

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018—8:00 AM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Steve Bacon, Thomas Cartwright, David Eagan, Rachael Finch, Sam Gant, Annabeth Hayes (arrived 8:08), Sam Huffman (left at 8:24), Pam Lewis, Alma McLemore, Clay Perry, Alderman Scott Speedy, Tim Stillings, Megan Weisinger

**Staff Present:** Amanda Rose, Joey Bryan, James Svoboda, Brian Walker

**Call to Order:**

Chairwoman Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Minutes: May 10, 2018**

Mr. Perry moved to approve the May 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Finch seconded the motion, and the motion passed 12-0.

**Update on Carter House Visitors Center**

Ms. Rose stated there was a special visitor today, Mr. Baird Dixon of Orcutt Winslow Architects, to give a brief presentation on the upcoming Carter House Visitors Center.

Mr. Dixon presented a presentation showing the master plan for the Carter House site. Mr. Dixon stated the visitor's center site itself is moving a little further away to be able to open more of the historical grounds.

Chairwoman Lewis requested to know the size of the visitor center.

Mr. Dixon stated 9,600 sq. ft. Mr. Dixon pointed out buildings and locations and explained what the spaces were.

Discussion ensued on the presentation.

**Discussion & Consideration of Battlefield Preservation Commission Visioning Plan and Proposed Revisions to the Municipal Code**

Ms. Rose passed out a document showing everyone the proposed changes. Ms. Rose went over staff's recommendation and stated the following:

- Approve Adoption of Four Subcommittees—Historic Cemeteries, Wayfinding Signage, Interpretation, and Public Outreach & Education—with their respective Action Items serving as Commission Action Plan
- Approve Bi-Monthly Full Commission Meeting Schedule, with Subcommittee Meetings taking place during the “off” months
- Seek Approval for Proposed Ordinance Changes—including name, purpose, and membership (ongoing)

- Update Bylaws for Consistency with Revised Ordinance
- Develop Update to Present at BOMA Work Session

Ms. Rose stated this is what she would like the commission to decide today. Ms. Rose explained the four proposed subcommittees as follows:

#### HISTORIC CEMETERIES

- Assist with Prioritization of Needs
- Assist with Volunteer Group Development for Cleaning Burial Markers
- Work on Additional Signage for Interpretation
- Update Historic Parks Audio Tour for City Cemetery, Rest Haven Cemetery, and Touissant L'Ouverture Cemetery, as needed

#### WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

- Evaluate Condition of Existing Signage
- Evaluate Optimal Placement for Signage – Existing and New
- Work to Create Greater Visual Consistency and Cohesiveness for Directional Signage
- Enhance Wayfinding for Civil War Sites with Strong Links to Downtown (Physical + Digital Formats)

#### INTERPRETATION

- Interpret Reconstruction, USCT, Freedman's Bureau, & Third Battle of Franklin themes for Signage Placement
- Assist with Developing Interpretation of Roper's Knob
- Interpret Civil War Sites outside of the Parks System through Signage Placement
- Update Historic Parks Audio Tour, as needed
- Assist with Enhancing Parks Donation Policy, as needed

#### PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Assist with Enhancing Social Media Presence
- Work with Parks to Develop Battlefield Clean-Up Days
- Develop Educational Programs with Schools, Civic Organizations, Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Retirement Communities, TMA Group, Etc.
- Work with City to Offer Civil War Lecture Series & Host Community Conversations

Mr. Svoboda stated they would like to present at the July BOMA meeting.

After some discussion about the subcommittees, Mr. Stillings moved to approve the adoption of the commission's new Action Plan and proposed revisions to the Municipal Code. Ms. McLemore seconded the motion, and the motion passed 12-0.

#### **Parks Department Update**

Mr. Walker stated there has been some improvements made to the trail connections at Eastern Flank. Mr. Walker also stated there is a grid map being created for Resthaven Cemetery and explained.

#### **Organization Announcements**

Chairwoman Lewis stated the Tennessee State Museum is working on final funding and that there is an opportunity to buy pavers that will be placed outside the Museum. Chairwoman Lewis stated she asked if

there could be a Franklin area of pavers at the site. Chairwoman Lewis stated there has been a task force created to look at the O'More property to see what can be done there.

Discussion ensued on the O'More property.

Ms. McLemore stated there are pavers being sold for \$65 to promote the Franklin area USCT. Ms. McLemore thanked Ms. Tina Jones for all her hard work. Ms. McLemore stated there is a website to go to called slavetosoldiers.com. Ms. McLemore stated Juneteenth is Saturday at the McLemore House museum. Ms. McLemore stated they did seven scholarships this year.

Mr. Bryan stated that the Nashville Steam Locomotive Society are raising funds to relocate the steam locomotive in the Centennial Park. Mr. Bryan stated their funds are at \$400,000 and getting close to the goal of \$500,000.

Ms. Hayes stated the Heritage Foundation has recently purchased a Rosenwald School and that it will be restored and become the Education Lab of the Heritage Program. Ms. Hayes stated it is currently located in Spring Hill on Duplex Road.

Chairwoman Lewis stated that there is a Rally the Row program coming up July 24<sup>th</sup> in support of Music Row in Nashville.

Ms. Finch stated that the Historic Masonic Hall Foundation is in the process of bidding construction for the west wall and stated they found an entire wall of Civil War graffiti inside the building. Ms. Finch stated they are selling posters to raise money.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

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Acting Secretary