



Office of Historic Preservation Officer

## Shanon Shea Peterson, AICP

**S**hanon Shea Peterson, AICP, became the City's Historic Preservation Officer in November 2008. Ms. Peterson came to us from the City of Franklin, Tennessee, where she served as the Historic Preservation Officer for just over five years and as the Interim Planning Director for a portion of that time.

As the Historic Preservation Officer in Franklin, she directed the City's historic preservation program and served as the staff to the Historic Zoning Commission. In this role, she was involved in the designation of many new historic districts, the purchase and planning for the largest battlefield reclamation in the US, the purchase and rehabilitation of a 200-acre, National Register horse farm to be opened as a City park, the design of a comprehensive heritage tourism wayfinding system, the implementation of the Civil War Trails Program and the restoration of the Franklin Theatre project. She also served as chair of the City's Battlefield Task Force and directed an annual event commemorating the Battle of Franklin. In her position, she also served as a City appointee to the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and as an appointed member of the Tennessee Historical Commission's State Review Board, which makes recommendations to the Keeper of the National Register on nominations from the state. Ms. Peterson also served for four years as an adjunct professor teaching a course on the philosophy of historic preservation at O'More College of Design in Franklin.

Prior to moving to Franklin, Shanon served as the Historic Preservation Officer in Fort Worth, Texas, where she directed the overall preservation program. A major highlight of her time there was serving as project manager for a nine-month Citywide Historic Preservation Plan process including facilitating community based steering committee meetings, writing and editing portions of the plan and coordinating the adoption process. The plan resulted from broad-based community involvement aimed at developing community consensus around preservation priorities.

### Education

- Masters of Arts in Historic Preservation--Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland
- Masters of Public Service and Administration--Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Bachelors of Arts in History with minors in Economics and Art History--Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky

### Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Preservation Action: Vice Chair for Membership and Development. PA is the grassroots voice for historic preservation in Washington, D.C.
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: Treasurer. NAPC is only organization dedicated entirely to supporting local commissions through education, training and advocacy.
- Carter House Association: President. The Carter House is a National Historic Landmark historic site that was the epicenter of the Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864.
- Franklin's Charge: Board Member. Franklin's Charge is dedicated to preserving Battle of Franklin sites.
- Williamson County Convention and Visitor's Bureau: Board Member.
- Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County.
- City of Franklin Leadership University: Inaugural class.

### Personal

She is fortunate to get to do something everyday about which she is quite passionate: historic preservation, planning and architecture. She also enjoys running, Tennessee Titans football and Kansas Jayhawks basketball.