

**Committee for Historic Broad Ripple**

Minutes of meeting held September 9, 2009, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sharon Freeland, Sue Zilisch, Alan Hague, Diane Hitchcock, Chris Carlson

**Committee members:**

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| Karen Brogan   | Sharon Freeland        | Chad Lethig         |
| Molly Butters  | Michelle Gammon-Purvis | Lynn Levy           |
| Chris Carlson  | Margaret Gross         | Elizabeth Marshall  |
| Bridget Carson | Alan Hague             | James Michelson     |
| Mark Demerly   | John Hague             | Brenda Rising-Moore |
| Mark Dollase   | Tom Healy              | Alice Roettger      |
| Tom Evaniew    | Diane Hitchcock        | Kevin See           |
| John Fager     | Diane Lihota           | J.R. Walsh          |
| Rhonda Finney  | Maggie McCullough      | Sue Zilisch         |

**Accuracy of these minutes**

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

**Agenda for September 9th**

- Fire Station update: sign, photos, National Register status, other – Chris
- IN Humanities Council Grant program – Michelle
- Whistle Stop & Depot
- New structures to research
- Broad Ripple Canal
- BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012
- Historic Home tour – Sue Z
- Old Abstracts
- Research reports
- Other business
- Next Meeting

**1 Fire Station update**

There was no update on the status of the fire station itself, although Diane mentioned that the Indianapolis Fire Department website had information on all the Fire Stations.

Regarding our application for National Register status, Mark Dollase with Historic Landmarks will send a list of qualified professionals to assist with the nomination process. HLF has a mini grant program which could help the committee cover a portion of the costs for hiring this out. He indicated that professional assistance could cost from \$2500 to \$4000, depending upon how much research work would need to be done.

The Committee agreed that getting competitive bids would be in the best interests of the group. Chris will get the estimates.

We would need to raise the balance of the funds, and there followed some discussion on how that would be accomplished and who the donors might be. Several suggestions were recorded including:

- Asking area businesses and individuals to donate (individual list recorded separately)
- Having a fund raising event
- Putting canisters around for cash donations

In compiling a donor list, the Committee tried to steer clear of businesses which support just about everything in the Village in order to give others a chance to participate. BRAP does not have any funds for this, but donations to this project would be made to BRAP where a special Historic Broad Ripple account has been established. Gifts would be tax deductible.

It was suggested that something could be put in the Gazette mentioning the need for funds for this. Alan H stands ready to help when the time comes.

## **2. IN Humanities Council Grant**

Michelle was unable to attend to report on funding guidelines. She did, however email two more research resources: a link to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office list of properties on the national Register of Historic Places; and the National Park Service website which includes a little more information than the SHPO list. (The NPS manages the National Register of Historic Places.) Both links have been added to the resource check list. Revised copy attached.

## **3. Whistle Stop Deli, Depot & Monon Station (at 38<sup>th</sup> Street)**

The potential tenants for these properties have not worked out; deals have fallen through. Kevin See was unable to attend the meeting but hopes to have some information for the Committee at the next meeting. Helpful information might be obtained from:

- The Monon Museum in Monon, Ind.: <http://www.mononconnection.com/> (Road Trip!)
- The Indiana Transportation Museum in Noblesville: <http://www.itm.org/>

## **4. Research**

There were no reports and no new suggestions to add to the research list.

Committee members are reminded to:

- a. put their research findings into word documents and email them to Alan Hague ([alan@broadripplegazette.com](mailto:alan@broadripplegazette.com)) so that the information can be gathered into one central repository for future reference. Photos and other visual information should be emailed to him as a pdf or in jpeg format.
- b. Email Sharon F to get the legal description of a property which you are researching. The legal description never changes and is a vitally important piece of information in putting all your research together.

## **5. Broad Ripple Canal**

A meeting was held Tuesday evening September 8<sup>th</sup> at Butler to discuss the Water Company's plans to alter the banks of the canal from College Avenue in Broad Ripple to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street near Butler by removing vegetation and adding rip-rap to control erosion. Concerns include eradication of wildlife, altered pH of the water due to the limestone chunks, destruction of vegetation and habitat, reducing the beauty of the canal path for walkers, runners and cyclists.

Chris noted that the Canal is designated as an American Water Landmark by the American Water Works (per the Fayette Street Conservation District documents). Furthermore, in this website from the American Water Works Association it is noted that the Indiana Central Canal in Indianapolis was named a Landmark in 1971. <http://www.awwa.org/Membership/Content.cfm?ItemNumber=498&navItemNumber=1458>. This may enable the canal to be protected as an historic structure. The next meeting for public comment on the Canal will be Monday, September 14, 7 PM in the Broad Ripple High School Auditorium. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

## **6. Broad Ripple Village 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday (1837 – 2012)**

This will be in two years. The celebration will be planned by the BRVA; members of the Committee for Historic Broad Ripple should be thinking about ideas and ways to help in the celebration. BRVA President Elizabeth Marshall has put together a Super Bowl Committee to investigate ways for the Village to be involved in that city-wide happening. Perhaps that committee would morph into the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## **7. Broad Ripple Historic Home Tour**

Sue reported that she still needs volunteers to help staff the homes on the tour. Volunteers receive a ticket to the tour and a cool t-shirt. Contact Sue if you can help: [bungalowal47@sbcglobe.net](mailto:bungalowal47@sbcglobe.net).

## **8. Old Abstracts**

All (except for one) of the old abstracts pertaining to Broad Ripple and environs have been scanned by Alan H; he plans to make them available to committee members via the BR History website.

Once the final abstract has been scanned, Chris will take the abstracts (a total of 2 large boxes) to the Indiana Historical Society for their archives. Steve Haller (234-0034). Credit for the donation should be given to Kerry and Maryann Byrne, owners of Der Glass Werks who gave them to this committee.

#### **9. Historic Photos**

Alan still has copies of his 1929 aerial photo of Broad Ripple for everyone; they are \$1.00 each (please pay Alan), and there are still a few left. Chris will bring the extras to the next meeting.

#### **10. Other news**

☺ Alan attended the School 84 open house on September 9<sup>th</sup> and reported that the addition is very nice: done in exactly the same style as the old part of the school, which is on the DNR's national and state register of historic places: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-nrlist.pdf>

☺ Gary Yohler, former BRipple business man, has the *Indianapolis Times* collection of old photos. Some of them are of interest to this committee and we would like to scan them for our files, with credit given to the owner, of course. Someone needs to contact Gary who lives out west...Arizona maybe? If contact information can be verified, Chris offered to contact him.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

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

Preliminary Agenda:

Fire Station update: National Register status, other – Chris  
IN Humanities Council Grant program – Michelle  
Broad Ripple Canal  
BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012  
Historic Home tour report– Sue Z  
Research reports  
New structures to research  
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.