



Historic Commission

August 10, 2023



Committee Attendance: Alicia Fitts, Tom Powers, David Huebner, Wanda Guy,
Will Pomeroy

Peter Hughes, Dana Juriew, Andy Meldrum, Roozbeh Kahvaz, Kevin Patel, Ben Schaedle

Call to order 6:00

Minutes approved

Agenda: Add sign plaques under Project Review and Updates

Formal acknowledgement of Bill Benedict's service on Historic Commission.

New member Professor Emeritus Tom Powers

Item #2: Kedron Square Update & Discussion

Ben Schaedle of Chartwell Residential Developers discussed Kedron Square Phase 2 includes Ferguson Hall and campus. Interested in telling stories of Ferguson Hall and Children's Home, Hughes House, as well as the Spring House.

Lake will have park and pavilion for concerts, farmer's markets, artesian well, etc. Pocket park with unpaved trail near cemetery.

Will handle historic findings appropriately. Have searched for depressions where graves might be, nearest the cemetery. If human remains are found, will notify all proper authorities.

Improving School Street, adding three feet. Four way stop. Roundabout planned at terminus off Kedron Square Blvd at Ferguson Street, but may turn into four way stop. First Presbyterian Church's purview.

Use of Ferguson Hall still uncertain. Historic signage to be completed by subject experts. Chartwell has consulted with Eric Jacobson of Battle of Franklin Trust.

Item #3: New Business

Andy Meldrum, Meldrum Advisors 720 Beechcroft near Columbia Academy

Mixed use retail, gas station and convenience store with drive through for pick-up, but no order board. Eight buildings: doctors, day care, pharmacy, etc. Treeline to be preserved.

Roozbeh Kahvaz, TNG Contractors, Kevin Patel, Owner, Battleground Market Historical plaque sign is holding up certificate of occupancy. Vice Mayor Pomeroy will draft some text for the sign in the next couple of weeks.

Election of Officers

Treasurer: David Huebner unanimous

Defer Chair and Vice Chair

HC Outreach – Tom Powers

Experience Spring Hill (June 22), Main Street Franklin (probably April 20-21)

Distribution to chair and vice chair, then communicate distributed to the committee at next meeting.

Item #4 Old Business

Project Review

Alicia: Will get driving tour up to speed, Speaker Series update on Benny Jett's Road Signs program.

Wanda: St. Mark's 501(c)(3) grant writer, GM Management Black Caucus involvement

Pomeroy made a motion to increase sign plaque amount to \$8374. Guy seconded. Unanimous.

Library update: Leaving Arcadia in favor of self-publishing due to lack of original images required by publisher.

Heart for History Award nominations for Fall. Suggestions of library history group, Naomi Derryberry, Mike Hoover.

Rippa Villa roof progress. Process still has not begun.

Mike Hoover reworked the CWT sign for the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery to include the community members buried there as well as the Confederate soldiers.

Powers moved to defer the wording on the cemetery sign to the next meeting. Huebner seconded. Unanimous.

Item #5: Round Table

Fitts will represent the Historic Commission at the Town Center Redevelopment Committee.

Plaques for Historically Significant sites should be presented by Mayor.

Sarah Elizabeth McLeod requests a support letter from the Historic Commission for Doug Lackey's application for funding for White Hall.

Juriew to link background information from Sharepoint to Historically Significant sites.

Pomeroy will research the area around 720 Beechcroft to see if anything historically significant occurred there.

Adjourn