

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2004**

A quorum of the membership was not present for the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building. The members present participated in a general discussion of the Agenda Items, but took no official action on any items.

- I. The informal meeting began at 5:10 PM.
- II. Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Bob Schrage and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary.
- III. **Approval of March Minutes** The members did not take action on the Minutes of the March 11, 2004 Historic Preservation Review Board meeting.
- IV. **New and Old Business**
  - A. **Preservation Month Update**
    1. **Derby Day at Dinsmore (May 1)** Mr. Becher stated that invitations for Derby Day at Dinsmore have been sent out. There will be another meeting next week and he will let the Board members know if there is any new information. Mr. Schrage is working on getting door prize items together.
    2. **Split Rock Open House (May 8)** Ms. Fox stated that there will be a charge of \$3 per adult for the Split Rock Open House. The event will be from 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be interpreters along the trails to answer questions and maps for people to guide themselves.
    3. **Cemetery Workshop (May 15)** Mr. Becher will meet with Jerry Garbett to find gravestones in need of cleaning and repair. Urb's will allow parking in their lot and will provide a water hose. Donations have been received in the amount of \$870, with seven official sponsors donating \$100 each. Ms. Striker commented that once the workshop happens and the website is promoted, she believes the donations will pick up. She stated that there is a reprieve until June 2005 to raise the money.
    4. **Preservation Awards (May 20)** Mr. Becher is working on getting a PA system for the Awards Event. He has not heard back from the manager at the County Seat and will contact owner Arlene Jones.
  - B. **2004 Preservation Awards Nominees** Mr. Schrage received a letter from Barbara Fallis recommending Betty and Gil Fisher for a Preservation Award. In 1975, a two-story 1863 log cabin built on airport property was going to be torn down, but Mr. and Mrs. Fisher preserved it and moved it to Rabbit Hash. The log cabin is now located on Lower River Road and has been maintained by the Fishers, who are now in their 80's. They wrote about their experiences with the log cabin and Mr. Schrage has their story. He agrees that it would be good to honor the Fishers. Ms. Fox suggested giving them a Stewardship Award. Mr. Becher stated that Don Clare was concerned about giving an award for something that happened many

years ago since awards are meant to be for something that happened in the past year and he did not want to set a precedent. Ms. Fox suggested that a Preservation Stewardship Award could honor their commitment to the building. The Board informally agreed to present a Preservation Stewardship Award to Betty and Gil Fisher.

**C. 2005 Boone County Comprehensive Plan** No discussion.

**D. Other (1) Pictures** Mr. Becher may be able to locate a series of pictures of the Old Courthouse, which Ms. Fox suggested using for display at the County Fair. Mr. Becher stated that the pictures were done by a professional photographer and mounted, but he prefers to copy them rather than using the originals. He stated that the photography is very good and suggested doing a Frank Milburn display. Ms. Striker stated that Scheben Library has all of the photographs from the Fitzgerald collection. She stated that sometimes people are able to identify people in the photographs. The Milburn pictures were displayed previously but no one was able to identify any of them. Mr. Schrage stated that he took pictures for the book to church and elderly parishioners were able to identify some of the people. He questioned taking pictures to a senior citizen center. Mr. Becher stated that Burlington Baptist is the largest church and it would be good to have someone make an announcement at church. He got very little response to his email to the entire county or from the newspaper articles. He stated that he will stop accepting items for the book on June 1 because the information has to be to the publisher by July 1. Ms. Striker stated that it is too short of a time for the library to get a program together and get people to come. She will make the announcement at the Genealogy Club. **(2) World War II Memorial** Mr. Schrage stated that the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. will be dedicated in May (Memorial Day weekend) at a national celebration. He has a list of the Boone County soldiers who died in World War II and suggested a project honoring them. He stated that there could be a registry on the web page of names and what they did in the war. He questioned running an advertisement in The Boone County Recorder reminding people of those who died in World War II. He stated that there could be a project of putting up a plaque in the courthouse with all the names. He stated that there are about twenty names on the list. Ms. Fox questioned honoring those who died in all the wars. Ms. Striker stated that if there is green space, there could be a granite memorial. Mr. Schrage stated that there is a memorial monument in Ludlow with panels. Mr. Becher suggested getting a private entity to partner with the Board and the county and approach the Judge with a plan. Mr. Schrage stated that a presentation could be made to Fiscal court for funds for a plaque. Ms. Striker stated that it could start with a World War II plaque and grow to a bigger project. She stated that Crescent Springs has a Veterans' Memorial and there is a service there on Memorial Day. Mr. Becher stated that Rabbit Hash also has a Veterans' Memorial. Mr. Schrage will talk to the Judge and offer to present the project to Fiscal Court if the Board is in favor of the idea. He suggested a bronze plaque that can hang in the Courthouse and be brought outside for dedications. He will see what Florence has in Veteran's Plaza. The Board members were informally in favor of the project. **(3)** Mr. Becher stated that the **Giles Conrad Park Dedication** will be on May 4 at 10:30 AM. **(4)** Mr. Becher stated that the meeting for the Burlington National Register District will be held at the Extension Center on April 29 at 6:30 PM.

Following general discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on May 13, 2004 at 5 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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Matt Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner  
Boone County Planning Commission

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Pat Fox, Chairperson  
Historic Preservation Review Board

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