

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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 5:02 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Rick Duncan, Bob Schrage and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Recording Secretary Jan Hancock.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Duncan moved to approve the Minutes of the May 2006 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schrage and approved by all.
- IV. **New and Old Business**
 - A. **Cemetery Issues (1) Old County Infirmary Cemetery** Mr. Becher stated that the cemetery is being cleaned up and will be fenced on the two open sides with matching fence. There will be a gate installed on the animal shelter side. He is working to get a sign made. **(2) Ryle-Stephens Cemetery Cleanup** Mr. Becher asked the Board to select a time for the cleanup of the cemetery. Mr. Schrage questioned why the jail crew is not doing the clean up. Mr. Becher explained that the plan is to organize a volunteer effort and get the families and Potter's Ranch involved. After the initial cleanup, we hope that Potter's Ranch will be responsible for the maintenance. Ms. Striker suggested asking Jerry Garbett to train them to do the maintenance. She stated that Potter's Ranch has been talking about doing an access road to the cemetery. Ms. Fox suggested that the cleanup be done in October when it is not so hot and the poison ivy is gone. The Board scheduled the cleanup for Saturday, October 21. We will ask Potter's Ranch to provide lunch. Mr. Becher, Mr. Duncan and Ms. Striker will meet with Potter's Ranch in advance.
 - B. **Review Board 2006 Action Plan - Action Step #1 *Historic Boone County column*** The Board reviewed the column published on May 25 "Old Boone County Clerk's Building has an Unusual Past". Mr. Becher reviewed the list of topics for articles. He needs to have an article by the end of next week if it is to be published this month. Ms. Fox will do an article on the Robert Chambers House/John Caldwell and get it to Mr. Becher by next week. Ms. Striker will do a future article on the Harrison family and Mr. Becher will do an article on Frank Milburn. Mr. Becher passed around copies of an article from the May 25 Boone County Recorder "Veterans from Many Wars in Boone Cemeteries, some are Undiscovered". **Action Step #10 National Register Property Owners Event (September)** Mr. Becher stated that Linda Salsbury suggested sending out "Save the Date" postcards now and then come up with a teaser item to interest people.

Mr. Becher suggested giving the property owners a copy of the National Register nomination for their house. Mr. Clare suggested giving them each a copy of “Historic Structures of Boone County”. Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Salsbury is not available the first two weekends in September. Ms. Striker suggested having the event late in the afternoon of September 23 after the conference. Mr. Becher agreed and also suggested that it be tied to the bus tour. **Action Step #11 Statewide Preservation Conference** Ms. Striker stated that late on the Friday of the conference they will show the Rabbit Hash movie. She stated that the bus tour could be Saturday morning, September 23. She stated that it would be a four-hour bus tour and should stay close to I-75 to allow more time to look at sites and less time driving. She suggested focusing on adaptive reuse and going to downtown Walton, Yesterday’s Café in Florence, Hopeful Lutheran Church, doing a walking tour of the Burlington Historic District and, if there is time, going to Petersburg. Mr. Clare suggested stopping at Gaines Tavern in Walton. Ms. Fox stated that the idea was to show the rural aspect of the county and stops in Florence do not show the rural areas. Mr. Schrage stated that he does not think there has been much done of an historical nature in Florence. Ms. Fox suggested going to Rabbit Hash since people will have seen the movie the previous afternoon. Mr. Clare agreed and stated that the rural areas are what we have to showcase. Mr. Schrage suggested leaving Covington and going via I-75/I-275 to Petersburg, then to Rabbit Hash, Big Bone, and Union and back to Covington, which he believes could be done in four hours. He stated that if the tour goes to Florence, the bus could spend a lot of time in traffic. Ms. Fox stated that the bus may have time to go Split Rock after going to Big Bone. Ms. Fox stated that two different ways of conducting the bus tour have been presented. Mr. Becher suggested assigning a committee. Ms. Striker stated that a bus for 22 people would cost \$550 and she suggested providing snacks. Mr. Becher will talk to Kevin Costello about funds for the event. Ms. Fox will meet with Ms. Striker in regard to the bus tour. Ms. Striker passed around and reviewed Sponsorship Opportunities for the conference. She has sent out an email about sponsoring a conference session and sharing the free tickets or conference registrations (Big Bone, Dinsmore, Boone County Historical Society, etc.). Mr. Becher will talk to Kevin Costello. Mr. Schrage commented that a \$250 donation would get two free conference registrations, which would cost \$300. Ms. Fox will contact Mark Jacobs at Split Rock. **Action Step #15 Courthouse Attic Cleanup** Mr. Becher stated that he has contacted the Circuit Clerk Court and it appears that she may be helpful. He will continue to work with her.

- C. **Preservation Month 2006 – Review** Mr. Schrage stated that everyone did a fantastic job on the Awards Ceremony. It was the best crowd we have had and the food was excellent. Ms. Fox agreed. Ms. Striker stated that *Then & Now: Boone County* presented at the library by Bob Schrage went well and 28 people attended.
- D. **Other (1) Crisler Mill** Mr. Becher stated that the National Register nomination for the Crisler Mill site off Camp Ernst Road (next to the YMCA) was done ten years ago and returned with only four questions, but they were never answered. It is important to get the mill on the National Register because the Sewer District is planning to tunnel from Camp Ernst Road to the new water treatment plant. Since the tunnel will be only 25 feet below the mill, there will be a restriction that dirt cannot be moved on the surface, which may protect the mill. The tunnel will be

right under the foundation of the mill. He is working on completing the National Register Nomination. **(2) Schram's Tavern** Mr. Becher stated that Butch and Mary Ann Wainscott have purchased Schram's Tavern, which is an 1820's building in Petersburg, and they plan to restore it. They are currently excavating under the house and putting in new concrete piles. **(3) Petersburg Outreach Events:** Ms. Striker presented the calendar for Petersburg Outreach Events:

- ❑ **June 17 at 1 PM at Walton Branch Library** – The Abner Gaines Tavern presented by Elizabeth Comer.
- ❑ **July 22 at 2 PM at Garden Creations** – The Hilforest Program about the relationship and history between Aurora and Petersburg.
- ❑ **August 19 at 2 PM at Garden Creations** – A Civil War Program with Lester Horwitz, author of *The Longest Raid*. Book signing afterwards.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Duncan moved to adjourn. Mr. Schrage seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on July 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 – REVISED 6/8/06**

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 will write first article.	Schrage	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	May Agenda
5	Address issue of BCHPRB autonomy and authority			May Agenda
6	Clarify role of BCHPRB relative to businesses and non-profits			May 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	May 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	Completed
10	Picnic for owners of National Register properties		Salsbury/Striker	July Agenda
11	Help with planning of Kentucky State Preservation Conference	Funding required. Clare has contacted Kevin Costello. Seek \$ from Historical Society	Fox/Striker	July Agenda
12	Continue to promote existing historic plaque program			ongoing
13	Seek funding for Kentucky Historic Highway marker in Burlington	Estimate \$2,000 needed	Schrage	June
14	Rotate BCHPRB meeting locations on alternate months?	Invited to visit Dinsmore. Becher will discuss notice requirements with KPC (done). Becher will send letters to mayors of legislative units.		June Agenda
15	Clean/straighten out attic of Old Courthouse	Duncan/Salsbury initially/then all participate. Waiting for responses from law librarian, circuit court clerk & Commonwealth Attorney	Duncan/Salsbury	July Agenda
16	Implement a Demolition Permit Delay Policy		Duncan	
17	Plan Woolper Creek Archaeological Study			2007