

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2017—7:30 AM**  
**Training Conference Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ernie Bacon, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Alma McLemore, Mike Skinner, Pam Lewis, Rachael Finch, David Eagan, Tim Stillings, Clay Perry, Sam Whitson

**Staff Present:** Amanda Rose, Joey Bryan, Brian Walker

**Call to Order**

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

**Update on Federal Line Markers Proposal**

Mr. Bryan stated he is still waiting on the State determination. Mr. Bryan stated he met with Mr. David Orr who on lives at 1230 Adams St. Mr. Orr is very happy about the project and would like to be involved. Mr. Bryan stated Mr. Orr's great-great-grandfather fought in Franklin in the general area of where he now lives. Mr. Bryan stated Mr. Orr did have some concern about the height of the marker and that staff is working with him on how to accommodate that. Mr. Bryan stated they would start working with the property owners soon.

Chairwoman Lewis requested to know how far along are we with this.

Mr. Bryan stated about half way through.

Ms. Rose stated we are on track.

**Update from Civil War Sign Subcommittee & Consideration of Subcommittee Recommendations**

Ms. Rose stated the subcommittee met a couple of weeks ago and went through the sign types that Mr. Buckner had put together. Ms. Rose stated she appreciated their effort for going through this process. Ms. Rose stated they narrowed the survey down to approximately thirty sign types and that the subcommittee has a recommendation to make to this commission.

Mr. Gant moved, that, as recommended by the BPC Sign Survey Subcommittee, that the BPC direct staff to determine the procedure for removal of the following signs, as listed, from Franklin Battlefield sites, and, with proper authorization, to proceed with the removal. Mr. Gant stated the signs are as follows:

- Rectangular, numbered hiking trail signs throughout Central Franklin area (mostly older scout projects)
- ABPP Grant signs at Carter Hill Battlefield Park
- Shadow box signs at Carter Hill Battlefield Park
- Circular, numbered Civil War tour signs through Central Franklin
- Wood post signs with Confederate generals listed on them along Columbia Avenue
- Oval Tennessee Heritage Trail signs that appear to be out of date

- Circular walking tour signs

Ms. Rose projected some of the signs that the committee would like to have removed and explained the purpose of why each sign had been there.

Mr. Gant moved to direct staff to seek authorization for removal of the specified signage as recommended by the subcommittee. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion.

Mr. Walker stated the text and images for the signs at Carter's Hill have been created and will be sent to staff, and then staff will send the information to the sign makers. Mr. Walker stated that the signs should be installed by August or September.

Discussion ensued on the different sign types.

The motion passed 11-0.

### **Other Business**

Ms. McLemore stated the McLemore House opening was a success.

Ms. Rose requested to know if someone from Franklin's Charge could speak on the cannons because she received questions from administration about them.

Mr. Huffman stated they have been ordered.

Mr. Bacon stated they have been ordered but that he is not sure of the date of delivery. Mr. Bacon stated that he would have Mr. Cullum contact her.

Ms. Rose stated a site visit could still be planned for the City Cemetery if the commission wants to.

The Commission stated yes, they would like that.

Mr. Huffman stated at the Carter's Hill archeological dig, they found trenches along Strahl Street.

Mr. Gant stated they will be closing the dig tomorrow. Mr. Gant noted some of the artifacts that have been found.

Ms. McLemore stated June 17<sup>th</sup> is Juneteenth Celebration and that the Tom Murdic scholarship banquet is on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McLemore stated the Juneteenth festivities will kick off with a mixer on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairwoman Lewis stated the State Museum is moving along.

Ms. Rose stated the City has prepared a Proclamation for Mr. Grainger to honor his service to Franklin and that it will be presented on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Bacon stated on May 24<sup>th</sup>, WAKM will be having a "Ms. Mary Pearce Morning" at Landmark Bank.

Mr. Bryan named all the property owners for the markers that will be in the right-of-way in front of their property.

Discussion ensued on which commissioners could contact which property owners.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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Acting Secretary