

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2006

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held a special meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building in Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 4:10 PM.

- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Ted Bushelman, Rick Duncan, Linda Salsbury, and Robert Schrage. Also present was Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission.

- III. **Items for Discussion and Action**
 - A. **Gunpowder Creek Archaeological Survey Project (FY 2005-2006).** Mr. Becher referenced the staff notes included in the Review Board October packet regarding this project. He then explained why the project selection committee recommended hiring the University of Kentucky Program for Archaeological Research (UK-PAR) over Great Rivers Archaeological Services, even though the UK-PAR proposal is \$197.50 higher than Great Rivers. Mr. Becher explained that the committee's decision was based primarily on the fact that the UK-PAR proposal exceeded the Great Rivers proposal in two of the Selection Criteria (3 and 6) outlined in the project's Request for Proposals. Relative to "Criterion 3: Anticipated Project Approach, Timetable, and Methodology" (and by comparison to Great Rivers), UK-PAR proposes (a) a clear methodology and preliminary analysis of environmental and known archaeological data to predict site location and establish low and high probability survey areas, (b) excavation of an estimated 1,010 shovel tests, (c) more intense survey in areas with potential for rock shelters, (d) deep bucket auger testing in valley alluvial settings to assess potential buried cultural remains and (e) submittal of draft and final reports well in advance of the project deadline of July 20, 2007. Relative to "Criterion 6: Previous and successful work experience with the Review Board and with cultural resources in Boone County, Kentucky," the committee found that the Review Board has had no prior experience with Great Rivers, which has completed only two projects in Boone County, Kentucky. In contrast, UK and the Review Board have completed numerous archaeological projects since 1990, including two multi-year survey projects and several publications. Mr. Schrage questioned how the Selection Criteria were presented in the RFP. Mr. Bushelman asked whether an attorney had reviewed the RFP, proposals and selection process. Mr. Clare, who served on the selection committee, noted that UK has more experience with the archaeology of Boone County than with any other Kentucky county. **Mr. Schrage moved to recommend that UK-PAR be hired to complete the Gunpowder Creek Archaeological Survey Project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salsbury. In discussion, Mr. Bushelman agreed but suggested that the Planning**

Commission's legal council review the selection. The motion then carried unanimously.

B. Project Priorities for FY 2006-2007 Federal Survey & Planning Grant. Mr. Becher advised the board that he expects to receive notice of the upcoming FY 06-07 grants available through the Kentucky Heritage Council sometime in November and would like to begin exploring possible grant projects now. He advised the board of several potential projects, including three different planning studies that could be done for the Abner Gaines House (aka Gaines Tavern) in Walton: (1) an Archaeological Site Assessment/survey, (2) a Historic Structures Report or (3) a Cultural Landscape Report. Mr. Becher briefly outlined the content and purpose of each type of study. He also noted that the time frame of the grant cycle relative to the preservation needs of the property made an archaeological project the best option of the three studies for FY 06-07. A Historic Structures Report is the most pressing need, but that is something that should be done as soon as possible. Late 2007 or early 2008 may be too long to wait for such a report. However, Walton Mayor Trzop has already stated that the city is more concerned with the building itself than with the archaeology of the site, so they may not want to pursue archaeology at any point in 2007. Mr. Becher went on to mention two other possible projects for the FY 06-07 grant cycle, including an archaeological survey in the Woolper Creek Valley and a feasibility study of the adaptive reuse of the Old Boone County Courthouse. Mr. Clare stated that the Review Board has wanted to do the Woolper Creek project for 10 years, but feels that the Gaines Tavern is a greater priority at this time. Ms. Fox echoed this and wondered whether the City of Walton would heed the results of an archaeological survey. Mr. Schrage agreed that the Gaines Tavern should be the priority this year if the Review Board can be assured that the City of Walton will follow the recommendations of a grant-funded study. Mr. Becher noted that it is possible that the county might ask Walton to split the local match for the grant for a project at the Gaines Tavern and that he does not yet know whether the county would support a feasibility study for the old courthouse. **Mr. Bushelman then moved that the priorities for the Review Board's FY 06-07 grant project should be (in order): (1) Gaines Tavern, (2) Old Courthouse Feasibility Study and (3) Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey. Mr. Schrage seconded the motion and stated that he feels that the county should not ask Walton to contribute to the local match for a Gaines Tavern project this year; that any such project should be an offer of support for the City of Walton's effort to restore the Gaines Tavern. The motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Fox moved to adjourn. Mr. Schrage seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on November 9, 2006 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building, Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pat Fox, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date