

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 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 4:07 PM.

II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Wingo, Vice-Chair Bridget Striker, Secretary Tom Schiffer, Pat Berry, Pat Fox and Lisa Hoffman. 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 October 13, 2016, Review Board business as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox and approved unanimously.

IV. **Item Updates**

1. **Historic Boone County Column.** Mr. Becher's article about the Old Courthouse restoration appeared in the October 20 edition of *The Boone County Recorder*. For November, he is submitting Tom Schiffer's 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 will submit that article for either December or January.

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

1. **Old Boone County Courthouse.** Mr. Becher stated that since the October Review Board meeting, the project team (himself, Matthew Webster & Mike Albrecht) have reviewed Hub & Weber's "75% completion" construction drawings. Most of the big issues have been addressed and discussion about project phasing, finishes, etc, is beginning. Mr. Becher completed and submitted Part 2 of the Kentucky Rehabilitation Tax Credit on October 20. Hub & Weber is expecting to have final construction drawings complete by November 18, with a goal of beginning the bidding process in early January and expected completion in late 2017. Mr. Webster added that he will be bringing the Courthouse Action Team together for an update meeting about the Old Courthouse. He also noted that most of the details concerning the Child Support offices in the Annex have been worked out as well. Mr. Schiffer asked who would be allowed to use the meeting rooms and upstairs assembly space. Mr. Webster replied that the county has begun working on this and may consult with the Library regarding their procedures. Ms. Fox asked whether the building would be suitable as a permanent home for an arts consortium, to which Mr. Webster replied that this was doubtful due to the

available space and need for flexibility in how that space is used. Mr. Becher will continue to update the board as this project progresses.

2. **John Miller House/Piner Property.** Mr. Becher stated that he still does not have a clear answer from NKU about their proposal to secure/stabilize the Miller House for potential future relocation or salvage. Per the board's direction at the October meeting, he is seeking something in writing from NKU stating that any funds put toward that effort would be separate from those set aside for the Big Bone Springs Research Project. Ms. Fox asked about what exactly the research project would include. Ms. Striker answered that the goal is to research and interpret the town of Big Bone Springs, which was the town located at Big Bone. Ms. Fox also advised that Ossanna Wolff has resigned her position as park Naturalist at Big Bone and has moved away to be closer to family.
3. **Graves-Duncan Cemetery.** On November 20 at 2pm, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will place a marker at this cemetery 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 Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Boone County Historical Society, Boone County Public Library and others are also involved. Numerous family members are expected to attend as well and the event will be simulcast at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Reporter Mark Hansel with the *Northern Kentucky Tribune* is covering the story. Ms. Striker added that this event may serve as a model for future marker ceremonies at other Boone County cemeteries.
4. **Review Board Schedule.** Mr. Becher reminded everyone that the board does not meet in December. The board's next business meeting will precede the annual winter retreat, scheduled for January 12 at the Main Library. Those present agreed to bring the following to the retreat, which is a potluck affair: soup (Ms. Fox), drinks (Mr. Becher), cookies (Ms. Striker), cheese, crackers fruit (Ms. Wingo).
5. **Marydale.** Mr. Becher reported that Eagle Realty Group, which owns the Marydale property, is beginning the process of demolishing the Seminary of St. Pius X, including the gymnasium, sanctuary, and maintenance building. The only part of the site which will not be disturbed is the Catholic Priests Cemetery, which is still active. Mr. Becher received a demolition permit for the project on October 13 and took extensive exterior photos the following week. The interior of the building was only partially accessible due to ongoing asbestos abatement. Most of the significant interior features (e.g., stained glass) had already been removed by the Diocese. Eagle has retained Beth Sullebarger and Jeannine Kreinbrink to document the property and buildings and Eagle has supplied a digital set of construction drawings from the 1987 conversion of the Seminary to office use. The Diocese is also in the process

of locating and copying archived photos of the site. While this will be a significant loss, it will at least be well documented.

6. **Other. (A) Walton CCC Camp Marker.** Mr. Becher announced that the Kentucky Historical Society has approved the application he prepared for this site on behalf of the Boone County Historical Society. The final text will likely be done by January and the marker dedicated sometime in spring of 2017; **(B) Popham Cemeteries at the Airport.** Mr. Becher advised that CVG has retained Jeannine Kreinbrink to oversee relocation of these two small family cemeteries from the south end of the airport property. Ms. Kreinbrink has been working with the Library's Local History Department staff to identify possible descendents. Mr. Becher will provide an update at the next Review Board meeting; **(C) Rabbit Hash.** By all accounts, restoration of the Rabbit Hash General Store is ahead of schedule. Don Clare believes the store may reopen by summer of 2017; **(D) Continuing Education Opportunity.** Ms. Wingo noted that some sessions for this year's "Past Forward" National Preservation Conference will be live streamed. She will forward a registration link to everyone.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Schiffer made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM. Ms. Stiker seconded and all present agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be on January 12, 2017, 4:00 PM at the Main Library, Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

Pat Wingo, Chair
Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

Date