

City of Franklin Civil War Historical Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019—8:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Bacon, Rich Buckner, Thomas Cartwright, David Eagan, Rachael Finch, Sam Gant, Eric Jacobson, Alma McLemore, Clay Perry, Tim Stillings, Megan Weisinger

Staff Present: Amanda Rose, Joey Bryan, Brian Walker

Call to Order:

Ms. Finch called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Minutes: December 13, 2018

Mr. Buckner moved to approve the December 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

Minutes: January 10, 2019

Mr. Bacon moved to approve the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Weisinger seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

Consideration of Bylaws Amendments:

Ms. Rose passed out copies of the Bylaws and other papers. Ms. Rose stated she redlined the Bylaw changes for everyone to review. Ms. Rose explained the changes.

Mr. Buckner moved to approve the changes to the Bylaws. Mr. Eagan seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

Update on Additional Signage on the City Square:

Ms. Rose stated the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a resolution for the placement of a U.S. Colored Troops statue in the area in front of the Courthouse and a marker to be adjacent to the statue. Ms. Rose stated a marker was approved at the sidewalk right outside of the green area that will provide information about the Courthouse and former market house. Ms. Rose added that a marker was approved to discuss the Battle of Franklin, a marker was approved to discuss Reconstruction, and a marker was approved to cover the Franklin Riot. Ms. Rose stated the language for the Battle of Franklin marker will need to be reviewed and taken back to BOMA for approval. Ms. Rose stated the cost of the markers will be from donations of the community leaders and the Battle of Franklin Trust.

Mr. Jacobson explained how all this came about and the placement of the markers. Mr. Jacobson stated explained the language was open to discussion.

Ms. Rose thanked Mr. Jacobson and the pastors on all their hard work.

Discussion ensued on the language that should be placed on the markers.

After discussion, Mr. Perry moved to have additional language drafted for the Battle of Franklin marker that discusses the Confederate monument. Ms. McLemore seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

Subcommittee Updates:

- **Wayfinding**

Mr. Buckner stated the subcommittee is in the process of evaluating the signage on each corridor. Mr. Buckner stated a story map was created of each of the routes and explained, using the projected map. Mr. Buckner stated at the last meeting, I-65 signage was discussed.

Discussion ensued on the sites and on updating of the map.

- **Historic Cemeteries**

Ms. Rose stated they met two months ago, and Mr. Walker introduced everyone to Mr. Blake Wintory. Ms. Rose stated they discussed the progress made on the cemeteries. Ms. Rose stated they would probably work on the preservation and maintenance plan funding and priority sections at today's meeting.

Mr. Cartwright suggested at the end of each meeting have someone tell a story.

- **Public Outreach/Interpretation**

Ms. Rose stated they met briefly last month to talk about priorities and about working with the youth to get them more engaged.

Parks Department Update:

Mr. Walker stated the limber wagons and cannons delivered to Carter's Hill have not been put in their permanent location yet due to weather but should be installed by mid-April.

Mr. Walker stated a stone mason will be working the stone wall sections at the gates of the Rest Haven Cemetery, and the markers that were purchased by the DAR will be installed by the end of April.

Mr. Jacobson thanked Parks for the fence they built at Carter Hill.

Individual Organizational Announcements:

- **COF – Comprehensive Meeting Calendar**

Ms. Rose requested everyone look at the Comprehensive Meeting Calendars and explained them. After looking at the Wayfinding Calendar dates, Ms. Rose stated that she needed add some more information to update it. Ms. Rose explained each conference room and where they were located.

- **COF – Federal Line Markers Project**

Ms. Rose stated they were still trying to get the State process completed and explained.

Discussion on location and State's requirements.

- **Others**

Ms. Weisinger stated the Scavenger Hunt was passed by BOMA and she would bring the brochures once completed. Ms. Weisinger stated the Ambassador Program is starting again and explained where to go to sign up.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Acting Secretary