

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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 5:04 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Bob Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission, Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and guest Tim Williams, Assistant County Administrator.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Clare moved to approve the minutes of the October 2007 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fox and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** Ms. Fox will talk with Bob Maurer's daughter about doing an article on an old Boone County family by the name of Riddell. Mr. Clare questioned writing articles about controversial subjects. Mr. Schrage stated that this column would not be the correct forum. This column is about history. Mr. Clare disagreed and feels that the column should be a discussion of what this Board is doing – it should be about CLG grants, National Register Tax Credits and articles of that nature.
 2. **Parks Dept Partnership/Upcoming Events**
 - a) **5K Run at E/I Park (November 3)** Mrs. Striker stated that there were about 56 people at the event. The Parks Department did a great job. They will probably change the date in the future so that it is after the time change and does not coincide with the Cross-Country Invitational. Mrs. Fox stated that proceeds of future runs will not go to Old Burlington Cemetery.
 - b) **Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour (November 17)** Mrs. Striker stated that the tour will start at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. They have already raised \$1,300. She stated that an NKU student is researching Walton and the Parks Department is interested in doing a tour in Petersburg in the spring. Mrs. Fox stated that she thought the tours would be in October and, if successful, they would put money back into Old Burlington Cemetery. She questioned tours of Walton and Petersburg. Mr. Striker stated that there is a demand for the tours. She stated that for the money to just go to Old Burlington Cemetery, there would need to be more participation from this Board. The Board needs to decide how much they want to participate in the partnership in the future. Mr. Schrage stated that the money from the tours this fall will remain in the Old Burlington Cemetery fund to earn interest. Mr. Becher agreed, but added that he wants to see what it will cost to finish the

fence. He stated that Flaig Welding has offered to do some of the work and Public Works will also be involved.

3. **Gaines Tavern Archaeology Project** Mr. Becher stated that volunteer/public days at Gaines Tavern are tentatively scheduled for November 30 and December 1. There can be up to ten people participating at a time. There may be groups of children there on the Friday. Mrs. Striker stated that Melinda Sartwell and Cathy Callopy will help Jeannine Kreinbrink and part of the classwork will be to develop a display based on the archaeology from the project. It will be a traveling display that can be at the library and taken out by different groups and schools.
4. **Old Courthouse Attic Cleanout** No additional information
5. **Old Courthouse Architectural Drawings Project** No additional information

V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

1. **Popham Cemeteries, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport**
In response to questions from Mr. Clare, Mr. Becher stated that the airport wants to clear the land for development and hopes that a hangar or shipping facility will be built there. Mrs. Striker stated that she is researching the African American community east of the cemetery. They have identified descendents and they will do oral histories and photographs. It is possible that there is a connection Popham Cemetery.
2. **National Register Nomination – Site 15Be485** In response to comments from the Board, Mr. Becher stated that burials would not be expected on this site. There was no village there and Ft. Ancient Indians buried people in the village. He stated that it is a significant archaeological site. Mrs. Fox stated that on 3L Highway, a section was preserved where students could visit, test the water, and other educational activities. She stated that there is a school down the road from this site and questioned the possibility of a preserved area. Mr. Schrage offered to discuss it with Sanitation District #1. **Mrs. Striker moved to approve the National Register Nomination for Site 15Be485 contingent on the Sanitation District agreeing to some type of historic educational area on the site. Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
3. **County Archives** Mrs. Fox stated that this item will be discussed at the January 2008 retreat.
4. **Other** (1) **Jan Garbett** Mr. Becher stated that Jan Garbett discovered a collection of footstones and headstones on the northwest side of the cemetery. She was able to identify where most of them belonged. (2) **CLG Priorities** Mr. Becher stated that the Board needs to start thinking about CLG priorities for next year. Mr. Schrage suggested Walton and then Woolper Creek. Mr. Becher stated that for the Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey, the Board needs to find people who want their land surveyed. Mr. Clare asked Mr. Becher to provide GIS maps so that the Board knows how many property owners would have to be approached. Mr. Becher suggested assessing the eligibility of the two sites found at Split Rock last year as part of the Gunpowder Project. Mrs. Striker suggested mapping the African American community on airport property. (3) **Annual Retreat** The retreat will be on January 10 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be provided. Mr. Becher will see if Florence Nature Center is available.

Following discussion, the Board added the following items to the Agenda for discussion at the retreat:

- Attracting viable businesses to downtown Burlington
- The Board not having an opportunity to comment when the County approves buildings in the historic district – example being the houses next to the courthouse that do not fit in with the historic district. Possible Historic Overlay District.
- Partnership with the library and others for Ghosts & Mysteries tours.
- County archives
- CLG projects

In response to items of discussion, Mr. Williams updated the Board in regard to the sidewalk, signage, and lighting projects. He is contacting business owners in the downtown Burlington area and in the nearby strip center to get them involved in an association. He is also working with the Planning Commission so that businesses coming into downtown Burlington get credit for parking spaces located behind the courthouse. He stated that they may consider an historic overlay zone to prevent construction that is out of character with the district.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Fox moved to adjourn. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on December 13, 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