

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2014—7:30 AM**  
**City Hall Training Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ernie Bacon, David Eagan, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Alma McLemore, Jim Roberts, Jay Sheridan, Mike Skinner, JT Thompson, Sam Whitson

**Absent:** Dianne Christian, Mike Grainger, Mary Pearce, Thomas Flagel, Deborah Warnick, Robert Huff

**Staff Present:** Amanda Hall, Susan Coleman, Deanna Scheffel

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

**Minutes: September 11, 2014 Meeting**

Mr. Skinner moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Mr. Whitson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

**Discussion of Carter Hill Battlefield Park Master Plan Proposal**

Chair Sheridan requested to know from Mr. Jacobson if there was any update with this.

Mr. Jacobson stated they are still fundraising and requested to know from Mr. Bacon if he had an update.

Mr. Bacon stated the strip center would be demolished by the end of the month.

Mr. Jacobson stated the first phase of the archeological dig has been completed and there will be an event on October 16th at 4 pm at Carter House.

**Discussion of Franklin 150<sup>th</sup> Events**

Ms. Hall stated Southern Exposure has an article on the 150<sup>th</sup> and she passed around a copy.

Chair Sheridan stated the hospital flags are going up.

Mr. Jacobson stated this weekend was the descendant's reunion and there would be about 110 people in attendance.

Mr. Jacobson stated the November 30<sup>th</sup> schedule features Columbia Pike closing between 1 pm & 7 pm, a ceremony at Carter House, and two illumination setups, with one at Carnton and one

along Columbia Pike. Mr. Jacobson stated there would not be any pattern to luminaries along Columbia Pike to show the chaos that happened during the battle. Mr. Jacobson stated a press release would be issued.

Mr. Whitson suggested placement luminaries along the trench lines.

Mr. Jacobson stated that would be probably where a lot of the concentration would be. Mr. Jacobson stated the ceremony at Carter House would be at 4 pm with the church bells tolling until 4:05 pm and that there would be speakers. Mr. Jacobson stated the Carnton ceremony would start at 4:45 pm.

Mr. Thompson stated there would be a blood drive on the battlefield on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion of Ordinance & Bylaws**

Ms. Hall stated she was working with Legal and would have everything ready for the November meeting.

### **Discussion of Federal Line Markers Proposal**

Ms. Hall stated she met with Dr. Gant last week to look at the maps that were put together. Ms. Hall stated that Dr. Gant has put together a list of addresses of the areas and that he sent those to her yesterday, but that she has not had time to look at them.

Dr. Gant stated he would work to get phone numbers of owners.

Mr. Skinner stated it would be worth a call or visit to owners.

Ms. McLemore stated she agrees and would help.

### **Discussion of Historic Cemeteries Preservation Plan**

Ms. Hall stated she has a final copy of the plan and will send out to everyone through email. Ms. Hall stated it is a good plan and hopes to take it to BOMA very soon.

Ms. Scheffel stated it is a very expensive process and will need to be budgeted by Ms. Clayton.

### **Announcements & Other Business:**

- **Parks Update**

Ms. Scheffel stated the bridge and ramp are close to being finished at Fort Granger.

### **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Mr. Whitson stated October 29<sup>th</sup> was the tentative date for the gun carriages arrival and that on November 11<sup>th</sup> there would be a ceremony.

Dr. Gant stated on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, there would be a film on the Battle of Franklin at 3 pm.

Ms. Lewis stated there would a dinner hosted at the Lotz House on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> that will raise money for the Lotz House and State Museum.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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Acting Secretary