

**Farragut Museum Committee
Minutes
March 23, 2021**

Members Present:

Bill Rhodes, Chairman
Todd Klepper, Vice Chairman
Joyce Moran, Secretary
Dot LaMarche
Steve Stow
Mayor Ron Williams

Absent:

Carolyn Coker

Others Present:

Julia Barham, Historic Resource Coordinator
Sue Stuhl, Parks and Recreation Director

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Rhodes, at 1:00 pm.
2. **History Film:** “The Birth of a Town” – Deferred to end of the meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of December 1, 2020 were presented to the Committee. Mayor Ron Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Dot LaMarche. Motion carried. The Minutes of February 23, 2021 were distributed to the Committee “for information only”.
4. **Financial Report:** Julia Barham stated there was nothing to report for this month.
5. **Historic Resources Coordinator Report – Julia Barham:**
 - a. July 3rd^h Parade: Mayor Ron Williams reported that the Public Works Department had purchased a trailer which is available to be used for the Museum float. They will also provide truck for the float. Mayor Williams to contact Bud McKelvey, Director of Public Works.

Julia Barham will check on the Admiral Farragut uniform. Prefer light-weight uniform for the parade. It was suggested to purchase a double-breasted blazer and add epaulets and buttons. Contact Lou LaMarche re portraying Admiral Farragut.

Dot LaMarche suggested having patriotic music on the float. Mayor Williams suggested having the FHS Band march near the float.
 - b. Summer/Fall Events: Program on Admiral Farragut with Tom Fine as speaker. Julia Barham will contact Mr. Fine. Schedule event on a Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm and serve light refreshments at 1:00 pm.
6. **Other Business**
 - a. Museum
 - i. Schedule – No changes at this time – Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
 - ii. Gift Shop – Todd Klepper and Sue-Ann Hansler have completed Inventory and are sprucing up the Gift Shop.

- iii. Open Discussion – Steve Stow inquired about fingerprints of slaves on bricks at Russell House – bricks were made on site. Mayor Williams stated this area was not heavy on slave trade. Will follow up.

Dot LaMarche questioned possible move of County Clerk's Office. Mayor Williams stated that the Knox County Clerk's Office would remain at the Farragut Town Hall.

Mayor Williams stated they were trying to find the 3rd anchor off the Hartford. If they are unable to locate it, they may build one for the Town Center. The other two anchors are in museums. The developer for the Town Center will build the base for the Anchor. The Town Center is in the old Kroger's building across from the FHS.

Sue Stuhl reported (i) they are doing maintenance on the cannons today and adding new bases. (ii) All four Parks and Recreation Committees would be serving as the first level of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan – the Focus Group, A packet of information will be distributed via email to be read prior to the April meeting.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm, at the Community Center.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moran, Secretary