Rose stated the subcommittee is recommending to be cohesive on how to get people to the Mack Hatcher area, and then she addressed the I-65 signage. Mr. Bryan projected photos of the signage. Ms. Rose stated one of the main points of discussion was whether to name any new signs “Historic Sites” or “Civil War Sites.” Ms. Rose stated they need more consensus on the naming. Ms. Rose stated there was conversation on getting tourists to the Visitors Center, at which they could get more information.

Chairwoman Lewis suggested using “Historic Sites” and explained it would provide a bigger umbrella.

Mr. Whitson stated “Civil War Sites” are what makes us unique and we could lose that branding if “Historic Sites” is used.

Mr. Perry suggested using both.

Chairwoman Lewis introduced Ms. Bari Beasley as the new Heritage Foundation representative.

Discussion ensued where signage should be located and what could be printed on the signs.

Ms. Rose stated that she wanted to let everyone know there is a task group looking at City-wide signage currently.

Discussion & Consideration of Expansion of the Historic Preservation Overlay (HPO) District to include Additional Properties on Columbia Avenue

Ms. Rose stated that the commission asked her to research this issue and that she wanted to give everyone an update about this item. Ms. Rose projected photographs of the areas considered and areas already in the overlay. Ms. Rose explained that she reached out to the property owners to see if there was any interest in being placed into the Historic Preservation Overlay. Ms. Rose stated she reached out to the representative of the property owner for the Williamson Herald site but had a difficult time finding someone to contact and received no response. Ms. Rose stated that the attorneys for the Carter's Court property owners sent correspondence to state that the owners had no interest in their property being placed into the overlay. Ms. Rose stated it is now up to the Commission to decide if it wants to proceed with this overlay request.

After discussion, Mr. Bacon moved the Battlefield Preservation Commission not proceed any further on the previous request of adding additional properties to the Historic Overlay. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion carried 10-0.

Other Business

Mr. Walker stated that the stone in the Federal Line Marker area at Carter's Hill has been switched out and the signs for Carter's Hill has been approved and sent to be fabricated. Mr. Walker stated the signage should be in place before November. Mr. Walker stated some of the restoration at the City Cemetery has been awarded to a company and that staff is waiting on them give us a date of when they plan to start. Mr. Walker stated he has funds to possibly do some stone wall repairs and will be seeking grants to help as well.

Organization Announcements

Mr. Bacon stated the cannon committee for Cannon's on Carter's Hill Park has received \$40,000 from the Tennessee Wars Commission and that there is an estimated delivery time of September for the cannons. Mr. Bacon stated the celebration for the cannons will be held on November 10th.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Acting Secretary