

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Minutes of meeting on August 13, 2008, 6:30 PM

Location: 6330 N. Park Avenue (Chris Carlson's house)
Present: Chad Lethig, Sue Zilisch, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Sharon Freeland

Group members:

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| Karen Brogan | Rhonda Finney | Chad Lethig |
| Chris Carlson | Sharon Freeland | Lynn Levy |
| Bridget Carson | Jan Guttery | Elizabeth Marshall |
| Cindy Cunningham | Alan Hague | James Michelson |
| Mark Demerly | Tom Healy | Brenda Rising-Moore |
| Tom Evaniew | Diane Hitchcock | Linda Shikany |
| John Fager | Maggie McCullough | J.R. Walsh |
| Bill Ferguson | Carol Isaacson | Sue Zilisch |

If there are others not listed above who should be part of this dialogue, please contact Chris Carlson to have those individuals added to the list. Please provide name, phone and email.

Remaining on the mailing list

Please contact Chris Carlson to indicate your renewed commitment to remain on this Committee and on the emailing list: ccarlson@butler.edu, 940-9703 or 257-5413. Some may have found that the focus of this committee no longer matches their specific interest and they may not wish to continue with the committee.

Accuracy of these minutes

If anything is incorrect or misleading, please notify Chris who will make corrections.

Agenda for the evening

- HLF Interim Report of Properties (designation, date, research, history) – Chad L.
- Decision on name
- Discussion of resources & processes
- Acceptance by BRVA as a committee
- Cool structures identified by the committee

1. IMAGINE Grant information

Karen Brogan brought information on grants available from GINI which might assist us with our inventory project. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

It was suggested that a grant could be used to hire an Historic Landmarks person to train us in cataloging and other activities associated with our mission.

2. Interim Report of Properties

Chad Lethig brought two copies of the Historic Landmarks Interim Report of Properties, one for the BRVA office and one for the committee. It includes several Broad Ripple structures. Properties are categorized by:

- Outstanding
- Notable
- Contributing
- Non-contributing

The publication is a preliminary inventory of possibly historic or otherwise notable properties in Washington Township and will be of assistance to the committee as it begins to work on researching properties and structures in Broad Ripple. In turn, our work could add to and embellish the contents of this publication which, it is hinted, may not be the most accurate piece in the archives of HLF. For instance, we could help confirm better construction dates, owners, interesting architectural features, builders, residents of import. It was suggested that Alan Hague possesses some important resource material.

Paul Diebold, with the State Department of Architecture and Preservation, handles all nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. Anything older than 50 years is considered “historic.” There are tax credits for properties designated on the National Register.

Chad stated that helping to update the Interim Report would provide a very valuable service for the community.

3. Decision on name for the group

The words “conserve” and “preserve” were felt to have negative connotations due to the failed Conservation District effort of several years ago and the reaction which many homeowners have: that we would tell them what they could and could not do to their homes – that they would have to get permission to use a certain color of paint, for instance.

Those present voted unanimously to call our group the Committee for Historic Broad Ripple.

4. Discussion of resources & processes for researching

Chad reminded the group of the resource information he had sent in July. Those resources are attached with these minutes for review and use by committee members.

The process starts with our collecting prospective structures or buildings to investigate and research. We need ideas from all committee members. It was suggested that we ask Alan Hague for input here.

5. Acceptance by BRVA as an official committee

Chris reported that the Broad Ripple Village Association voted on August 5th to accept our group as an official committee of the BRVA. As such, we cannot advocate for anything which is contrary to the policies or activities of BRVA.

In accordance with the BRVA guidelines and bylaws, the chair of an official committee must also serve on the BRVA board of directors. The committee discussed who would be the best available person to serve in this capacity, and several possible candidates were mentioned. The committee chair would be appointed to the BRVA board for the remainder of the calendar year and then voted on at the beginning of 2009 to serve for the year. BRVA meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and the chair of the Committee for Historic Broad Ripple would be expected to attend:

- September – two meetings
- October – two meetings
- November – two meetings
- December – one meeting

It was agreed to put out an APB to the Committee requesting that anyone interested in taking on this role please contact Chris Carlson at 940-9703 weekdays, 257-5413 weekends and evenings, or ccarlson@butler.edu.

6. Cool Structures to be identified by the committee

Committee members were asked to commit some time to getting addresses of structures which might need to be considered. It was agreed that our initial focus would be east of College, mostly north of Broad Ripple Avenue, but also some immediately south of Broad Ripple Avenue. The following committee members agreed to investigate these structures:

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| American Legion at 64 th & College | Chris C |
| Mustard Hall | Karen B |
| “Get Organized” (former Red Tulip on the canal) | Chris C |
| The Canal itself | Chris C |

Other ideas:

- Broad Ripple Steakhouse
- Jazz cooker
- Bridge over the canal at Central

6471 N. Central
Chelsea's
Kassebaum building
former Trophy center building
house on E. side of College which appears in old photos, north of State Farm

Committee members are asked to email to Chris their preferences for places to begin investigating. This will be a great learning experience as we start out slowly and get better along the way

7. Great Snax!

The committee was in accord that some mighty fine snacks were brought to the meeting, providing enthusiasm, energy and inspiration to our work.

9. Next Meeting

The committee agreed that we do not need to meet as often as we have been. Once a month would be fine – more often if needed.

Wednesday, September 10th, 6:30 PM
Old National Bank Community Room
6135 N. College Avenue

An agenda will be prepared for the meeting to help make the best use of our time and keep us on task. It will include designating a chair for the committee (and, therefore, a rep to the BRVA). Please forward additional agenda items to Chris Carlson.

If you wish, please bring refreshments to share. (Thanks to all who pitched in on the 13th)