

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple

Minutes of meeting on September 10, 2008, 6:30 PM

Location: Old National Bank Community Room, 6135 N. College Avenue
Present: Sue Zilisch, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Sharon Freeland, Alan Hague, Marianne Beck, Cindy Cunningham

Group members:

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

If there are others not listed above who should be part of this dialogue, please contact Chris Carlson to have them 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

- Structures to be identified and researched
- Proposed development near 66th and Cornell
- Committee Chair selection
- Historic Home tour
- Next meeting

1. Structures to be identified and researched

Karen Brogan reported on the research she had conducted to date regarding Mustard Hall. Much of her information was found on line. Alan provided additional details.

Since the committee is just starting to work on its mission, there was discussion regarding process and record keeping. It was suggested that each of us start a file for each location we are researching. We should each prepare a synopsis of our findings – it doesn't have to be fancy prose, but does need to be accurate and attribution must be given for each "fact" stated. This is an important facet of research like this; different sources may differ on the "facts."

Chris asked Sue Z. for a check list that we could each use in our research: basic facts, questions to answer and things to look for and inquire about so that we have some uniformity to our work and so that the most important bases are covered. Sue will do --- but not until after the Historic Home Tour, coming up in two weeks.

Each of us was encouraged to photograph structures which we are researching as well as others of note which we may come across in the process.

Committee members suggested additional structures for the research list; everyone volunteered to take on several locations apiece to research. A document indicating assignments to date has been updated and is attached to these minutes. Sharon will put the list of structures being researched on the BRVA website.

2. Resources

It was suggested that Chad Lethig's documents regarding historic structure research be shared again with the group. They are attached with these minutes.

It was also suggested that committee members check out the website established by Alan Hague: www.broadripplehistory.com for information and ideas and research data. Alan offered that he would set up a private site here for us to store our work in progress as well as our downloads and links pertaining to historic structures in Broad Ripple.

Alan offered to highlight in the *Broad Ripple Gazette*, from time to time, one of the historic properties we are working on. The publicity could potentially help support our efforts

BTW --The Union chapel Cemetery was established by Alan Hague's family, and his dad is the treasurer. Alan has all the records.

2. Proposed Development near 66th & Cornell

Remonstrators are encouraged to voice their opposition regarding proposed development on the property at 6548 Cornell. The proposed development would involve the tear-down of a small home and the construction of a mixed use building which would occupy nearly the entire lot with a proposed density which is unworkable. Developers are requesting rezoning and variances. Go to the City County Council Building on Wednesday September 17th at 1 PM, second floor public assembly room. You will need to go through security. The Council does consider the number of people who come out to voice their opinions.

3. Committee Chair Selection

Sharon explained that each committee of the BRVA must be headed by a BRVA board member. Chris, who has been convening this committee since its inception in April, is unable to take on any additional commitment at this time. Sue Zilisch agreed to be the committee co-chair with Chris for the remainder of the calendar year and therefore, by virtue of her current position on the BRVA board, she would be the official representative of this committee to BRVA. Chris would continue to convene the meetings and do minutes. Sharon felt confident that the BRVA board would approve.

4 Historic Home Tour

This BRVA event is chaired by Sue Zilisch who put out an APB for more volunteers to staff the houses on the tour. Committee members were encouraged to volunteer.

Information gathered by the Home Tour committee pertaining to the historic homes in this area could provide very useful research information to this committee. The two committees have compatible purposes.

5. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 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. Please forward agenda items to Chris Carlson.

If you wish, please bring refreshments to share. (Thanks to all who pitched in on the 10th)