

**Committee for Historic Broad Ripple**

Minutes of meeting held October 14, 2009, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sharon Butsch Freeland, Sue Zilisch, Alan Hague, Michelle Gammon-Purvis, Chris Carlson

**Committee members:**

Karen Brogan	Sharon Freeland	Chad Lethig
Molly Butters	Michelle Gammon-Purvis	Lynn Levy
Chris Carlson	Margaret Gross	Elizabeth Marshall
Bridget Carson	Alan Hague	James Michelson
Mark Demerly	John Hague	Brenda Rising-Moore
Mark Dollase	Tom Healy	Alice Roettger
Tom Evaniew	Diane Hitchcock	Kevin See
John Fager	Diane Lihota	J.R. Walsh
Rhonda Finney	Maggie McCullough	Sue Zilisch

**Accuracy of these minutes**

If anything is incorrect or misleading, please notify Chris who will make corrections.

**Agenda for October 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Fire Station update: National Register nomination, other – Chris
- IN Humanities Council Grant program – Michelle
- Broad Ripple Canal report
- BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012
- Historic Home tour report– Sue Z
- Research reports
- New structures to research
- Other business
- Next Meeting

**1 Fire Station update**

Chris reported that she received from Mark Dollase a list of qualified professionals who could be hired to assist with the nomination process. HLF has a mini-grant program which could help the Committee cover a portion of the costs for a consultant; the grant could be from \$1000 to \$1500.

Chris prepared a sample RFP letter which was shared with the committee; several suggestions for improving the letter will be incorporated. The Committee discussed whom to approach for estimates; six names were selected from the list which Mark sent. Two additional consultants will be contacted, for a total of eight.

Chris will prepare the letters and email them to Sharon who will send them out on BRVA letterhead. Letters will be signed by Sharon (Exec. Dir) and Elizabeth (Pres.) and will request that responses be sent to the BRVA office. Once replies are received, the Committee will have a better idea of how much we will need to raise to make up the difference between the cost and the potential HLF mini-grant. Donations to this project would be made to BRAP where a special Historic Broad Ripple account has been established. Gifts would be tax deductible.

The Fire Station is listed in the HLF *Interim Report for Washington Township*, but Chris is unable to locate her copy of that publication to verify the category; it is thought to be listed as “outstanding.” Verification will have to wait. ☹

**2. IN Humanities Council Grant**

Michelle reported that the deadline for the Indiana Humanities Council grant is in early March; new guidelines have not yet been posted. Michelle will bring last year’s grant guidelines to the next Committee meeting.

However, their grants have generally been for public education. It was determined that a nomination for Historic Register inclusion could maybe be interpreted as educational. It is more likely that these funds would be a better match for an educational sign in front of the Fire Station or a brochure on BRipple history.

Furthermore, an early March deadline for submission of our proposal may be a little late for the NR nomination.

### **3. Indiana Historical Bureau**

Michelle mentioned that the IHB approves the signs for National Register properties; they do research and verify the accuracy of what's on the signs. We would have to pay for the actual sign though. IHB has offices in the State Library.

### **4. Broad Ripple Canal Report**

A meeting for public comment on the Canal was held Monday, September 14, 7 PM in the Broad Ripple High School Auditorium. Changes to the canal have been postponed until March. The Water Company took many of the public suggestions to heart and, preliminarily, altered many of their plans accordingly. Look for public notices and information on future meetings.

### **5. Broad Ripple Village 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday (1837 – 2012)**

It was suggested that the Village's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday be celebrated during the warm months rather than around the time of the Super Bowl.

Sharon will let the BRVA board know that we are interested in helping with promoting Broad Ripple's history. Sue Z has a copy of the brochure which was put out for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and she will bring copies to the next Committee meeting.

Sharon also researched the proper name for 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations: "The 175-year birthday (or anniversary?) that Broad Ripple will celebrate in 2012 is called: demisemiseptcentennial (one-half of one-half of a 700-year period) or quartoseptcentennial (one-fourth of a 700-year period). The second alternative is shorter, but the first one is more fun to say. :-)"

It was suggested that Bill Brink, a lifelong Ripple resident, may have historic info and ideas. Chris will contact him.

### **6. Broad Ripple Historic Home Tour**

Sue reported that weather was good and more than 600 people toured the homes. She will bring tour brochures to the next meeting. She will also share with Alan Hague all the information from previous home tours so that Alan can incorporate this information into his records on BR history.

### **7. Research**

There were no reports and no new suggestions to add to the research list.

Committee members are reminded to:

- a. put their research findings into word documents and email them to Alan Hague ([alan@broadripplegazette.com](mailto:alan@broadripplegazette.com)) so that the information can be gathered into one central repository for future reference. Photos and other visual information should be emailed to him as a pdf or in jpeg format.
- b. Email Sharon F to get the legal description of a property which you are researching. The legal description never changes and is a vitally important piece of information in putting all your research together.

### **8. BR Park Carousel**

Alan mentioned that a woman contacted him for information she needs for writing assignment regarding the BR Park's old carousel. Alan hopes to get a copy of what she writes (a poem perhaps) for our records.

### **9. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 PM  
Old National Bank Community Room  
6135 N. College Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

Fire Station update: National Register status, other – Chris  
IN Humanities Council Grant program – Michelle  
BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012  
Research reports  
New structures to research  
Other business.

A final agenda will be prepared for the meeting to help make the best use of our time and keep us on task. Please forward agenda items to Chris Carlson.