

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008
5:00 PM

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board met in their regular monthly meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:05 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Mike Duncan, Bob Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission; Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and guest Tim Williams, Assistant County Administrator.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Ms. Striker moved to approve the minutes of the October 2008 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schrage and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** Mr. Becher stated that the article written by Judge Frohlich will be published in November and Bob Schrage has written an article on George S. Sperti for the December column. Pat Fox will write an article for January.
 2. ***Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 08-09)*** Mr. Becher has received permission from the Kentucky Heritage Council to retain UK-PAR to direct the project and is now waiting for final signatures. The grant is for \$11,500. Ms. Fox volunteered to go out in the field, and Mr. Schrage and Mr. Duncan may also be able to volunteer. Mr. Becher will email the dates to the Board members when they are finalized.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. ***Old Burlington Cemetery*** Mr. Becher stated that the check for \$3,085.45, representing funds raised by the 2007 Ghosts & Mysteries tour and the 5K run, as well as from the Bike race in 2008 and sales of the Images of *America: Burlington* book, has been deposited to the account. He has been looking for a Cemetery Master Plan for a cemetery similar in size to Old Burlington Cemetery, but has not found one. Most cemeteries have more acreage. He passed around a list of some of his ideas and requested input from the Board. Ms. Striker suggested asking for a grant. Mr. Becher agreed and stated that a state grant may pay to develop a Master Plan. Ms. Striker also suggested working with a consultant from Spring Grove cemetery. Ms. Fox stated that the Board needs to have a plan before taking that step. Mr. Williams stated that the AIA of Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati has taken on the Bellevue site as a project. Boone Conservancy has received a lot of services from them. He stated that the Landscape Architect

Association might be willing to take on this project since it is small. He will send contact information to Mr. Becher. Mr. Becher stated that if some of the trees are not taken out, they are going to fall. Ms. Striker stated that there is a high water table there. Mr. Becher stated that there are also stormwater issues. Ms. Fox stated that there will be further discussion of this item at the Retreat in January. Mr. Becher stated that the Board also needs to discuss grant priorities for 2009.

2. **Fall Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour Recap** Ms. Striker stated that a check is expected on November 18 for funds raised by the Ghosts & Mysteries Tour. The charge was \$10 per person, and they estimate that there were 140 people. Last year, there were 175 people because there more tours. She does not want to include the cemetery in the tours next year because it takes too long to walk there and back – the last tour did not get back until 9:15 PM. Ms. Fox stated that she went on the tour and felt that there was enough difference from last year to keep it fresh and interesting. Mr. Schrage agreed and stated that Ms. Striker did a great job.
3. **Preservation Priorities Winter Edition** Following discussion, Mr. Becher stated that he will focus on the Ghosts & Mysteries Tour, cemeteries, fundraising and possibly Gaines Tavern.
4. **Other (1) Paranormal Investigators** Ms. Striker has been contacted by the paranormal investigators (they do a program on A & E) about the possibility of doing a paranormal investigation on the Jenkins' house in Petersburg. She will work with the researchers on the history of the house so that it is accurate. Mr. Clare suggested that they do an investigation on the archaeological site on Rogers - that house was built on an Indian burial ground and members of three families who lived there have died. **(2) Preservation Month Events** Ms. Fox stated that Friends of Big Bone is trying to make the Preservation Poker Paddle event a reality. They want to make it a big event and show why this area is worth visiting. She stated that people could come there to camp and there could be an all day event with booths and events to promote preservation. The Poker Paddle would take 2 – 4 hours. She stated that Big Bone Landing is currently in a state of flux and is looking for new owners. Pat Lenz talked to Judge Moore because there is concern that the new owner may not want the event on the property. Judge Moore is looking into it. Mr. Williams stated that R. J. Marine is running the landing now, but there is an RFP out for a longer-term contract. Ms. Striker questioned other events for Preservation Month. Ms. Fox responded that at this point, there will be the traditional events and the Poker Paddle is a “wait and see”.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on December 11, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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

Pat Fox, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date