

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2009
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 5:06 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Rick Duncan, Harold McFarland, and Pat Wingo. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Recording Secretary Jan Hancock.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Ms. Wingo moved to approve the minutes of the January 2009 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** Ms. Fox will do an article for April. Mr. Clare suggested putting together a booklet of all of the articles that have been written.
 2. ***Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 07-08)*** Mr. Becher stated that he believes they will be going back out to the site in the next couple of weeks and that the fieldwork will be finished in March. The contract calls for all of the work, including all of the processing and report writing, to be done by July 1. Ms. Fox stated that some Friends of Big Bone are interested in helping. Mr. Duncan also volunteered.
 3. ***FY 2008-09 CLG Grant Request*** Mr. Becher stated that the grant request for \$15,000 (\$9,000 federal and \$6,000 local) was sent in this week.
 4. ***Follow-up on February 3 presentation to Fiscal Court*** Mr. Becher stated that the presentation to Fiscal Court went well, but it was not well attended by the Board members or general public due to a snowstorm.
 5. ***Big Bone Lick National Natural Landmark Status*** Mr. Becher stated that Big Bone Lick has been officially listed as a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service. Ms. Fox stated that Jeannine Kreinbrink and John Rockaway were the main people involved. Mr. Becher stated that the work on the National Historic Landmark is being done by Joanne Kluesendorf, who lives in Chicago, and he does not know the status of it. She started the work several years before she got sick and wants to finish it herself.
 6. ***Other (1) Fort Ancient Indian Site Dig*** Mr. Clare stated that the work could be done in one week at a cost of \$5,000. They would go over the whole field with a remote sensor. The site, which is located on the left side of the entrance to Big Bone Lick State Park, was a Fort Ancient Village. He stated that the future cell tower litigation money could be used for this project.

V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

1. **Election of Review Board Officers for 2009** Mr. Clare moved to reelect the current officers. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Becher stated that the Board will not have a Recording Secretary after the March meeting. He will be taking minutes, but the Board may want to elect a Secretary. Ms. Fox moved to elect Ms. Wingo as Secretary. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all.
2. **Kentucky State Historic Preservation Plan Update** Mr. Becher stated that there will be a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 PM in the Covington City Hall Commissioners' Chambers. There is also an online survey available on their website. He will send the flyer out to the Board.
3. **2009 Action Plan – Review & Finalize** Mr. Becher stated that Kevin Costello will talk to the Planning Commission's attorney, Dale Wilson, about Review Board autonomy and authority issues. Counselor Wilson has been advising the Planning Commission for about 30 years. Mr. Becher asked the Board for issues to be researched and the responses included: (1) fundraising, (2) what the Board is legally capable of doing (example – if someone destroyed a cemetery, could this Board take them to court?), (3) policies and being able to make policy suggestions to the policy makers, (4) demolition permits going through this Board so that the Board could determine if the building being torn down has historic significance, (5) initiating a reduction in taxes if a property is rehabbed rather than destroyed, (6) historic buildings being redeveloped and not being able to meet the current Code, and (7) establishing a revolving loan program so that the Board could make loans through a bank. Mr. Becher will update the Action Plan and send it out to the Board.
4. **Heritage Tourism/Points of Interest Map** Mr. Becher stated that the Planning Commission's Points of Interest map will be combined with the Board's Heritage Tourism map. Mr. Costello received a grant of \$5,000 from the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors' Bureau for the project.
5. **2009 Boone County Preservation Awards Nominations** Ms. Fox suggested (1) Split Rock for their conservation project, (2) the quilts attached to old barns displaying Kentucky heritage, (3) the Burlington information kiosk for a preservation craftsmanship award, (4) Dr. Quast for a preservation stewardship award because without him there would not have been Split Rock, (5) Stanley Hadeen who designed a revision of a major walk at Big Bone by working with the state department when they were redoing the signage. Mr. Clare suggested waiting until next year after the changes are made and possibly giving an award to Stanley Hadeen and Carey Tichoner. Mr. Clare suggested (1) Ruth Brunings for a Preservation Restoration and Adaptive Reuse award -- when the Bedinger House was demolished, all of the building materials were dumped into the cellar, and Ruth had all the rubble dug out and exposed the walls and had them finished. They found original bricks from the house and added them to the top of the rock wall. It is a beautiful rock wall with steps down to the storm cellar, (2) the sculptor who did the Mary Ingles Statue for the Shirley Mann award -- he did a lot of research on the statue and it is an educational project, (3) Mr. McFarland for the Anne Fitzgerald award (he was not a Board member last year), (4) Terri Sawyer for the

William Conrad award – his projects include the white log house relocation, salvaging items from the old Tollhouse property, taking down a timber frame building in Rabbitt Hash and making it into an outhouse, and the Ruth Wade Cox Brunings building. He could also receive the Preservation Craftsmanship Award, and (5) Jeannine Kreinbrink and John Rockaway for the Bruce Ferguson award for their work on the Big Bone Natural Landmark. Mr. Becher will update the awards list based on the discussion.

6. **2009 Bronze Plaque Recipients** Mr. Becher stated that five plaques can be purchased with Planning Commission money. The City of Florence will pay for one plaque and the City of Union will pay for one in Union. He stated that he was able to get a 20% discount on the plaques. He sent letters to the owners of the Robert Chambers house in Richwood, the L. C. Norman house on Mt. Zion Road in Union, the Florence Hotel in Florence, the Old Burlington School, the Foster-Sandford House on Jefferson Street in Burlington, and the William Hudson House in Bedinger’s Landing in Richwood.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, May 14 – Preservation Awards
- Saturday, May 16 – Split Rock Open House (to be confirmed)
- Saturday, September 13 – E/I Race for the Graves Mountain Bike Race

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Duncan moved to adjourn. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on March 12, 2009 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

