

**SUBJECT: Battlefield Task Force Meeting
Minutes from March 24, 2015**

DATE: March 25, 2015

ATTENTION: Jonathan Duda, Chairman



Chairman Duda called the City of Spring Hill Battlefield Task Force meeting to order at 3:05 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Chairman Duda, Task Force Member Eric Jacobson and Mayor Graham. Julian Bibb, Board Member of Franklin's Charge was also in attendance. Attending throughout the meeting were Task Force Members Gwynne Evans and John Maher.

Item #1: Discussion with Franklin's Charge

Chairman Duda welcomed Julian Bibb, founding Board Member of Franklin's Charge. Franklin's Charge organized in 2005 and is dedicated to preserving Civil War battlefields in Franklin and Williamson County. Over the past 10 years, Franklin's Charge has led the preservation fundraising efforts in the acquisition of a number of properties related to Franklin's Battlefield and open space parks.

Task Force members discussed the current landscape in Spring Hill and recent developments, including the progress of the soon to be completed Crossings Circle South Transportation Study.

Julian Bibb discussed a history of Franklin's Charge, which was formed to bring together approximately 15 separate civic groups that had a presence and goal of preservation in the Franklin area. Discussion continued on to the importance of defining what the goals or vision of preservation of additional Spring Hill Battlefield to be - answering the questions "Why?", "How much to preserve?" and "What is the ultimate goal?" Members discussed that the ability for future generations to "see, look, wonder and imagine" what occurred on the land was an ultimate vision for Spring Hill Battlefield.

Discussion of next steps included:

- 1) Developing a relatively accurate per acre price from property owners
- 2) Evaluate the structure of a deal that can be offered (purchase, tax incentives, development incentives, and leverage of City assets such as the road, etc.)
- 3) Identifying sources of funding to pursue. Success in Franklin has come from:
 - a. *Federal - American Battlefield Protection Program grants administered through the National Park Service*
 - b. *State - Tennessee Historic Commission (Wars Commission) opportunities*
 - c. *Municipal - Hotel & Motel Local Option Taxes*
 - d. *Private Donors*

Julian Bibb advised that buy in from State and Regional Leadership was an absolute must in being successful, and that if funding would be pursued in 2016 it was necessary to get in front of these

groups right away in order to assess and minimize competing projects, and telling the story of the need in Spring Hill very clearly, is critically important at this stage.

Task Members thanked Julian Bibb for his time and council to the Task Force.

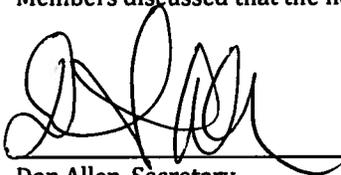
Item #2: Adoption of Minutes from February 26, 2015 Battlefield Task Force Meeting

Chairman Duda called for a motion to adopt minutes from the February 26, 2015 Battlefield Task Force Meeting. Motion made by Eric Jacobson, Seconded by Gwynne Evans. Chairman Duda called for any comments or amendments. There being none, Chairman Duda called for a vote to adopt the minutes. Motion passed, 4 for with 0 against.

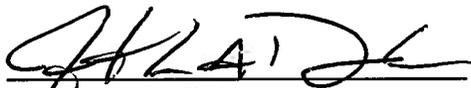
Item #3: Roundtable

Item #4: Next Meeting

Members discussed that the next meeting would be Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 3:30 PM at City Hall.



Dan Allen, Secretary



Jonathan Duda, Chairman