



City of Spring Hill Historic Commission



Minutes

February 9, 2023

Attendees: Bill Benedict, Alicia Fitts, Will Pomeroy, David Huebner, Wanda Guy, Dana Juriew

Guests: Peter Hughes, Tom Powers, Doug Lackey, Beth Simms, Vicki James, Dmitri Danylov & George Danylov

Call to order at 6:01

Item #1: Minutes and Member Updates

Duda moved to approve minutes, passed unanimously.
New member application recommended by Mayor.

Item #2: Public comment moved up to accommodate guest from the Daughters of the American Revolution (James & Simms) to discuss America's 250th in 2026. DAR offers \$500 in grant partnership for local events such as parades. Also a matching grant for historic preservation in the amount of \$10,000. Powers offered to assist.

Item 3: White Hall Review

Danylovs representing Rubin Associates presented their plan for the property adjacent within 300 feet to White Hall.

Issues discussed were a drainage concern on the east slope – 12-15 ft drop to Hughes Street. Scale concern with 3-story structure near Duplex, suggestion to move deeper into the property, with parking closer to Duplex for better aesthetic from street, similar to White Hall. This would require a variance, endorsed by the Historic Commission. Opening to Walnut – condition of road may require improvements to city standards. Parking spaces too numerous, too much asphalt.

Recommendations for easement for future connectivity to White Hall according to UDC but divides farm from house, historically. Tree line separation would be broken

up by the easement, but shrubs might be an alternative. Recommend pedestrian access easement and connection to Skate Park.

Duda made a motion, seconded by Benedict, to 1) Endorse horizontal siding treatment of exterior elevation. 2) Recommend variance to UDC to move building back (Table 5-3 Build to Percentage). 3) Recommend landscape plan be further developed to be better integrated with White Hall rather than segregated. 4) Recommend further development of a pedestrian plan to Walnut Street and White Hall. Approved unanimously.

Duda moved, Fitts seconded: With these recommendations and variances we find this site would not negatively impact the adjacent historic site. Approved unanimously.

Item 4: New Item Discussion

Copper sulky approved previously for the City Hall weathervane will cost approximately \$500 from the selected vendor. Fitts made a motion to recognize that the weathervane cannot be locally made, and must be purchased online from East Coast Weathervanes at <https://ecoastweathervanes.com>. Duda seconded, passed unanimously.

Consider Elementary School Name Recommendations: George Washington Campbell (family may not want); Dr. Amanda North, the last African-American school principal at the Black Thompson's Station School in Williamson County; Dr. Wilkes, mill, tannery businesses.

Item 5: Project Review and updates

Duda on Driving Tour Signage Project: Multiple signs placed at Rippavilla.

\$30,000 to be request on Budget Amendment 1. Phase 1: \$4000 or \$2600 for ADA access to parking lot and ramps on sidewalks. Department of Tourism grant

- 1.1 Oaklawn – replace existing at entrance to City \$4,000
- 1.2 Caldwell Cemetery on Royal Park Drive – replace (not ADA compliant) \$4,000
- 1.3 White Hall in parking lot of Skate Park (ADA yes) \$2600
- 1.4 Ferguson Hall – replace existing on Ferguson Drive (not ADA compliant) \$4,000
- 1.5 Harvey Park at flagpole (ADA yes) \$2600
- 1.6 Historic Spring Hill Cemetery (not ADA compliant) \$4,000

1.7 Cleburne Bivouac – future connector to Jerry Erwin park to Columns Way
(possibly ADA)

Project SMASH signage

Future Ferguson “Van Dorn incident”

\$25,000 total cost once funding is secured

CWT signs – content delivered. Eric Jacobson will do all Civil War content including Ferguson, update existing, flesh out graphics. Historic Spring Hill Cemetery Board will do content for cemetery sign. This will be the same vendor as CWT signs.

Historic property nominations, paperwork sent to April Goad. Doctor Shoppe and Odil’s House. Future: Will Odil House, Polk House on Beechcroft, House across from Post Office on Beechcroft, Longview, DeBerry (Methodist Parsonage), Historic Spring Hill Cemetery, Newtown Cemetery, St. Mark’s is already on National Register but add city’s Historically Significant designation.

Guy: update on St. Mark’s. Meeting with concerned parties on next steps and fundraising.

Fitts: St. Mark’s - grantwriter from Boys & Girls Club of Franklin might assist. Acquire 501(C)(3) status. Structural report from structural engineer next week. Consider tourism dollars. Meetings, funerals and museum. Storytelling.

Item 6: Roundtable

Pomeroy: Donation of new sign for Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Trees down in storm.

Consideration of historically significant sign/plaque options: format and design, pole, posts, hanger options, exterior and interior

Invite Kedron Square developer for update.

Adjourn 7:38pm