

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their monthly meeting on the above date at the Main Library, Burlington Pike, Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum of the membership present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Wingo at 4:01 PM.

- II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Wingo, Vice-Chair Bridget Striker, Secretary Tom Schiffer, Patrick Berry, Pat Fox, and Lisa Hoffman. Also present was Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Matthew Webster, Assistant Boone County Administrator.

- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Striker moved to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2016, Review Board business meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiffer and approved unanimously.

- IV. **Item Updates and Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. **Historic Boone County Column.** Mr. Becher stated that Pat Wingo's article about the Lady Liberty's Little Sister statue reportedly erected at Camp Michael's in the 1950s was submitted to *The Boone County Recorder* for December, although he did not know whether it ever appeared online or in print.

 2. **Election of Officers for 2017.** Ms. Hoffman motioned to maintain the current officers for 2017 and Ms. Fox. After brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously. The Review Board officers for 2017 are Chair Pat Wingo, Vice-Chair Bridget Striker, and Secretary Tom Schiffer.

 3. **Review Board 2017 Meeting Schedule.** Mr. Becher advised that the board holds regular business meetings on the second Thursday of 8 months of the calendar year. After brief discussion about any potential conflicts, the board members reached consensus on the following meeting dates for 2016: January 11 (Winter Retreat), March 9, April 13, May 11 (Preservation Awards), June 8, September 14, October 12, and November 9.

 4. **CLG Annual Report.** Mr. Becher stated that in order to maintain Boone County's status as a Certified Local Government, he is required to complete periodic reports for the National Park Service and Kentucky Heritage Council. The NPS report is annual and simply asks for updates on numbers of inventoried sites, etc. The KHC requires a detailed report periodically (the last year was 2012) and a shorter "update" type report for most years. He is

working on one of these updates for the last Federal Fiscal Year (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016) for submittal in late January. This year, he has already collected the required information from individual board members relative to Historic Preservation "Information/Education" sessions attended during the period. He does not anticipate needing any further information from board members.

5. **2017 Preservation Awards Nominees.** Mr. Becher directed board members to the working list of nominees for 2017 awards, saying that he would like to get the 2017 list fleshed out ASAP and ready for final approval at the board's April meeting. He asked whether anyone had suggestions. Ms. Striker noted that, since Rabbit Hash will be receiving multiple awards, perhaps the board could hold the event in Rabbit Hash. Mr. Becher said that he would make the necessary inquiry. Dinsmore Homestead was mentioned as a possible recipient, along with the George Vest House at the Verona Winery.

6. **Old Boone County Courthouse.** Mr. Becher noted that the RFP for a general contractor is ready to go out for bid January 12 with proposals due January 31. In an effort to manage costs, some changes to the plan have been made, including scaling down the lighting plan in the courtroom to a more standard package and not running all the HVAC through the ceiling as had been proposed. The bid is also being split into components. The base bid includes the key issues: roof, masonry, HVAC, electric, elevator, and second floor enhancements. Site work, first floor finishes, annex basement, and some other tasks have been split into alternate bids. This allows some decision-making flexibility based on bid prices. Hub & Weber is working on alternative ideas for diverting water from the back door in the event that the site work proves to costly.

7. **Popham Cemeteries at CVG.** Mr. Becher reminded everyone that the airport has hired Jeannine Kreinbrink's firm to handle the proposed relocation of two cemeteries located on the southern end of CVG property (between Aeroparkway and the East-West runways). Official notice first appeared in *The Boone County Recorder* on November 24, 2016. Under the Kentucky Office of Vital Records' Cemetery Relocation procedure, after 60 days have elapsed, they may appear before Fiscal Court to request approval for the relocation. This is not likely to happen before early February. Jeannine has been working with Ms. Striker and library staff to track descendants. According to Jeannine, "one person called the airport after the newspaper ad...he is elderly and lives in Florida and has not returned phone calls. We have a line on two other possible descendants who live locally but they are also not returning phone calls." Ms. Striker added that there were quite a few Pophams in Boone, but also nearby in Indiana and Ohio and that one of the cemeteries is located close to a known African-American community. This cemetery (Popham 2) is fieldstones only and may not even be Pophams. Environment & Archaeology apparently did some surface stripping at the Popham 1 Cemetery some years ago in an earlier effort to delineate it's

boundaries. Mr. Becher said that would provide updates as the process continues.

8. John C. Miller House/Piner Property Mitigation. Mr. Becher said the RFP for consulting services to handle the Big Bone Springs Research Project is nearing completion; The Boone Conservancy is working on a final draft. The consulting parties will then need to agree on the RFP, at which point NKU can begin the bidding process.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ms. Fox made a motion to adjourn the business meeting and proceed with the retreat at 4:58 PM. Ms. Striker seconded and all present agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be on March 9, 2017, 4:00 PM at Old Clerk's Building, Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew E. Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner
Boone County Planning Commission

Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

Pat Wingo, Chair
Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

Date