



Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Members Present:

Sue-Ann Hansler
Dot LaMarche
Beverley Hammond
Chris Carnes
Paul Bergen
John Osborne
Eric Johnson
Mayor Williams

Members Absent:

Joyce Moran
Bill Battle
Bill Rhodes
Aubrey Conger (Student)

Staff in Attendance:

Ron Oestreich
Kristi Vining

Guests:

1. Sue-Ann Hansler, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes from 1/28/25 Meeting**

Motion: Mayor Williams

2nd: Eric Johnson

Motion Passed

3. **Museum Renovation Update – Ron**

- Ron Oestreich gave a report on the renovation of the Town Hall and Museum space within the Town Hall.
- The middle of April is the anticipated move in date.
- The museum has been cleaned several times with the ceiling tile replaced.
- All the lighting now has LED bulbs which makes the space brighter.
- The shelves and cabinets will be moved back into place shortly. When all is in place, the floor will be cleaned.

4. **Discussion and approval of Museum Hours – Ron**

New Museum hours were discussed and approved as follows.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11-2
Wednesday	11-2
Thursday	11-2
Friday	11-2
Saturday	11-2
Sunday	Closed

Motion: Dot LaMarche

2nd: Mayor Williams

Motion Passed

Additional Discussion Re: Hours

- The Museum will be available for tours outside of the regularly scheduled hours.
- Two docents will be present at all hours the museum is open.
- The Museum Committee will be responsible for serving as docents for April with additional docents added in May.
- A training program will be developed, and docents will be trained when the museum opens.

5. Discussion and approval of new Museum Logo (see below)

- A new logo for the museum was selected by the Museum Committee from several proposed logos. The committee selected the logo by voice vote.

Motion: Dot LaMarche

2nd: Mayor Williams

Motion Passed

6. Request for Museum Artifact Loading Sub-Committee

- Volunteers to assist staff in selecting and placing artifacts for the Museum were requested.
- The artifacts are now stored in a Town facility on Fretz Road and will be moved to the museum by town staff in March/April.
- The Sub-committee is Eric Johnson, Bill Battle, Chris Carnes and Beverley Hammond.

7. Update on Docents and Volunteers

- Joyce has been working on connecting with former Docents and attempting to fill the schedule.

8. Update on Museum Activities and Events

- Kristi Vining reported that the Farragut Museum is now a member of the Tennessee Association of Museums and now has complimentary membership in the local Chamber of Commerce.
- Projects she is currently working on include a children's activity book, a quote for advertising, providing information to Visit Knoxville, Visit The University of Tennessee.
- The Tourism Team received a marketing grant. A portion of the grant is earmarked to the Museum re-opening. One project will be a booklet compiled from old brochures to highlight the Town of Farragut. Others include signage, display boards and pop-up banners.
- The new Museum float was discussed. This year will be celebrating the Town's 45 Anniversary. Next year we will celebrate America's 250th Birthday. The year after, Admiral Farragut's Birthday, which is July 3rd.

9. Other Discussion Topics

- Loans of artifacts to other museums were also discussed. The Battle of Mobile Bay Museum in Morgan Alabama is a possible partner.
- Sue-Ann Hansler suggested the Museum host events inside the museum using the stage. Staff has renovated the stage area.
- Possible presenters include Richard Briggs regarding the Sextant on loan to us. It was also suggested that Jerry Keys present a program on the Civil War.
- The Campbell Station Inn is being renovated and will be available for rentals when it is completed. The Tourism Team will be working from there as will be the Town of Farragut Welcome Center. The first floor will have meeting space and second floor will be offices. The basement will have a commercial holding

kitchen with a dumbwaiter to bring food to the first floor. The museum will have a space to display artifacts in the Inn as well.

10. Communications from the Public

- There were no communications from the Public

11. Adjournment @ 1:57pm

Motion: Mayor Williams

2nd: John Osborne

New Approved Museum Logo's

