



City of Franklin

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Meeting Minutes Civil War Historical Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:00 AM

Training Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Simms called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, the Commission shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the Planning Director/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)

Chair Simms asked if Staff had any announcements. There were none.

Comments on agenda items may be made in person at City Hall or by emailing recorder@franklinton.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Patrick Baggett, Mary Pearce, Kelly Kautzman, Tony Morreale, Heather Doleshel, Ray Eldridge, Alan Simms, Colbi Layne Hogan (arrived late), Bill Macon, Pam Lewis, and Sam Huffman

Staff Members Present: Kelly Dannenfelser, Emily Huffer, Brian Walker, and Elizabeth Bulay

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Huffer stated she want to let everyone know at the BOMA meeting there was a discussion about the Preservation Plan and updating it because it has not been updated since 2001. Ms. Huffer stated they would be submitting a program enhancement request for the fiscal year 2025 to update the plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes

Sponsors:

Commissioner Pearce moved to approve the January 11, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried 10-0.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

2. Parks Audio Tour Project

Sponsors:

Commissioner Doleshel stated there is not much to report, and we are meeting today after this meeting.

Commissioner Doleshel gave a brief overview of what the audio tour is, for the newest members.

3. U.S. Line Markers Project

Sponsors:

Commissioner Lewis stated they had a good meeting with two stakeholders signing easements. Commissioner Lewis stated they are moving forward.

Ms. Huffer stated everything was very positive at the meeting, and we are signing Mr. David Orr today. Ms. Huffer stated TDOT has approved the locations, and we will proceed to order another batch of markers.

Commissioner Lewis suggested getting a photo of Mr. Orr signing for PR or BOMA purposes.

Chair Simms stated it would be great to get the photo on the main page on the website.

Ms. Pearce suggested Mr. Stuckey do an updated video about this.

Discussion ensued on locations and getting people to sign the easements.

4. Wayfinding Signs Project

Sponsors:

Ms. Huffer stated Ms. Bulay has gone out two times since January and there are twenty sign changes left throughout the City.

Ms. Bulay stated the Streets Department is hoping to pick up installations in the Fall when they slow down road work.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Baggett stated starting a subcommittee for the Battlefield Preservation Update plan would be a good idea to start brainstorming some ideas. Commissioner Baggett stated maybe we should take some time to review the old plan and mark it up.

Ms. Huffer stated she would send a link to the current plan.

Discussion ensued on various topics.

Chair Simms suggested making the plan update an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Walker stated Carothers House should be done late summer or fall.

Commissioner Lewis stated she would always do a plug for coming to the State Museum and come visit the Belmont Mansion.

Commissioner Kautzman stated Spring Break has caused a lot of people and tours are doing well.

Commissioner Hogan stated Franklin's Charge is still moving forward on some properties.

Commissioner Doleshel stated the Visitor's Center is officially closed but have popped up at the Five-Points post office. Commissioner Doleshel stated May 19th through the 22nd is National Travel & Tourism week and they are timing the reopening for May 21st.

Commissioner Morreale stated he has heard talk of a national re-enactment and they are looking for a property to have it.

Commissioner Baggett stated a CIP item was put before BOMA Tuesday night to finish the Carter Hill Park and BOMA seemed to be good with that item. Commissioner Baggett stated about a month ago there was a meeting with the people who own the property on Hill Haven Lane and that property could mean road access to bring the public to Ropers Knob.

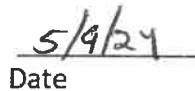
Commissioner Pearce stated they are working on 264 Natchez Street, but it came to a stop due to there not being support under the house or the walls and they are now having to raise more money.

Commissioner Pearce stated they are also working on the American Legion on 11th Avenue and hoping to preserve the story of African American soldiers that fought for the Union.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM.


Chair


Date

