

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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, Ted Bushelman, and Bob Schrage. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission; Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary; and guests John Stanton, Lori McEntee, and Debbie Kennedy with The Boone County Recorder
- III. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the November 4, 2004 Review Board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Schrage noted a correction to Page 4, under "H. Other" that the second sentence should read "Mr. Schrage stated that the cost is about \$1,000 an issue and it goes out to about 100,000 people". Mr. Bushelman moved to approve the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clare and approved by all.
- IV. **New and Old Business** – Matt Becher
 - A. **Introduction of Lori McEntee, part-time winter intern from NKU** Mr. Becher introduced Lori McEntee, who will be working eight hours a week from January through April on a project. She is doing this as independent study and it is not a degree requirement. The project will be to research George Nicholson, who built houses, churches, banks and other buildings in Boone County. Mr. Nicholson lived in Walton and built a lot of houses on Main Street from about 1920 until the 1940's. She will be researching deeds and talking with people. The research will be helpful for National Register Nominations. The Board welcomed Lori McEntee.
 - B. **Winter Review Board Retreat – Draft Agenda** Mr. Becher stated that the Planning Commission's usual caterer cannot provide food for the retreat and asked for suggestions for dinner. Mr. Bushelman stated that Famous Dave's at the corner of Houston Road and Turfway has all kinds of food and they deliver. Ms. Fox stated that Scott High School uses Stamm's Meats. Mr. Schrage stated that the Sub Station on Dream Street delivers. Ms. Fox asked for comments regarding the proposed Agenda. Mr. Schrage suggested a brainstorming session early in the Agenda so that the items can be discussed. Ms. Fox asked that the Board members look at the Preservation Plan before the Retreat and be familiar with what the Board has accomplished. Mr. Clare would like to discuss how to get things into

the Comprehensive Plan and get them to be part of the regulations. He stated that the Board is struggling with autonomy and authority. The Board cannot regulate and he is concerned that the Board may come up with good ideas, but not have a way to implement them. Mr. Becher responded that those concerns could be discussed under *Interaction with local government – Governance – KRS.82*. Mr. Clare referred to the recent cemetery issues and stated that no one knows who (the county or the state) has jurisdiction over the cemeteries in Boone County and this should be addressed. He would like to address whether this Board can file charges against someone who wantonly destroys a cemetery. He stated that if the Board is given a responsibility, then along with it should be the authority to do it. The Board is charged with historic preservation but does not have the authority to implement it. Mr. Schrage stated that when Kevin Costello attended a meeting of this Board, he said that the Board should come up with budget requests at the beginning of the budget process in the spring so that he can make the request of Fiscal Court. He suggested the Board discuss projects for which additional money will be needed. Mr. Becher agreed. Ms. Fox stated that this could be discussed under *Opportunities, Action Plan and Wishlist*.

- C. Followup: Boone County Heritage Christmas 2004** Mr. Becher stated that he will be attending a meeting at Cabin Arts with the people who participated in Boone County Heritage Christmas this year. He will be interested to see what worked and what did not work, and what we want to do again next year. He stated that a lot of people left after the parade and only about twelve people were here for the lighting of the tree. Ms. Fox stated that this was the third year for Christmas at Dinsmore -- the first year there was hardly anyone there, but this year it was very crowded. Mr. Becher commented that it sounds like the advertising paid off.
- D. Cemetery Issues** Ms. Fox questioned the status of the fundraising. Mr. Becher stated that the Board needs to raise \$2,500 for the \$5,000 match by June 2005. There is about \$1,250 in the bank and he believes the remaining \$1,250 will be raised by sales of the Burlington book. Royalties are only paid twice a year and there should be a payment in January. The next payment will not come until after the grant cycle is closed. The Board may need to use up to \$1,250 from the existing fund and repay it when the next royalty check comes in. He suggested the Board wait and see how much is received from the first check.
- E. Update: 2004 – 2005 CLG Grant** Mr. Becher stated that Margo Warminski will start on Monday documenting properties for the National Register Individual Nominations, weather permitting. He still does not know if the Burlington National Register District will be accepted or not. At this point, the whole square remains on the National Register and we have the same protection as we have had since 1979. Ms. Fox questioned the sidewalks. Mr. Schrage stated that the TEA-21 was approved. Mr. Becher stated that, per a previous discussion with Mr. Clare, he does not want a Victorian Village in Burlington and the Board will need to make sure that we do not get gaslights that look like they are from downtown London. Mr. Clare stated that there are enough pictures to be able to look back and see what lighting there was in the past and to protect the historic integrity of Burlington. Mr. Bushelman stated that every light does not need to be the same – look at the pictures and find out what was there before and if there was a bench

there should be a bench. Mr. Becher is concerned that the lights could be ordered and the decisions made before the Board has input. *Mr. Schrage moved that Mr. Becher draft a letter to be signed by Ms. Fox encouraging Fiscal Court to consider the historic integrity of Burlington in regard to lighting, signage and sidewalks as they implement the TEA-21 Grant, that it would be appreciated if the opinions of this Board could be considered, and request that the administration work in partnership with this Board. The Board congratulates them on getting the grant. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.*

- F. Update: Burlington Book** Mr. Becher stated that he will do a presentation at Lents Branch at 7 PM tomorrow on the Burlington Book. There will be a Power Point presentation of the book, followed by book signing and discussion. The authors will be there and there will be books to sell.
- G. Update: Spring Education Series** Mr. Becher stated that the Mary Ingalls presentation will be in January and we will partner with Friends of Big Bone. In February, the Honorable Tony Froehlich will do the Thomas Zane Roberts presentation at Lents Branch. There will not be a presentation in March. In April, Don Miller will do a presentation on archaeology at Split Rock and Matt Becher will do the Petersburg Distillery presentation at Hill Forest Museum in Aurora. In May, Matt Becher will do a presentation on Frank Milburn for the Historical Society at the Florence Government Center.
- H. Other** (1) John Stanton joined the meeting for a short time to discuss the arrangements for the visit by the Commissioner on Tourism next Thursday. Mr. Clare stated that he would like to take him to Big Bone. Mr. Becher stated that the Heritage Tourism group is meeting at 10 AM. Mr. Stanton stated that he will spend part of the day in Kenton County and could be in Boone County from 9 AM to noon. He suggested a brown bag roundtable lunch at 11:30 AM. He will invite him to the Rabbit Hash movie premier. (2) **Boone County Book** Mr. Schrage stated that Terry Marksberry at Rabbit Hash General Store talked to him about the Boone County book. It sold very well, but it is out of print. She checked with the publisher about reprinting the book and asked him to bring it up to the Board. Mr. Becher stated that the best way to get the Boone County book reprinted is to sell the Burlington book. The publisher told him that if there is enough interest in the Burlington book, then they would reprint the Boone County book.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Mr. Bushelman seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be the retreat on January 13, 2005 at 4:00 PM at Florence Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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

Pat Fox, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date