

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple

Minutes of meeting on February 11, 2009, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sue Zilisch, Chris Carlson, Sharon Freeland, Karen Brogan, 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	Diane Lihota	J.R. Walsh
John Fager	Maggie McCullough	Sue Zilisch

Accuracy of these minutes

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

Agenda for February 11

- Envision Broad Ripple developments, BR-AVE plans and petitions – Sharon Freeland
- Fire House update, status of petitions – Sharon Freeland
- Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis – Sue Zilisch
- Research reports – all
- New structures to research
- Other business & concerns
- Next Meeting

1. Envision Broad Ripple developments, BR-AVE plans and petitions

Sharon reported on the plans for re-engineering of Broad ripple Avenue and the petition which has been circulating. Funds amounting to about \$34,000 have been raised thus far for: design work for Avenue re-engineering plans, a green street cleaner and a four-month study regarding feasibility and usability of a shuttle service in the Village, as well as some reserve funds to help support the Lilly Day of Service in the Midtown area (including Broad Ripple, MKNA and BTNA)

2. Update on the Fire Station

Sharon reported that signatures are being sought from the public to encourage the City to consider maintaining a safety presence in the Village. The petition, a copy of which is attached, states:

Director of Public Safety for Indianapolis, Scott Newman, has assured Broad Ripple residents and businesses that no decisions regarding the fate of our beloved firehouse shall be made without the involvement and consent of our community.

We, the undersigned, applaud this announcement and urge Director Newman and city officials to elevate this statement from promise to policy. We call on our elected leaders to make community involvement in key decisions the letter of the law. We also believe:

- Our firehouse is critical to public safety in our neighborhood
- Our firehouse is the last civic building remaining in a densely populated commercial area; the grounds form a public space used for rallies, meetings, and community events
- Our firehouse is ideally located for future increased civic services within Broad Ripple Village

All committee members are urged to sign the petition and to encourage others to join you. Mike Seufert, Chair of the BRVA Public Safety Committee, has convened a group to develop a strategy for working with the City to save the station.

3. Research Check-List

Chris will put together a check list of research resources and email to Alan so that he can include on the BR History website for committee members to use and share. A preliminary list has been compiled and is attached; please contact Chris with additional resources to share, corrections and web addresses; she will revise the list and resend to Alan.

4. Research tips

Remember to give attribution to all the facts which you collect, include web addresses, dates, etc. According to Alan, historical information on BroadRippleHistory.com is searchable by subject on the site. HTML documents are searchable on Google.

Committee members were reminded to keep their eyes open and their antennae up for information, facts, tips and leads about Broad Ripple history and Broad Ripple structures. Even if the info doesn't pertain to your own assignments, it may be helpful to others.

5. Committee Minutes

Alan will put the committee minutes on the BroadRippleHistory.com website

6. Research Reports

1. Union Chapel Cemetery—per Alan, lots of Broad ripple people buried there. He says there is a database with this information; his dad is treasurer of the cemetery. Alan will do an article soon for the Gazette.
2. Chris reported on the research she had gathered on the BR Fire Station and distributed written reports. Alan has already added that report to BRHist.com.
3. Chris will make a list of the hard files she has organized so far and give the list and the files to Sharon for safekeeping at the BRVA office. The list of files will be made available to the committee and will be updated as information becomes available.
4. A current assignment list is attached to these minutes.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 6:00 PM
Old National Bank Community Room
6135 N. College Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

- Research reports
- Broad Ripple Avenue developments
- BR Fire Station Status report
- New structures to research
- Additional research resources
- 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.

Attachments:

- BR Fire Station petition
- Research Assignments
- Research resource check list & tips