

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2015—7:30 AM**  
**City Training Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** David Eagan, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Mary Pearce, Mike Skinner, Sam Whitson, Alma McLemore, Ernie Bacon (arrived at 8:00 a.m.), Pam Lewis, Jim Roberts

**Staff Present:** Brian Walker, Susan Coleman, Amanda Hall, Bob Martin

Chair Whitson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., but due to lack of quorum until 8:00 a.m. the agenda order was rotated to accommodate items that did not need a vote.

Chair Whitson introduced additional attendees of the meeting including Interim Director Bob Martin, Micah Wood with Volkert, and Thomas Cartwright, a pending commission member representing the Lotz House.

**Minutes: May 14, 2015 Meetings**

Mr. Skinner moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Mr. Eagan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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

Chair Whitson stated he, Ms. Hall, Mr. Martin, and other staff met to talk about the groups working together on the master plan and that the city has been very helpful in extending the contract. Chair Whitson requested to know if anyone else had an update.

Mr. Huffman requested to know if more digs would happen.

Mr. Bacon stated that is to be determined and that there is no set direction right now.

Ms. Lewis requested to know what has been found.

Mr. Bacon stated the foundation to the original BGA was not found on this dig, but at another dig. Mr. Bacon stated the Cotton Gin foundation was found along with other artifacts.

Discussion ensued on the purchase of the property and removal of the homes on the property.

**Organizational Announcements**

- **5-minute spotlight : TN Preservation Trust**

Ms. Lewis passed around information concerning the TN Preservation Trust. Ms. Lewis stated she has been on this board for several years. Ms. Lewis stated they are an advocacy group for historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and for acquiring land of historic importance. Ms. Lewis

stated the organization has a conference every year. Ms. Lewis stated next year it will be in Nashville and it will be a joint conference with the TN Association of Museums. Ms. Lewis stated they have done a lot of projects and one in particular is with the Rosenwald School. Ms. Lewis stated they would love to have new members.

- **Brief update from all members**

Ms. McLemore stated the Juneteenth Celebration is next Saturday and starts 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Ms. Lewis suggested everyone go see NashVegas.

Ms. Pearce stated they had the tour of homes this past weekend and that the Masonic Hall was on this tour. Ms. Pearce explained that the Hall is in need of immediate repairs and it is a very important part of Franklin history.

Mr. Skinner stated this Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> the Civil War Roundtable will be meeting at the Masonic Hall at 3 p.m.

Mr. Huffman stated the Heritage Foundation presented them with an Award of Merit for the Cannon Carriages on the Square project.

### **Announcements & Other Business**

- **Parks Update**

Mr. Walker stated the contract for the ground penetrating work has been awarded and should start soon and that the Daughters of American Revolution has contracted with Mr. Dan Allen and will start work on restorations of a few markers at City Cemetery.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Acting Secretary