

RESOLUTION 08-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5344 MAIN STREET, MAURY COUNTY TAX MAP 028B A PARCEL 001.00, HOME OF "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" AS A HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Spring Hill to promote the preservation and protection of the physical character and quality of life in the city; to promote the educational, cultural civic awareness and general welfare of the city while providing a sense of commitment and continuity between the past and present through the encouragement of preservation and protection of historically significant sites and structures; and to foster civic pride and historic recognition through the preservation of the City's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Rev. David V. Sawyer of First Presbyterian Church, trustee of the property at 5344 Main Street, pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-405(2)(d) of the City of Spring Hill Municipal Code, has requested that this site be designated by the City of Spring Hill as a Historically Significant Site.

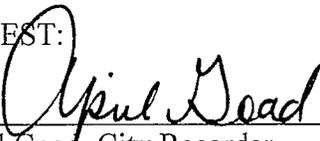
WHEREAS, Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-406 of the City of Spring Hill Municipal Code provides that sites in the City of Spring Hill will be designated as Historically Significant Sites by resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen upon recommendation of the City of Spring Hill Historic Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill Historic Commission has recommended this site for such designation having met the Criteria for Designation of Historically Significant Sites as defined in Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-407 of the City of Spring Hill Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee that the property located at 5344 Main Street, Maury County Tax Map 028B A, Parcel 001.00, home of "First Presbyterian Church", is hereby designated as a Historically Significant Site.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, this 20th Day of October, 2008.

ATTEST:

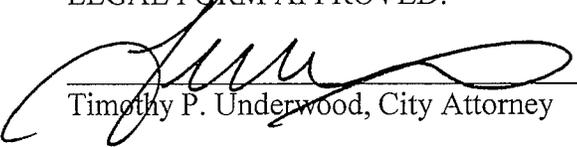


April Goad, City Recorder



Danny M. Leverette, Mayor

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Timothy P. Underwood, City Attorney

SPRING HILL HISTORIC COMMISSION AGENDA APPLICATION

Date: 8-31-08

Name of Applicant: First Presbyterian Church Phone: 931-486-2642

Address: 5344 Main St., Spring Hill, TN 37174 (P.O. Box 98, S.H.)

Name of Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Maury Co. Williamson Co. Tax Map: _____ Parcel # _____

SECTION 1 – Request for Designation of Historically Significant Site:

I, David V. Sawyer for 1st Pres. Ch., pursuant to Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-406, request that the property and/or site located at 5344 Main St., Spring Hill, TN, be designated by the City of Spring Hill as a Historically Significant Site.

The aforementioned property and/or site is (check all that apply, provide additional detail as necessary):

- Are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history or is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance;
- Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction;
- A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event;
- A religious property with historic importance;
- A cemetery; or
- Other (Please specify); _____

This form, along with (7) copies of the description of the property or properties in question must be filed with any applicable fee, fourteen (14) days prior to the Historic Commission meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

Date Received by Historic Commission: September 26, 2008

Placed on Historic Commission Agenda for meeting to be held on: _____

September 29, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Recommended Not Recommended

[Signature]
Secretary of Historic Commission

HISTORY

SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 27, 1844

To

April 1895

According to a public notice previously given, a meeting was held in Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee on the 27th day of May 1844 for the purpose of organizing a Church on the principals and constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

In this meeting Rev. Robt. Garrison assisted by the Rev. Robt. Hardin, D.D. presided and led in the organization, which consisted of 26 members.

It was resolved that the Church should be known by the name of the Presbyterian Church of Spring Hill.

The Church proceeded to the election of Ruling Elders, which resulted in the choice of Messrs. P. H. Jenkins, Absalom Thompson, and James A. Alexander.

Mr. Jenkins having been in the Eldership of the Presbyterian Church was installed into office in this church. Messrs. Thompson and Alexander having publicly signified their willingness to accept the office of Ruling Elders were ordained by Rev. Robert Hardin, D.D.

Rev. Robt. Garrison was instructed to present a request from the Church to the Presbytery of West Tennessee at its next stated Session to be taken under its care, which he complied with, and was directed by Presbytery to exercise an oversight of the flock, and preach to them as often as his services could be spared from another field, in which he was already engaged.

As the Church had no house of worship of their own, preaching was had only occasionally as opportunity offered, Mr. Garrison and Dr. Hardin doing the preaching.

The Sessional Records show that one infant was baptized on the 29th of May 1844, and no other record is made until the 31st of May 1845, when it appears six members were received into the Church on certificate. On the 30th of June two infants were baptized. The next record is made on the 15th of June 1847. From this date no record is made in the Session Book until the 18th of March 1849.

In Book C, Judge Wade does not mention it but this is *Volume 2* of Book C, page 303, in the Register's office at Columbia, is recorded the transfer by J. B. Alderson of a lot containing one acre, to Absalom Thompson, Philip Jenkins, and James M. Alexander, Trustees of the Church dated the 12th day of May 1848.

During the interval between June the 15th, 1847 and March 18th, 1849, a Church Edifice was erected, the completion of which, as shown by the minutes of Session had been considerably delayed.

On this day, the 18th of March 1849, the new house of worship was dedicated to the worship, and service of God.

The sermon was preached by Rev. William Mack, DD, of Columbia.

About this time Mr. Garrison gave up the oversight of the Church, which he had exercised for five years. Rev. F. A. Thompson who was a young man and young in the ministry, (never having had charge of a church) and who had been very liberal in his contributions to the Church edifice, and given much of his time in superintending its construction, succeeded Mr. Garrison in the Ministry of this Church, commencing his work on the 1st of April, 1849, at which time the sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated. and two members were received into the Church by letter.