

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2016**  
**4:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their monthly meeting on the above date at the Old Boone County Clerk's Building, Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum of the membership present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Wingo at 4:00 PM.
- II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Wingo, Vice-Chair Bridget Striker, Secretary Tom Schiffer, Pat Berry, and Pat Fox. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Assistant County Administrator Matthew Webster.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Mr. Schiffer moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016, Review Board business as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry and approved unanimously.
- IV. **Item Updates**
  1. **Historic Boone County Column.** Mr. Becher noted that he is submitted an article about the Old Courthouse rehabilitation project for the October column in *The Boone County Recorder*. For November, Mr. Schiffer forwarded an article about the Old Latonia Race Track. Ms. Wingo is working on article about the "Lady Liberty's Little Sister" statue believed to have been installed at the Boy Scout's Camp Michaels in the 1950's. Mr. Becher said that article could go in for December or January.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
  1. **Old Boone County Courthouse.** Mr. Becher stated that Hub & Weber's (H&W) architects and subcontractors continue to investigate the Old Courthouse and work on the rehabilitation plans. Since the September Review Board meeting, members of the project team (H&W, Matthew Webster, Mike Albrecht and himself) have met several times to look at various issues in the building. Property Maintenance has begun some selective demolition to determine the condition of original walls and ceilings, possible interior door locations, etc. Mr. Becher completed and submitted Part 1 of the Kentucky Rehabilitation Tax Credit on September 16 and, pending its approval by Kentucky Heritage Council staff, will submit the part 2 in mid-October. The project is progressing quickly and he will continue to update the board monthly.
  2. **John Miller House/Piner Property.** In mid-September, Mr. Becher was contacted by Dave Geohegan on behalf of NKU's Center for Environmental Research, which is heading up the stream restoration project on this property. NKU is proposing to stabilize and secure the Miller House by removing the

back additions and other deteriorating features (e.g., chimneys) and boarding up the openings. They are willing to commit up to \$30,000 to the relocate the house. Mr. Becher, Ms. Wingo and Ms. Striker agree that this would be reasonable since the funds are separate from those already committed to the Big Bone research project and that the likely alternative for the house is slow deterioration culminating in demolition. Mr. Becher advised NKU personnel to seek input from the Kentucky Heritage Council and State Parks Department, which owns the building and surrounding property, but has heard nothing further from any of the parties involved. Ms. Striker reiterated her concern that there needs to be some clarification from NKU about whether the \$30,000 for the house would impact the amount set aside for the Big Bone Springs Research Project (\$30,000 to \$50,000). If it looks like the house will not be relocated, could those funds be rolled into the research project? Mr. Becher said he would follow up on that question.

3. **Graves-Duncan Cemetery.** Mr. Becher reminded everyone that Boy Scout Joseph Kiely is cleaning up this small family cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. According to library staff Robin Edwards, Joseph has applied for and received (on a fast track basis) permission from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to place a marker on the site with the following text: "REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER, JOHN GRAVES, CAPTAIN - CULPEPER CO MILITIA, VA, BORN 19 DECEMBER 1737 IN VA, DIED IN 1825 IN BOONE CO KY, MARKER PLACED BY BOONE COUNTY CHAPTER, NSDAR." The marker will be dedicated onsite on November 20 at 2pm. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) are involved as well, want to place their insignia on the stone and will be providing the color guard in uniform for the event. Because the homeowner's property is small and there is already a great deal of interest, the library is going to try and simulcast the proceedings at the Main Library. Reporter Mark Hansel with the *Northern Kentucky Tribune* is going to do a "pre" story about the cleanup project and marker. Ms. Striker added that she was on-site on October 8 to guide the location of a poured concrete footer for the new marker. Mr. Berry added that other groups in addition to the DAR and SAR are participating and that it would be nice if the Review Board could lay a wreath at the site during the event. Ms. Wingo and Ms. Striker agreed to coordinate that effort.
4. **CLG Continuing Education Requirement for FY 2015-2016.** Mr. Becher was happy to report that all board members have met the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 education requirement for CLG board members. He thanks the board members for their patience with the process and said he would continue to forward opportunities for credit as he learns of them. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 began October 1, so there are 11+ months left to meet the new year requirement.
5. **Other. (A). Ghost Walks.** Ms. Striker commented that the Library is holding ghost walks in Burlington on October 22 and Rabbit Hash on October 29; **(B). Honor Flight.** Mr. Berry noted that the last Honor Flight for 2016 is scheduled

for the evening fo Tuesday, October 25, and encouraged all to attend if their schedule permits.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ms. Fox made a motion to adjourn at 4:58 PM. Ms. Stiker seconded and all present agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be on November 10, 2016, 4:00 PM at the Old Clerk's Building, Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

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Pat Wingo, Chair  
Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

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