

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2004

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 5:10 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Sharon Elliston, Bob Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the March 11, 2004 Review Board meeting and the minutes of April 15, 2004 informal meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Clare moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elliston and approved by all.
- IV. **New and Old Business** – Matt Becher
 - A. **Preservation Month Update**
 - 1) **Derby Day at Dinsmore** Mr. Becher stated that Derby Day at Dinsmore was held on May 1 and went very well. The preliminary information he received from Marty McDonald shows income of about \$2,800 and expenses of about \$1,900, for an estimated profit of \$900 – which is better than last year even though attendance was lower. There was an increase in price this year and people had to pay up front. He believes Mr. Costello will want to support the event again next year.
 - 2) **Open House at Split Rock (May 8)** Ms. Fox stated that 129 people attended the event. (A headcount was not taken last year for comparison). The cost this year was \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. The weather was good for the event. There were conservationists and geologists there to talk to people and it was a lot of fun. Sharon Elliston brought her Girl Scout troop – they enjoyed the event and then went to visit Dinsmore. She believes Mark Jacobs will have the Pig Roast again this year, but it will be in September rather than October.
 - 3) **Cemetery Workshop (May 15)** Mr. Becher stated that he has arranged for water and will bring a table and some other materials to the Cemetery Workshop. Ann Johnson from the Kentucky Historical Society will be attending and will present some materials. Jerry Garbett will bring brushes. Ten or twelve RSVP's have been received. An article appeared in The Cincinnati Enquirer Tempo Section two or three weeks ago about the event, but it did not include information on how to make contact even though he had asked for that information to be included. He thought the article would be in the Kentucky paper, but it was not. He stated that the Cemetery Workshop will be from 10 AM to 2 PM and people should bring their own lunch.
 - 4) **Preservation Awards Ceremony (May 20)** Mr. Becher stated that Judge Moore two Commissioners will be attending the Awards Ceremony. The event will be at 6:30 PM on May 20 in the Old

Courthouse (in the courtroom next to his office). The Property Maintenance Department will clean the courtroom and put in a few more tables. The PA system from Dinsmore will be there. Don Clare will hand out awards and Pat Fox will co-host with Matt Becher. Mr. Becher questioned the order for presenting awards and the Board agreed that the awards would be presented in the order of the list. The Shirley Mann Award, which is the special award this year, will be presented last. Ms. Fox stated that there are ten regular awards, the Shirley Mann Award, and at least sixteen certificates. There is a plaque for the Shirley Mann Award. Mr. Becher will e-mail the list of recipients to Ms. Fox. Mr. Becher stated that there should be at least two people taking pictures – one with a digital camera and one with a regular camera.

B. Heritage Education Series – wrap-up and topics for Autumn Series Mr.

Becher stated that Laurie Wilcox sent him wrap up information on the series and it was the best one ever. Ninety-two people attended the Bruce Ferguson program on Union, 15 people attended Laurie Wilcox's talk about Florence and John Uri Lloyd, 63 people came to hear Richard Crisler talk about North Bend, and 33 people came to hear Paul Tenkotte talk about railroads. The doors to the meeting room were open for Mr. Crisler's presentation and people were standing out in the hallway listening. Ms. Fox stated that the four events were at four different library branches (Union, Lenz, Walton, and Florence). Mr. Becher stated that Laurie Wilcox is looking for topics and for people to make presentations for a Fall series. He will prepare a Power Point presentation on Burlington, which he or Bob Schrage or Michael Rouse can present anywhere. Mr. Schrage suggested having the books available for the Burlington presentation. Laurie will do a presentation on cemeteries/cemetery mapping. Mrs. Striker stated that the Library will be finalizing the Fall program by the end of the month. Mr. Becher suggested asking Jeanine Kreinbrink to do a presentation in the fall on her archaeology work at Hopeful Lutheran Church this summer. He will also try to get someone from Environment & Archaeology to do a presentation on archaeology at the airport. He asked the Board members for suggestions. Ms. Fox stated that Don Miller is doing a small dig at Split Rock and could be asked to do a presentation on the dig, which would also promote Split Rock. The Board discussed the idea of having a fall program and a spring program and determined that there should be four presentations in the fall and four in the spring and the presentations should continue every year. Mr. Becher agreed, but stated that it may be difficult to find topics and presenters. Mr. Clare suggested focusing on Mary Ingalls' anniversary in 2005. Mr. Becher stated that Big Bone will push the Mary Ingalls' topic in 2005, but he does not know what that will involve. Ms. Elliston suggested doing Mary Ingalls Part I and Part II presentations in the spring and fall. Mr. Clare stated that Brenda Hartman (a retired Boone County teacher) wrote "The Mary Ingalls Trail" some years ago. Mr. Becher will talk to Michael Kapek, who wrote a book on Belleview Baptist Church, to see if he would be interested in making a presentation. He has already contacted Tony Frohlich (new Boone County Circuit Judge) who wrote a three-part series on Thomas Zane Roberts and Middle Creek about making a presentation in the spring. Ms. Striker will talk to Lynn Gorz tomorrow about the schedule and e-mail the library branches to see what dates they have set for their programs and how these presentations could fit in. Mr. Clare questioned a Mary Ingalls display at Scheben Library. Mrs. Striker will discuss it

with Lyn Gorz. Mr. Clare suggested that Mary Ingalls be the theme for 2005. After discussion, the Board agreed to the following schedule of presentations:

| Fall 2004 | Spring 2005 |
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| Cemeteries | Split Rock |
| Archaeology | Middle Creek |
| Bellevue Bottoms | Mary Ingalls |

Mr. Becher would like to have an event in the courtroom at least once a year. Mr. Schrage suggested the Kiger murder trails. Mr. Clare stated that the Kiger murder trial could be reenacted like a community play. Ms. Fox will talk to Jan Garbett about this as she has worked with actors at Dinsmore.

- C. Burlington NRHP District Revision** Mr. Becher stated that the Burlington National Register Historic Preservation District is a straightforward nomination and all of the Board members have read it. His only concern is the boundary – which looks like a horseshoe. The National Register prefers blocks, but he does not know whether the boundary will be a problem. He stated that the Administration Building cannot be incorporated. Mr. Schrage stated that houses have been built that do not fit in with the historic character of the community. He questioned if those houses should be left out or if the district should be enlarged so that no more of that type of house is built. Mr. Becher stated that a local ordinance would be needed to establish architectural controls. Some business owners have recently talked more about creating some form of local control. **Mr. Clare moved to approve the National Register Nomination Form for the Burlington Historic District as presented. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.** Mr. Schrage suggested preparing a local ordinance and sending it to Fiscal Court. Mr. Becher recommended allowing the Burlington National Register Nomination to go through before starting on a local district. He stated that the Board should know by summer if the National Register approves the district. Mrs. Elliston left the meeting at this time. Mr. Schrage responded that the Comprehensive Plan should have stated that Burlington is a historic district. Mr. Becher stated that it is not too late to do that. Mrs. Striker questioned setting up a meeting so that the Board could help motivate the community and work with the property owners in the district. She stated that the Board needs to get its views in the Comprehensive Plan. She questioned contacting property owners to write letters. Mr. Becher stated that for an individual district, every landowner would have to be contacted. He recommended waiting until August when the Board should have word about the Burlington National Register District. Mrs. Striker questioned getting something in the Comprehensive Plan about the new buildings infringing into the National Register District. Mr. Becher stated that he will look into it and discuss it with other Staff members.
- D. Preserve America Communities nominations for Rabbit Hash and Boone County** Mr. Becher stated that Don Clare got the ball rolling for these nominations and got Judge Moore interested. The Judge is supportive of doing a *Preserve America* nomination for Rabbit Hash and Boone County. Mr. Becher will get the Nomination to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by June 1. He stated that letters of support are needed and he needs images showing people

using and enjoying historic, cultural, and natural resources. He has some pictures of Lewis & Clark at Big Bone and his family at the George Rogers Clark reenactment. He also suggested pictures of Derby Day at Dinsmore and the Preservation Awards. He does not have pictures of the Boone County Fair or Walton Old Fashioned Days. Ms. Fox suggested pictures at Split Rock. Mr. Becher asked the Board members to see what pictures they may be able to contribute. He needs 3 – 5 pictures taken in the last three years and will select them after he receives all the available pictures.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on June 10, 2004 at 5 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, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date