

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2014—7:30 AM
City Training Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dianne Christian, David Eagan, Thomas Flagel, Sam Gant, Mike Grainger, Sam Huffman, Jim Roberts, Jay Sheridan, Mike Skinner, Sam Whitson

Absent: Ernie Bacon, Robert Huff, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, JT Thompson, Deborah Warnick

Staff Present: Amanda Hall, Susan Coleman

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m.

Minutes: May 8, 2014 & May 29, 2014 Special Meeting

Mr. Gant moved to approve both sets of May meeting minutes. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Discussion of Carter Hill Battlefield Park Master Plan Proposal

Chair Sheridan stated there was a special-called meeting and then a subsequent meeting concerning a larger piece of property around the Cotton Gin and Pizza Hut that is a significant piece of land that should be a 20-acre park. Chair Sheridan stated there is a lot of energy around the park idea. Chair Sheridan stated he did not feel any action should be needed today by the commission but that he would like to hear any thoughts.

Mr. Grainger stated that he is personally all for doing the park. Mr. Grainger stated the Civil War Trust (CWT) is in the process of hiring another appraiser for the Lovell Property. Mr. Grainger explained the importance of the process and how it would help attain more grant money. Mr. Grainger encouraged all local organizations that there are parallel paths that must be followed, which include the city path and the private money path through fundraising.

Mr. Roberts questioned Mr. Grainger if there was any CWT money committed to the \$1.8 million needed.

Mr. Grainger stated no there was no financial commitment at this time.

Mr. Whitson requested this item be kept on future agendas.

Ms. Hall stated she would keep it on the agenda.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws/Ordinance Amendments

Ms. Hall stated she has written up an ordinance with requested changes. Ms. Hall stated the amendment would update the commission's organizational representation with the addition of the African-American Heritage Society and that it would eliminate the term limits for the organizational representatives. Ms. Hall stated the amendments to the ordinance would go before BOMA at the next meeting and that it would require two readings.

Chair Sheridan stated by August we should be able to move forward.

Announcements & Other Business

- **Eley Tract**

Mr. Grainger questioned if at the next BOMA meeting this would be heard.

Mr. Skinner stated yes.

- **Gun Carriages**

Ms. Hall stated the gun carriages proposal would be heard at the next BOMA meeting as well.

Mr. Roberts requested to know how much more money was needed.

Mr. Huffman stated \$7,500 of private donations have been raised and they wanted to close the donations at the end of the month.

Chair Sheridan requested to know the timeline for City approval.

Mr. Skinner stated June 24th.

- **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Sheridan requested to know if there had been any feedback about the banners.

Ms. Hall stated she has heard good things.

Ms. Christian stated she had seen people taking pictures of the banners.

Chair Sheridan stated he sees the logo more and more.

Mr. Gant requested to know if there was any feedback on the line markers.

Ms. Hall stated there was not anything new yet but was in the process.

Chair Sheridan stated this commission received an award from CWT that the mayor accepted.

Discussion ensued concerning a sign audit, with Mr. Flagel requesting this be put on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Grainger made a motion to pursue the process of starting an audit of Civil War area signs. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed (10-0).

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Acting Secretary

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