

**City of Franklin Civil War Historical Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 14, 2019—8:00 AM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Rich Buckner, Thomas Cartwright, Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Rachael Finch, Alma McLemore, Bob Ravener, Alan Simms, Alderman Scott Speedy, Tim Stillings, Blake Wintory

**Absent:** Steve Bacon, David Eagan, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Clay Perry, Megan Weisinger

**Staff Present:** Amanda Rose, Brian Walker, Kelly Dannenfelser, Susan Coleman, Lisa Clayton, Kelli Gibson, Kevin Lindsey

**Call to Order:**

Vice-Chair Finch called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Consideration of Meeting Minutes: September 12, 2019**

Mr. Huffman moved to approve the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Ravener seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

**Consideration of Commission & Subcommittee 2020 Meeting Dates**

Mr. Buckner moved to approve the 2020 Meeting Date schedule. Mr. Simms seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

**Presentation by Daughters of American Revolution on potential partnership of Collins Farm Park with City of Franklin Parks Dept.**

Ms. Vevia Martin, Ms. Sarah Ford, and Ms. Vicki Martin gave a presentation on Collins Farm and spoke about the proposed partnership with the City of Franklin. Ms. Martin spoke about the four phases they would like to complete at Collins Farm. Ms. Martin stated the phases consisted of the following:

1. The Grounds – Tell stories, have events, etc.
2. Building One – Use as office & storage
3. Building Two – Restore original structure; will not be open to the public
4. The Barn – Clean up

After the presentation Mr. Buckner moved to support the Daughters of American Revolution on the restoration and use of the Collins Farm House. Mr. Simms seconded the motion, and the motion carried 11-0.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Wayfinding:**

Ms. Rose suggested Mr. Buckner give an update.

Mr. Buckner stated they continue to meet every month and are working on Lewisburg Pike currently.

- **Historic Cemeteries**

Ms. Rose stated Historic Cemeteries has a meeting after this one today. Ms. Rose stated they would be discussing some funding opportunities possibly coming up.

- **Public Outreach/Interpretation**

Ms. Rose stated she wanted to apologize for not being able to meet last month and explained.

Mr. Huffman stated they have not been very active on the phone tour but have come up with some general critique on what they have now and explained. Mr. Huffman stated they need a speaking voice to redo the messages that should be about 4-5 minutes long.

Mr. Ravener stated we needed to come up with an app.

**Organizational Announcements:**

Mr. Huffman noted the upcoming Save the Franklin Battlefield annual dinner and stated you could come whether you are a member or not.

Mr. Cartwright stated there will be a Blood Drive on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gant mentioned his idea to build out a portion of the historic Federal breastworks and passed around photos of the breastworks. Mr. Gant stated one of the first steps is to make a sign with a picture of the breastworks.

Mr. Cartwright questioned how long it should be.

Mr. Gant stated the length in the picture looks pretty good.

Mr. Cartwright stated he thought this was great.

Mr. Wintory stated A Dickens of a Christmas was a little time away.

Ms. McLemore reminded everyone their Black-Tie Event was coming up in February and that tickets are going on sale December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Finch stated the Masonic Hall Foundation will be open on November 30<sup>th</sup> and there will inside tours from 5-8 p.m. Ms. Finch stated there would a walking tour as well earlier.

Ms. Rose stated the Illumination would be on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Acting Secretary

*Orlando Finch*  
Vice Chair  
May 14, 2020