

City of Franklin Civil War Historical Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2019—8:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Rich Buckner, David Eagan, Thomas Cartwright, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce (8:10), Clay Perry, Bob Ravener, Alan Simms, Alderman Scott Speedy, Megan Weisinger

Staff Present: Amanda Rose, Brian Walker, Kelly Dannenfelser, Susan Coleman

Call to Order:

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

Minutes: July 11, 2019

Mr. Buckner moved to approve the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Ravener seconded the motion, and the motion carried 13-0.

Ms. Rose stated we are in our process working on each subcommittee. Ms. Rose stated she would like a subcommittee to pick a spokesperson.

Subcommittee Updates:

Wayfinding;

Ms. Rose suggested Mr. Buckner give an update.

Mr. Buckner stated they have been busy and meet monthly for about an hour and a half. Mr. Buckner stated they have put together some objectives. Mr. Buckner stated the objectives consisted of creating consistency of all Wayfinding, developing a program that was simplistic, developing economical and aesthetic signage, ensuring the accuracy of the Wayfinding message, and developing a program easily expanded for the future. Mr. Buckner stated one idea is to have a sign that states “Historic Franklin Next Five Exits” on the Interstate at mile marker 60 and one at mile marker 70. Mr. Buckner stated this provides a message of where Historic Franklin is. Mr. Buckner stated they have come up with a way of showing designation of the Historic District. Mr. Buckner stated when they approach Mack Hatcher they would get more specific. Mr. Buckner stated there are two things they would like to briefly discuss.

Chairwoman Lewis stated the signs will be brown.

Discussion ensued about the signs and locations.

Mr. Buckner stated they still very early in the process. Mr. Buckner stated the whole idea about signs is that they be as simplistic as possible.

Mr. Jacobson spoke on the signage.

Mr. Cartwright made his comments concerning the signage.

More discussion ensued.

- **Historic Cemeteries**

Ms. Rose stated they do not have a specific person to be the spokesperson yet and suggested Mr. Walker give an update.

Chairwoman Lewis stated Ms. Rose suggested potential long- and short-term goals. Chairwoman Lewis stated the cheapest thing to do would be a sign, and if down the road, Mr. Walker could come up with a cost breakdown, maybe if the public wanted to adopt a grave or stone wall. Chairwoman Lewis stated that information needs to get out there.

Mr. Walker stated with the cemetery, they want to fix the most fragile portions first. Mr. Walker stated the markers and iron work are the high priority things to him.

Discussion ensued on stacked stone walls and markers and suggested there is a huge body of research that has been done.

- **Public Outreach/Interpretation**

Ms. Rose stated she would give an update. Ms. Rose stated this is one of our biggest committee and there is no spokesperson yet. Ms. Rose stated they are working on updating the cell phone tour.

Ms. Pearce stated we should make sure events are being pushed out to the public.

Ms. Rose stated at the next meeting she will have transcripts.

Organizational Announcements:

Chairwoman Lewis stated the Masonic Hall has a lecture tomorrow night.

Mr. Jacobson stated they would be unveiling a couple of new markers. Mr. Jacobson stated Blue and Gray days will be on November 7-9. Mr. Jacobson stated the Illumination will be on November 30th and will be inside both homes. Mr. Jacobson stated there is the Bootleggers Bash will be coming up as well.

Mr. Perry stated on November 8th there will be a dinner and then on the 9th tours hosted by Franklin's Charge. Mr. Perry stated there will be an unveiling of a statue.

Discussion ensued on the markers and other items.

Mr. Huffman stated the Civil War show is December 7th and 8th at the Agricultural Center and that the Save the Battlefield Annual meeting is on November 21st at Otey Hall

City Updates:

Ms. Rose stated they had planned to get an update to BOMA this year, but the department has to work on the new Zoning Ordinance and it has been hard to work on it.

Ms. Rose stated there will be an election in January for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Mr. Perry moved to wait for an update to BOMA to be in January 2020. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Further random discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

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

Acting Secretary