

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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, Bob Schrage, 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 November 2008 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clare and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** No additional information.
 2. ***Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 08-09)*** Ms. Fox stated that Pat Gilliland from Friends of Big Bone and her son helped with the fieldwork. Jeanine Kreinbrink has been an active volunteer and she was able to get some additional help. Mr. Becher stated that he will continue to provide updates on the survey work.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. ***FY 08-09 CLG Grant Priorities*** Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Fox and Kevin Costello were in agreement to using 08-09 grant funds to administer the Historic Preservation Review program. He stated that since 1986, only the first two years of grant funds were used to administer the program. Newport and Covington have used their grant funds exclusively to administer their programs. Mr. Clare expressed concern about using the grant funds to administer the program. He reviewed projects the Board has done in the past using grant funds and stated that he has an idea for a new project. He feels that the Board needs the funds for projects. He noted that the Board has not been permitted to make money in order to be self-supporting. Mr. Schrage agreed that the Board needs the money for projects and suggested that the Board use the funds to cover administrative expenses for this fiscal year only. Ms. Wingo questioned making a motion that the funds be used to administer the program, but including in the motion that the Board needs to have the ability to generate revenue in order to fund projects. Following lengthy discussion of the current economic crisis and the Board's current and future projects, Mr. Schrage stated that all of the Board's projects are important, but it is also important to get through this rough economic time. He stated that Mr. Becher's position is vital to the Board. Ms. Fox stated that it is important for the

Historic Preservation Board to continue and for the position of the Historic Preservation staff person to be maintained. Mr. Schrage suggested that there be discussion at the retreat of ways for the Board to raise money. Following lengthy discussion, Ms. Wingo moved that the Historic Preservation Review Board apply for a CLG grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council (when it becomes available) and that the funds be used to fund the administrative position of Rural/Open Space Planner in order to maintain the Board's efforts for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 – 09 and to ensure that the Mission of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be continued. Ms. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. **January Review Board Meeting/Retreat** Mr. Becher will contact the Board members by email on the Friday before the retreat about dinner requests from Panera. He will also send out a request by email for *Items of Discussion*. Mr. Clare stated that the Board needs to present to Fiscal Court a list of the items that are discussed and agreed to at the retreat.
3. **African-Americans in Boone County Project – funding now available** Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Striker will steer this project. It is a library-intensive project. Mr. Clare stated that this project could result in a booklet on African-American history. Mr. Becher stated that there will be further discussion of this project at the retreat.
4. **Other (1) Gunpowder Creek Initiative** Mr. Schrage stated that the Boone County Conservation District is seeking endorsement of their application for a grant from the Kentucky Division of Water and the EPA to fund a watershed based plan for Gunpowder Creek. This would be an on-going initiative to minimize future increases in non-point source pollution in Gunpowder Creek. He distributed copies of a handout *Gunpowder Creek Initiative*. He stated that they are seeking endorsement from this Board and also from the Historical Society. Mr. Clare moved that the Historic Preservation Review Board endorse the Boone County Conservation District's grant request as detailed in the memorandum provided by Mr. Schrage. Ms. Fox seconded the motion. A vote on the motion found all voting members in favor. Mr. Schrage abstained. The motion carried. **(2) CLG Grant** Mr. Clare stated that in light of the research and the bison kill site located at Big Bone, he would like to utilize a future CLG grant to conduct remote sensing in the ball fields. He stated that Fort Ancient materials were found in the ball fields and the village site is not far from the kill site at the end of the creek. Ms. Wingo suggested discussion at the retreat of ways to raise money to do the project. Mr. Clare stated that there is the possibility that the village site would contain an historic cemetery. He stated that many times historic burials are on top of pre-historic burials, which could be determined with remote sensing. There will be further discussion at the retreat. **(3) National Guard Building** Mr. Clare stated that there is a Fort Ancient site on Conrad Lane and at the Justice Center on the Poole property. The National Guard is constructing a building there and an archaeological investigation should be done before the building is built. Mr. Becher stated that the people who are doing the Gunpowder Creek Survey contacted him this. He will talk to them further about it. He stated that the National Guard is exempt from local zoning. Mr. Clare stated that it is an archaeological site that matches the Poole property.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Ms. Wingo seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be the Annual Winter Retreat on January 8, 2009 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Florence Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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

Pat Fox, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date