

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2006

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, Ted Bushelman, Rick Duncan, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission, Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and Commissioner Cathy Flaig.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Bushelman moved to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2006 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved by all those present. Mr. Clare was not present.
- IV. **New and Old Business**
 - A. **Cemetery Issues (1) Perry House and Baker Cemetery, 1923 Frogtown Road**

Mr. Becher stated that Bruce Ferguson is a direct descendent of the Baker family and he is agreeable to the cemetery being moved, but his agreement alone may not be acceptable to the state. He stated that Dr. Wright wants to redevelop the property for commercial uses and condominiums. Commissioner Flaig stated that she believes Dr. Wright wants to put his dentist office there as he is no longer located on the four-lane U.S. 42. Mr. Becher has talked to the Parks Department about moving the log house to a park. The house and cemetery are within 200 feet of each other. The newer house located closer to the road will also be demolished.

(2) Old Burlington Cemetery Mr. Becher stated that Jerry Garbett has requested that the Board purchase ten tons of sand and ten tons of gravel to continue resetting the gravestones. Commissioner Flaig recommended that the Board ask Fiscal Court to donate \$1,500 to the Old Burlington Cemetery as part of the maintenance program. Mr. Duncan volunteered to talk to the gravel company in Bellevue and ask them to donate gravel. Mr. Becher stated that there will be the issue of getting the gravel to the cemetery. Following discussion, Mr. Bushelman moved that the Board ask whoever is necessary to seek funding for maintenance of the Old Burlington Cemetery. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all.
 - B. **Review of Brunings papers on boonecountyheritage.org website** Mr. Clare stated that he reviewed the Brunings papers and did not find them racist. He believes the author was setting the tone of how things were at that time. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Bushelman agreed. Mrs. Fox stated that the papers are listed under the author's name and are the opinion of one person. She suggested that the author's viewpoint could be balanced by a different opinion of what took place at that time. Mr. Becher recommended that there be a disclaimer on the website that

says the information presented does not necessarily represent the view of the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Board agreed.

- C. Review Board 2006 Action Plan Action Step #1** Mr. Becher stated that he has a list of about twenty possible articles for the Boone County Recorder. Mrs. Fox stated that if the first article is published in May, it should be about Preservation Month. Mr. Becher agreed and will include in the article the dates and locations of the Preservation Month events. **Action Step #7** – Mrs. Striker reviewed her memorandum regarding the Local Landmark Program Implementation. **Action Step #11** – Mrs. Striker reviewed her memorandum that had been distributed to the Board. She stated that the cost of a bus for 22 people for 8 hours is about \$550. She stated that we may be able to get donations. She suggested a box lunch and a presentation. Mr. Becher stated that Kevin Costello is willing to do some sponsorship, but he does not know how much. Mrs. Fox stated that there could be a charge for the bus tour and the lunch, possibly \$20. Mrs. Striker stated that if the Board organizes the bus tour, we could ask Mr. Costello to pay for the bus. Mr. Becher will talk further to Mr. Costello and update the Board at the next meeting. Mrs. Striker stated that in the future, Boone County could sponsor a conference to show off Boone County. Mr. Clare suggested partnering with Jefferson County since Boone and Jefferson counties are the only countywide CLG's. **Action Step #12** – Mr. Becher stated that letters have gone out to sixteen selected property owners and he has received four confirmations to date. He will keep the Board updated. **Action Step #14** - Mr. Becher stated that the Board has an invitation to visit Dinsmore in May, June or July. He recommended June as May is Preservation Month. Mr. Clare stated that he believes the Board should meet in the same location every month. He stated that the law requires the Board to advertise two weeks ahead if there is a change in meeting location. He would be in favor of having the meeting in its regular location and then visiting Dinsmore. Mrs. Fox asked the Board to think about visiting other locations, possibly once or twice a year, in order for the Board to be more visible and available. Mr. Clare stated that if this Board is going to do outreach, then we should go to the municipalities and talk about their issues rather than having the people listen to our meeting. If this Board is going to Walton, then we should listen to the needs and questions of the people of Walton. He does not see the need to have our meetings in other locations. Mr. Duncan moved to put Action Step #14 on the Agenda for discussion at the April Meeting. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. **Action Step #15** – Mr. Duncan asked for direction regarding cleaning out the Old Courthouse attic. Commissioner Flaig asked if the old books and documents had been inventoried. Mr. Becher responded “no”. Mr. Clare stated that he talked to Judge Moore two years ago, and this Board needs permission to clean out the attic. Mrs. Striker stated that some of the items, if they are clean, may be able to go to the library. Mr. Bushelman stated that the items should be in a safe. Mr. Clare stated that the bookshelves are empty and the books could go back on the shelves. He stated that there are documents from the 1800's and the birds are getting in and it is a fire hazard. Commissioner Flaig will talk to the County Attorney to see what can be done with the items in the attic. This item will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

- D. Nominations for 2006 Preservation Awards** Mr. Becher reviewed the updated list he had prepared since the last meeting. Mrs. Striker stated that Jan Garbett's mother matched funds for the fence and arbor at Souther Cemetery. She does not want the funding mentioned, but it would be good to mention that she has been supportive of cemetery preservation. The Board recommended Alice Manchikes (Jan Garbett's mother) for the Cemetery Preservation Award; Karen Meiman and Gina Holt for the Preservation Stewardship Award for the *In the Midst of Growth* bus tour; Margo Warminski for the Bruce Ferguson Award for Sustained Excellence in Historic Preservation; and the Planning Services Division of the Planning Commission for a Local Government Award for their work on the Mary Ingles Trail, the Frank Milburn films, and the cemetery map.
- E. Preservation Month 2006 – National Trust Theme is *Sustain America: Vision, Economics and Preservation***
- 1. Preservation Awards** The Board set the date for May 18 at 6:00 PM in the Old Courthouse. Note: The Review Board will have their regular meeting on May 11.
 - 2. Open House at Split Rock Conservation Park – May 20**
 - 3. Tax Credit Workshop** Mrs. Striker will find out the date for the Tax Credit Workshop.
 - 4. Proclaim May as Preservation Month** Mr. Becher has spoken with Judge Melanie Morris and given her a generic proclamation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bushelman moved to adjourn. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on April 13, 2006 at 5:00 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, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date

**BOONE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
2006 ACTION PLAN DRAFT – REVISED 3/9/06**

Step #		Comments	Responsibility	Target Date
1	Writing/Outreach: Submit a regular column about BC history/preservation to Boone County Recorder	All to think about a list of topics	Schrage	May/ongoing
2	Develop stronger partnerships with City of Walton and BC Historical Society		Striker	ongoing
3	Continue Petersburg Outreach Program		Fox/Striker	ongoing
4	Lobby County Commissioners		Clare	April Agenda
5	Address issue of BCHPRB autonomy and authority			April Agenda
6	Clarify role of BCHPRB relative to businesses and non-profits			April Agenda
7	Update and implement local landmarks program; seek candidates for nominations	Get zone changes at no cost during Zoning Update and address fees at a later date.	Striker/Becher	April Agenda
8	Archaeological Survey of Gunpowder Creek Valley	Do the survey if we get the grant	Becher	Nov/Dec
9	Preservation Month: Preservation Awards, Derby Day at Dinsmore		All	May April Agenda
10	Picnic for owners of National Register properties		Salsbury/Striker	Sept
11	Help with planning of Kentucky State Preservation Conference	Funding required. Clare has contacted Kevin Costello. Seek \$ from Historical Society	Fox/Striker	Feb
12	Continue to promote existing historic plaque program			ongoing
13	Seek funding for Kentucky Historic Highway marker in Burlington	Estimate \$2,000 needed	Schrage	May
14	Rotate BCHPRB meeting locations on alternate months?	Invited to visit Dinsmore		April Agenda
15	Clean/straighten out attic of Old Courthouse	Duncan/Salsbury initially/then all participate	Duncan/Salsbury	April Agenda
16	Implement a Demolition Permit Delay Policy		Duncan	
17	Plan Woolper Creek Archaeological Study			2007