

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007
5:00 PM

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, Linda Salsbury, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission, Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and guest Laurie Wilcox.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the September 2007 Review Board meeting with the correction on Page 1 that Mike Duncan should be Rick Duncan . The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salsbury and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. **Old Burlington Cemetery** Mr. Becher stated that over 200 people have signed up for the Ghost & Mysteries Tour which will generate about \$2,000.
 2. **Historic Boone County Column** Mr. Becher stated that Cathy Collopy submitted an article which he used for October. He passed out a list of topics. He would like to have articles submitted and is very open to suggestions. Mrs. Striker stated that James Duval could write articles and she will ask him to contact Mr. Becher.
 3. **Parks Dept Partnership/Upcoming Events**
 - a) **Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour (October 5, 11 & 12)** Mrs. Striker stated that they want to add another tour date preferably daytime on Saturday.
 - b) **5K Run at E/I Park (November 3)** No new information
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. **Jan Garbett, Johnson-Wilson Cemetery Stewards Association** (Discussion deferred to December meeting)
 2. **Gaines Tavern CLG Grant Consultant Selection** Mr. Becher stated that the Committee determined that the NEES proposal had the strongest volunteer component, which is a strong element of the project. UK-PAR did not address the volunteer issue very well. Gray & Pape addressed the volunteer component, but NEES did it better. Gray & Pape submitted a cost of \$9,000 which is the amount of the budget. NEES submitted a cost of \$8,900 and UK-PAR submitted the lowest cost at \$8,045. The Committee recommends NEES. He stated that the Board's action will go to the Kentucky Heritage Council for their approval, and then it will go to the Planning Commission before a contract is executed. In response to questions from Mrs. Fox, Mr. Becher stated that the emphasis was on the volunteer component. He added that UK-PAR did not have a strong historic archaeology presence on the project. Following discussion, Mr. Bushelman

moved to accept the NEES proposal. Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it was approved by all voting Board members. Mr. Clare and Mrs. Striker abstained. The motion carried. Mr. Becher will write a letter explaining the Board's choice and the reasons why the UK-PAR bid was not accepted. He stated that UK-PAR said that they would leave it up to the Review Board to come up with volunteers, but he clearly stated in the RFP that they need to come up with their own volunteers. He believes they consider the students to be the volunteers. Gray & Pape planned to go to schools in the area to recruit volunteers. NEES showed where they would get the volunteers and how they would organize and schedule them.

3. **Vaughan Cemetery (Merchants Drive, Florence)** Mr. Becher received a call stating that there was an additional area of the cemetery beyond the area defined in 2004 as the Vaughan/Marquis cemetery and that there were more graves, but a search was made and no additional graves were found.
4. **Boone County Historical Society use of the Old Clerk's Office** Mr. Becher stated that the Boone County Historical Society would like to use half of the Old Clerk's building for record storage and display cases and have the area open to the public once a month. Their group is too large to hold their meetings in this building. He stated that there would have to be agreement with the county and they could not store things of value in the building without putting in an alarm system. Ms. Fox stated that it would be a good use of the building, but she questioned how they could put in an alarm system without damaging the building. Mr. Becher stated that anything that is done to the building would have to be able to be removed without damaging the building. He stated that they are also considering putting in an internet connection for research purposes. Mrs. Striker questioned securing the old bank vault and storing items there and bringing them out and putting them in the display cases once a month, or storing them in the jail. Mr. Clare stated that he believes they could hold their meetings in the building. Mr. Becher stated that the Historical Society will put their proposal in writing for county administration. Mr. Clare suggested a future discussion of reuse of the jail and potential uses of the Old Clerk's building. Ms. Fox stated that this will be an item for discussion at the November meeting. The Board will also review the proposal from the Historical Society in November.
5. **Other** Mr. Becher stated that Butch Wainscott is converting the former Tousey House into a version of the Greyhound Tavern. He will turn the area of the handicapped ramp on the right hand side into an outdoor deck that incorporates the ramp. There will also be a smaller deck on the back of the building with a ramp going to the double doorway of the addition and into the kitchen. Mr. Wainscott has to go before the Board of Adjustment in November and asked if this Board would write a letter of support for the project. Mr. Bushelman moved that this Board write a letter in support of the project. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Ms. Fox will work with Mr. Becher to write the letter.
6. **Popham Cemeteries, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport** Mr. Bushelman left the meeting at this time. Mr. Becher stated that the Ann Popham cemetery has five graves. The consultant researched them and identified a number of descendants, but not all of them. They need to identify more in order

to use the administrative approach to moving the graves. They want to ask Fiscal Court to declare the cemetery abandoned. Popham II Cemetery has between 11 and 15 graves that were identified two years ago and there are three or four headstones. They do not know who is buried there and cannot identify the descendants. They also want to ask Fiscal Court to declare Popham II cemetery abandoned. Mrs. Salsbury left the meeting at this time. Mr. Duncan stated that he does not think that graves should be moved. Mr. Clare agreed. Ms. Fox stated that the Board does not know why they want to move the graves. Mr. Becher stated that it is possible that this item could be on the Fiscal Court agenda before this Board meets again. Ms. Fox will write a letter stating that this Board has concerns and objections to moving the graves without knowledge as to why it is being done. Mr. Clare asked that the wording be stronger. He is opposed to moving the graves. Mr. Duncan agreed. Mr. Becher will inform the Board members when this item is on the Fiscal Court docket and recommended that the Board members attend the Fiscal Court meeting if they wish to express their concerns. Mr. Clare moved that Ms. Fox write a letter objecting to a Declaration of Abandonment and relocation of the graves. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all those present.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Striker moved to adjourn. Mr. Duncan 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 on November 8, 2007 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