



**Museum Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

**Members Present:**

Sue-Ann Hansler  
Joyce Moran  
Bill Battle  
Bill Rhodes  
Roger Kittelson  
John Osborne  
Chris Carnes  
Melody Wagstaff

**Members Absent:**

Dot LaMarche  
Mayor Williams

**Staff in Attendance:**

Ron Oestreich  
Kristi Vining

**Guests:**

None

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

Sue-Ann welcomed our 2 new Committee Members. Roger Kittelson and Melody Wagstaff

Sue-Ann also thanked outgoing Committee members Mayor Williams, Eric Johnson and Paul Bergen for their many years of service to the Museum.

**Approval of Minutes from 5/26/26 Meeting**

Motion: Joyce Moran  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Battle  
Motion Passed

**Update on Docents and Volunteers – Joyce M.**

- Joyce reported that all shifts are covered for August.
- Bill Rhodes commented we need more docents and ask committee members to recruit some of their acquaintances.

**Historic Resources Coordinator Report – Kristi V.**

- Museum Attendance for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) was 2,032.
- This breaks down to an average of 9.24 per day.

- On August 20 there will be a History Tour of Farragut from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The First stop is Town Hall, the Museum, and Admiral Farragut's statue
- The Farragut Museum is presenting Our American Story: Voices from Tennessee, a new traveling exhibit from the Tennessee State Museum that highlights the lives and legacies of remarkable Tennesseans whose stories connect with and contribute to the nation's history. The exhibit will be at the Farragut Museum from September 10 – October 15.
- In partnership with the Knoxville House Museums' Movies at the Museums, The Farragut Museum will host a free outdoor movie, Herbie: Fully Loaded on Friday, September 18 at 7:30 at the greenspace at the Healthy Place playground at Town Hall. This movie was co-written by FHS alum Robert Ben Garant. A small car show, a food truck, and yard games will also be available
- There will be an appreciation reception for Mayor Williams and Vice Mayor Meyer on August 13 from 5:00-6:00 PM at Town Hall.
- Ron Oestreich gave committee members a roster of the members. There were a few corrections so the list will be corrected and sent to committee members by e-mail.

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**Nominations for the officers of the 2026-2027 Museum Committee were taken. The results are:**

Chair - John Osborne

Vice-Chair - Bill Rhodes

Secretary - Melody Wagstaff

#### **Museum Operations: suggestions**

- All of the display cases in the Museum need to be cleaned inside and out.
  - Elijah will be doing that on Saturdays
- Historical Markers need to be pressure washed and cleaned.
  - Kristi has already contracted with a cleaning company to do all of the markers throughout the Town.
- Melody Wagstaff mentioned the Museum needs to be more active on Social Media. She said she is willing to promote the Museum.
  - Ron said that the addition of the part time Attendant position that Elijah has is was designed to have social media. Kristi will have Elijah work with Melody on this.

### Communications from the Public

- There were no communications from the Public

### Adjournment

- Motion – Bill Battle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Rhodes
- Motion Passed

Minutes approved  
at Aug. 25, 2026  
John Osborne  
Museum Committee  
Chairperson  
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