

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Minutes of meeting on November 11, 2008, 7 PM

Location: BRVA Office
Present: Sue Zilisch, Chris Carlson, Sharon Freeland, Cindy Cunningham, Marianne Beck, Molly Butters

Committee members:

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

Accuracy of these minutes

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

Agenda for November 11

1. Upcoming Broad Ripple Visioning session—Sharon Freeland
2. BR Avenue improvements – Sharon Freeland
3. Research check list – Sue Zilisch
4. Reports on research assignments – all
5. New structures to consider
6. Other news and business
7. Next meeting

1. Welcome New Member

The committee welcomed new member Molly Butters and provided for her a brief history of the committee. Chris will email prior minutes to Molly and also to Marianne Beck.

2. Upcoming Broad Ripple Visioning session—Sharon Freeland

Sharon reported that the Envision meeting on Thursday November 13 at the Art Center would be a recap of Envision activities. It may also be a call for action regarding canal improvements, park improvements and major enhancements to other areas such as Broad Ripple Avenue. There may be a questionnaire or survey to get consensus on areas which need upgrading and improvement.

3. Historical Structure Research tips – Sue Zilisch

Sue recommended that we try to determine the date or estimated date that a structure was built and who the builder was. Other pieces of important information include the name(s) of the first owners and perhaps a photograph of the building or structure. It would be helpful if we could ascertain the legal title & description of a property – lot numbers, etc. This can be obtained from the City zoning website. <http://imaps.indygov.org/Zoning/> (PS – this is very cool! I did a quick search on my own home and there is a lot of basic information which can be obtained)

Obtaining title and abstract information may be difficult for committee members to do since one must seek this information in person during normal business hours. The IN Historical Society has a large collection of abstractions. Sue will try to get access to these records; she has access to the appropriate people and resources. If committee members obtain basic facts, Sue can take the search further for us. She also offered to share with the committee her password at the State Library. We can go there and use their computers and

research-related subscriptions at no cost. Sue further offered to get a better idea of who will give us what information .

Sharon Freeland can get early census information for us.

It was recommended that we not bother owners of buildings or homes; the information we seek can be obtained through other avenues. Owners may be contacted in the proper way at a later time if warranted.

4. Reports on research assignments

We agreed to continue to add structures of interest to our list. The most recent version is attached to these minutes. Committee members have not been able to add research items and information to the Broad Ripple History website at <http://www.broadripplehistory.com/index.htm>. Is a special password required to add information? A couple of items can be opened to view information already there. Hopefully Alan Hague will be able to answer this at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting – please note earlier start time.

Wednesday, December 10th, 6:00 PM
Old National Bank Community Room
6135 N. College Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

- Envision Broad Ripple update – Sharon Freeland
- Other news of the Village – Sharon Freeland
- New structures to research
- Research reports
- Using the broadripplehistory.com website – Alan Hague

A final 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 last time 😊)