



City of Spring Hill
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2022

Attendees: Bill Benedict, Alicia Fitts, Jonathan Duda, Will Pomeroy, David Huebner, Dana Juriew

Guests: Richard Jackson, Kelly Fields, Tom Powers

Item #1 Approval of minutes and Member Updates

Fitts motioned, Pomeroy seconded, minutes approved, unanimous

Huebner shared budget total \$11,691.90 (no change)

Pomeroy stated BOMA approved

\$15,000

\$25,000 Civil War Trail signs

\$5,000 improvements of Spring Hill historical sites

Item #2 Project Review updates

Name change documentation suggestions shared with Kayce Williams as follows:

Kayce,

First, thank you for the detailed work done to put this together. The extent of research is readily apparent. And very much appreciated.

Please find included below my attempt at capturing the Historic Commission's feedback.

1. While this is called the Naming Policy, its coverage of additional items such as memorials and plaques, leads us to suggest that the policy's name be more reflective of its content. Policy on Naming Opportunities, Public Recognition through Naming Guidelines? Further, should the policy address philanthropic gifts associated with naming opportunities and to what degree? For example, if someone wants to place a bench at the SHPL or at Fischer Park at Port Royal, does that need to come through the City Administrator and/or appropriate committee or should the department be able to accept such a gift?

2. Process. Bullet number one, City Administrator reviews the application.....perhaps a sample application should be included with the policy for transparency and to show the process? We also discussed the possibility of including boxes that could be checked for which commission is appropriate? Or multiples if need be? How would standing for relevant committees be determined? For example, if there is a building outside of the historic district, should the Historic Commission have standing? What about a road also outside of the district?
3. Process. Bullet number two. The relevant City Commission.....this was a bit confusing to us in how broad it is when in Section 4, Number 5, there is an exception for BOMA and the PC. Perhaps include language in this bullet point to say something about relevant City Commission with the exceptions described in 4.5?
4. Process. Bullet number 3. The relevant City Commission will evaluate the request.....if multiple committees are involved, for example Parks and Rec and Historic, is an item presented to both or one and then the other?
5. Section 1, A) and B) We recognize the effort to include as many potential naming opportunities as possible to be addressed by this policy. We want to be sure that we are not providing unintended obstacles to important and “smaller” opportunities such as plaques, commemorative objects, or markers. No suggestions, simply an observation. Specifically, in the case of Parks and Rec, at Rippavilla, or at the SHPL (where LBOT holds that authority), while certainly we would want there to be open communication, we felt the process might become cumbersome? Mention is made of “notable” Spring Hill citizens. What makes a citizen notable? Is it a lifetime, a single event, or even someone BiSH (born in Spring Hill) who has moved away and achieved something deemed significant?
6. Section 1, C) Consideration should be given to the historical, geographical, and social/cultural context....we suggest looking to the language in Ordinance 07-01 which created the Historic Commission for additional clarification on historical and cultural context.
7. Section 1, D) the last sentence makes mention of “jurisdiction over speech in such forums.” Are there any legal issues around that language or that intent?
8. Section 1, E) E911 is mentioned in Section 4, Item 5. Does this create some redundancy?
9. Section 2, C) Would it make sense to have any and all naming requests, including plaques, dedications, to go to a central contact, who could direct it to the appropriate staff and then commission? Should Public Works be involved in placement especially if it is to be within a ROW? Or for certain exceptions, as mentioned above, should those request go straight to the committee? Again, LBOT is an exception in that any request would go to LBOT with in all likelihood a courtesy discussion with appropriate City staff and BOMA?
10. Section 3, E) This addresses honorary naming, what about renaming? Is that subject to the same process?
11. Section 4, A) #5, a) E911 is also mentioned earlier. Redundancy? Opportunity to clarify E911 by including the verbiage as part of definitions?
12. Section 4, B), 3. Persons that resided in the City for less than five years. Why five years? What about those who participate in the City and live outside City limits? Do we include the UGB? Individuals who vote in the City and reside outside of City limits?
13. Section 4, C) We felt this item regarding placement may contradict or be confusing with Section 2, C) which also discusses authority regarding placement.
14. Section 4, C) #6 The relevant City Commission will act on each request made...what if there is more than one Commission involved? What if two Commissions disagree?
15. Section 5 Skipped?

16. Section 6, B) This item indicates that personal items will not be removed from a memorial for thirty (30) days. General discussion suggested that this timeframe is likely too short a one for an individual or family in mourning and that consideration should be given to extending it to sixty or even ninety days subject to all of the aesthetic and safety concerns addressed in this section.

More generically, we suggest that some consideration be given to a table attachment which would provide guidance with examples of items that would go to each Committee multiple committees as well as a simple workflow diagram. Also, an exception or acknowledgement of LBOT's unique role with the SHPL to perhaps include a courtesy referral to the appropriate Commission while LBOT retains final say? We suggest referencing Tennessee Heritage Protection Act, 4-1-412 for language that could be incorporated or at minimum referenced.

Weather vane and clock discussion: Possibilities to add to weather vane: sulky horseracing, tractor, barn, silo, windmill; Duda motion, Fitts second to recommend sulky horse representing horse racing, passed unanimous

Historic signage: locations could be divided, phase 1 & 2, email with map, work with Eric Jacobson and Carol Van West; some Civil War Trail eligible and some not, decided by CWT; Contractor for ADA; \$25,000 for CWT specifically; Downtown/Old Town, then outside of that area.

Phase 2: growth of program, add cultural signage, material to complement CWT (also potential later additions of Civil War content); Eric can also do signs outside of CWT (by Sept, need money commitment)

Fitts suggested that we collaborate with Town Center Redevelopment Committee
Huebner suggested adding timeline to proposal and selecting quadrants around Miles Johnson Pkwy.

Mapping cemeteries, no beginning or end, project to be carried on; family name/GIS/Location descriptor (e.g. near xxx creek); google earth KML file; process for citizens who find graves on property; Jackson College, brick church behind Rippavilla; large cemetery on UT Extension property by family who built Oaklawn; Eric Jacobson working with UT; named cemeteries to have plaques someday (to come from HC budget)

Huebner will contact Kirk Bedner, Brentwood City manager to see if Brentwood Historic Commission has policy on plaques; UDC on developments within 500 ft of cemetery

Fitts: Speaker Series

Follow up on Ferguson Hall blasting (Site Fire Marshal); contact Calvin Abram; State law says structures must be surveyed

Historically Significant paperwork: Mt. Hope on hold for more documentation; Main St. Property; Derrick Merrill, co-owner of 1916 bridge pulled out of service in 1950s – historic marker that does not name locations; 407 McLemore -- City Hall

New members (2) per ordinance; make recommendation to Mayor

Item #3 new business

Benjamin Jett donation of local history materials to Library.

New Asst. City Administrator Tony Tolstedt will work with CLG and TCRC

Item #4 Round Table

TCRC study with CT Assoc. completed survey and feedback; Spring Hill Genealogy

Pomeroy: Unveiling of Confederate USCT & Grand Army of the Republic

Speaker Series: fruit industry, Ewell Farm, Railroad, Dairying, Green's Mill R.H. Jackson and Sue McClure

7:53 adjourn