

September 25, 2018

Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor
City of Franklin, Tennessee
109 Third Avenue South
Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Mayor Moore and City of Franklin Aldermen:

I am writing to express the Battlefield Preservation Commission's support of the "Fuller Story" proposal.

The Battlefield Preservation Commission approved a motion to support the efforts of Pastors Kevin Riggs, Hewitt Sawyers, and Chris Williamson and Civil War historian and Chief Executive Officer of the Battle of Franklin Trust, Eric Jacobson, to place additional historical markers at locations on the City Square, at its September 13, 2018, meeting. The Commission voted to support the conceptual themes of the proposed markers. Historical information concerning slavery, the United States Color Troops, Reconstruction, and the 1867 Race Riot is absolutely crucial to offering the public a more complete, "fuller story" of our community's history.

The Commission was established by ordinance in April 2010, as an advisory body to the BOMA and City Administration in the identification, preservation, maintenance, and recognition of sites related to all aspects of Civil War history. The Commission was created from a Battlefield Task Force that assisted the Heritage Foundation with the creation of its 2004 Battlefield Preservation Plan. The Commission has worked closely with the City to recognize and support battlefield preservation and reclamation and was honored with the Brian Pohanka Award Organization of the Year Award by the Civil War Trust (now American Battlefield Trust) in 2014.

Thank you kindly for your consideration of this significant interpretation proposal.

Sincerely,

Pam Lewis
Chair, Battlefield Preservation Commission