

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple

Minutes of meeting on December 10, 2008, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sue Zilisch, Chris Carlson, Sharon Freeland, Diane Hitchcock, Marianne Beck, Alan Hague, Alice Roettger

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
Mark Demerly	Diane Hitchcock	Alice Roettger
Tom Evaniew	Maggie McCullough	J.R. Walsh
John Fager		Sue Zilisch

Accuracy of these minutes

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

Agenda for December 10

- Envision Broad Ripple update – Sharon Freeland
- Other news of the Village – Sharon Freeland
- New structures to research
- Volunteers to take Cindy’s assignments
- Research reports
- Using the broadripplehistory.com website – Alan Hague
- Next meeting

1. Resignation of Cindy Cunningham

With regret, the committee accepted the resignation of Cindy Cunningham. Employment issues may require her to leave town. Committee members stepped forward and volunteered to take on her research assignments as follows:

- Former Grist Mill – Marianne Beck
- Merrill Stage Equipment building – Sharon Freeland
- Former Trophy Center, now Brothers – Sue Zilisch

2. Envision Broad Ripple Update—Sharon Freeland

Sharon reported on the Envision meeting held Thursday November 13 at the Art Center. Much of the meeting discussion centered around major enhancements to Broad Ripple Avenue. The concept being used by the City as a guideline is based on the old village plan submitted 10 years ago. BRVA hopes that there is still a chance for modifications to that plan...something that would update the plan to include “complete streets,” improve walkability in the Village, provide for bike lanes, bury utility lines, enhance the appearance, get rid of parking meters. There is certainly popular support for these modifications.

3. Other news of the Village – Sharon Freeland

Good Earth owner Bob Landman died Saturday, December 6th at age 62. Sharon has written something about him for the Gazette.

4. New structures to research

The following structures have been added to the committee’s research list:

- a. Apartments along Laverock, east of College and just north of the canal. We will need the name and address of these apartments. Diane Hitchcock offered to research this property.
- b.

5. Research Reports

- a. Chelsea's – Sue Zilisch will interview Ellen Morely-Mathews, owner of Chelsea's. Alan reported that he has written three Gazette articles about Chelsea's. He gave them to Chris for the files.
- b. Diane reported on Portico's, 804 Laverock Road. It was built 1902. Chris mentioned that, when the building housed the Red Tulip years ago, the business owners said they could not expand or modify the building because it had some official historic designation. Sue Zilisch will check on this and assist with additional research on this property through avenues available to her.
- c. Chris will organize papers and reference material in her possession and give to Sharon for safekeeping in the files at BRVA.

6. Using the broadripplehistory.com website & other reference help – Alan Hague

Alan reported that he has indexed and catalogued five years of *The Gazette*. He will work on cleaning up this information, and specific topics will be referenced on the website.

Alan also has information on the history of street name changes in the Village, mostly maps but including some abstracts. He will scan the maps and prepare a table of old and new street names. This will be on the website.

Long-term, Alan plans to put the information on a database where one could query by street name and get a list of all the various incarnations of that particular street throughout Broad Ripple history.

Committee members were advised to email their research results to Alan (alan@broadripplegazette.com) and he will add them to the BR history website. Images should be in jpeg format or pdf. Research notes should be in a word document and should provide as much background as possible. Include unanswered questions, all details even if they seem insignificant, mention contradictions found during research, and give attribution for everything.

7. Book on Historic Broad Ripple

Alan is in the preliminary stages of putting together a book on historic Broad Ripple. Chris offered her assistance if needed.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 6:00 PM
Old National Bank Community Room
6135 N. College Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

- Envision Broad ripple developments
- New structures to research
- Research reports
- Other business

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 food or drink to share.