

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2009
5:00 PM**

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:12 PM.
- II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Secretary Pat Wingo, Robert Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present was Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Mr. Schrage moved to approve the minutes of the June 2009 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wingo and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates.** Mr. Becher reviewed Item Updates as follows:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column.*** Mr. McFarland has prepared a draft of an article for the September column in *The Boone County Recorder*. Mr. Clare continues to work with Hanover College on topics for the Year 2011 and can provide another article for October.
 2. ***Race for the Graves Mountain Bike Race @ E/I Trails - Sept. 13.*** Ms. Striker has agreed to pick up the water and fruit donated by Remke Markets and will deliver it to the event site on Sunday the 13th. Ms. Fox and Ms. Wingo, as well as Pat Lense have also volunteered to help on race day.
 3. ***Frank S. Milburn Machine Shop Demolition.*** Mr. Becher advised the board that he spoke with Judge Moore the previous day (9/9/09) and was told that the Judge had an update for him, although he had not yet spoken with the Judge. Mr. Clare expressed his frustration with the perceived lack of response from the county and said that he is going to proceed with trying to do something about the issue. Ms. Fox asked him to email his ideas to her and said she would call Judge Moore personally.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. ***Adam Finch House.*** Ms. Wingo prepared some information about this property, which Mr. Becher had emailed to board members the week before the meeting for their review. Built c. 1840, the Finch House is believed to be the oldest house in Florence. It has been vacant for the last

two years, and was recently put up for sale with an asking price of \$89,000. Ms. Wingo toured the house and discussed the property with the real estate agent, who noted on the MLS form that the property would be good for commercial use if someone bought it and “razed the house.” Ms. Wingo does not believe that the parcel lends itself to redevelopment because it may be too narrow to meet setback requirements for many commercial uses. There was lengthy discussion about the morphology of the brick building, which Ms. Wingo said is difficult to ascertain. Ms. Wingo asked the board to pass the information along to anyone who might be interested in restoring the house as a small business – perhaps as a small specialty shop or professional office.

- 2. Boone County African-American Heritage Project.** The board members present at the August meeting brought the others up to speed on this project, reminding all their decision to contact Cathy Collopy about directing the research. Mr. Clare has spoken with Ed Rigaud, former director of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, who referred the board to current director Carl Westmoreland. Mr. Rigaud that he believed the center should participate in the project. Ms. Striker noted that a relatively new publisher called History Press might be a good publisher for the project. Ms. Fox said she would contact Ms. Collopy to discuss the idea and report back to the full board at the next meeting.
- 3. Petersburg Ghosts & Mysteries Tours, Oct. 16, 23 & 30, 6-8m.** Ms. Striker advised the board about these tours, which are an extension of the popular Burlington tours given before Halloween in 2007 and 2008. Library staff members have been working with students from NKU to document ghost/mystery stories in Petersburg that might make good stops for a walking tour. Ms. Striker is meeting with PINK (Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky) as well, who were involved in the previous Burlington tours. The Petersburg tours are free to the public and are timed to precede Sandy Land Acres’ “Haunted Hayrides” on three Fridays in October. There was some discussion about trying the October edition of “Historic Boone County” into the ghost/mysteries tour.
- 4. Other (a) Library Wiki in Progress.** Ms. Striker advised board members that the Boone County Public Library has been working on a wiki (online encyclopedia) of Boone County heritage called “Chronicles of Boone County.” Presently, they are focusing on a timeline of 1800 to 1849. It will not be publically available until October 15, but Bridget invited board members to review and critique it. The URL is www.bcpl.org/lhg/cbc. **(b) Old Burlington Cemetery.** Mr. Becher advised the board that Jan Garbett has asked to conduct a couple of small tours in the Old Burlington Cemetery in mid-October. The tours are for friends/family and other interested parties and would be very small in scope. Mr. Schrage made a motion to allow Ms. Garbett to conduct the tours and Ms. Fox seconded. The motion was approved by all. **(c) Vaughan-Marquis Cemetery.** Ms.

Striker noted that she had been contacted by Ms. Kathy Caminiti, a descendent of Larking Vaughan, who is buried in this cemetery located behind Wal-Mart off Merchants Drive in Florence. Ms. Caminiti relayed to her the trouble they are having accessing the cemetery, which is owned by the Patel Brothers. The Vaughan descendants want to continue the restoration work in the cemetery that they began in the spring. The Patels, who operate the adjacent Homewood Suites, are concerned about liability and unannounced visits. Mr. Becher advised the board that he has been in contact with both the Patels and the Vaughan descendants. The cemetery was preserved per the county's zoning ordinance and has been well maintained by the Patels. However, the ordinance does not address visitation or restoration issues. Zoning Administrator Kevin Wall has stated that these issues will have to be resolved by the two parties. Mr. Becher believes that the two parties will come to an access agreement that is amenable to both parties.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ms. Striker made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Ms. Fox seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on October 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pat Wingo, Recording Secretary

Pat Fox, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date