

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minute
October 13, 2022
4:00 PM

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their monthly meeting on the above date in First Floor Conference Room, Ferguson Center at the Historic Boone County Courthouse, 2988 Burlington Pike, Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum of the membership present, Chair Bridget Striker called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

- II. **Roll Call.** Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board (BCHPRB) members present were Chair Bridget Striker, Vice-Chair Pat Wingo, Pat Fox, and Shane Noem. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Matthew Webster, Boone County Planning Commission (BCPC) staff members Matt Becher and Jenna LeCount, and Boone County resident Carolyn Nixon.

- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Striker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022, BCHPRB business meeting. Ms. Wingo made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Noem seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

- IV. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 - a. **Update on Current Developments and Planning Initiatives.** Mr. Becher reported that the owners of Tom’s Papa Dino’s had a pre-application meeting with staff regarding proposed additions to their restaurant, which will be reviewed under the newly revised **Florence Main Street (FMS) District Study**. The building dates to 1971 and Mr. Becher expects that they will adjust the project to keep it consistent with the new guidelines rather than needing to seek a variance. The **Zoning Regulations Update** is ongoing with adoption still expected by the end of 2022. Staff is making final edits to the revised document. The BCPC has voted to approve the first large project requiring a zone change in the **Graves Road/I-275 Study Area**. Known as “Project Rooster” the project involves construction of a 1.25 million square-foot building on the site of the Graves family farm.

 - b. **FY 2021-2022 Project.** Mr. Becher reported that a committee including himself, Ms. Striker and representatives from Dinsmore Homestead and the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) reviewed three proposals received from consultants interested in revising Dinsmore Homestead’s existing National Register nomination to include African American heritage significance. All proposals were within the project’s \$12,500 budget and the consultants were all qualified, although the quality of proposals varied somewhat. After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend hiring of Urbanist Media for the project. Ms. Striker added that the Boone County Public Library (BCPL)

board will consider the issue at their October 17 meeting with a project kick-off meeting likely by early November.

- c. EKPC Mineola Pike Transmission Line.** Mr. Becher reminded the board that he has formally requested Consulting Party status for the Review Board for this project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. He has been keeping in touch with Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative's (EKPC) project contact Josh Young, who said earlier in the day that they are still a couple of weeks out from a final corridor. Mr. Young will advise when the corridor is finalized. At this time, Mrs. Nixon explained that she was attending the meeting to express her concern over her belief that EKPC will impact undocumented cemeteries without telling anyone. Mr. Becher and Ms. Striker indicated that this is extremely unlikely, especially given the board's status as a Section 106 Consulting Party. Ms. Striker offered to visit and record the undocumented cemetery of particular concern to Ms. Nixon at any time. Once documented, Mr. Becher can add it to the county's GIS system which is accessible to the public.
- d. CLG Continuing Education.** Mr. Becher reminded board members that the Fiscal Year 22-23 training cycle began October 1 and that everyone has until September 30, 2023, to complete the required 1 hour of continuing education required of CLG board members.
- e. Diversity and Inclusiveness.** In addition to the Dinsmore National Register nomination project mentioned above under Item B, Ms. Striker added that BCPL's project with Dinsmore to develop signage interpreting the site's African American heritage is well underway. BCPL is also partnering with Dinsmore to develop interpretive materials for 5th Graders, including access to the National Park Service Junior Rangers program. Mr. Noem commented that this it's a wonderful program; parents will invest time with their children to help them visit sites and get their Junior Ranger booklets stamped.
- f. Cemetery Workshop 2023.** Ms. Striker stated that she wants to plan a cemetery maintenance workshop for some time in 2023, which BCPL could help fund. It could be held at Old Burlington or any other cemetery (ideally with access to water), most likely in May. The board has hosted several such workshops in the past, although it has been several years since the last one. Mr. Becher indicated that he would look back through materials in the Historic Preservation office to find out when and what was covered.
- g. Boone County Ohio River Initiative.** Ms. Fox reported that she attended the BCORI's recent open house even in Petersburg. The purpose of the event was to explain the goals of the initiative and obtain local support. She felt that it was received reasonably well by residents, aside from questions about access to private property.

- h. Virtual Tours/Events.** Ms. Striker indicated BCPL has a number of local history events planned for the fall, including an October 18 ghost walk in Petersburg with proceeds going to the Petersburg fire district.
- i. Other Announcements. (1) Salt Festival.** Ms. Fox advised that the annual Salt Festival at Big Bone Lick is scheduled for the weekend of October 15/16.

V. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Striker asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fox made the motion to adjourn at 5:05 PM. Ms. Wingo seconded and all agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be November 10, 2022, 4:00 PM, in the Historic Boone County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

Bridget Striker, Chair
Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

Date