

**Committee for Historic Broad Ripple**

Minutes of meeting held October 14, 2009, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sharon Butsch Freeland, Sue Zilisch, Michelle Gammon-Purvis, Kevin See, Mark Dollase, Alan Hague, Chris Carlson

**Committee members:**

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
	Maggie McCullough	Sue Zilisch

**Accuracy of these minutes**

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

**Agenda for December 9th**

- Fire Station #32:
  - National Register nomination
  - Review of Consultant proposals –Sharon
  - Raising the balance of \$\$ needed
- BRVA Canal Days 2010 – CHBR participation? – Sue Z
- BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012
- Research reports
- New structures to research
- Village report – Sharon F
- Other business
  - Aerial BR photos from Alan
- Next Meeting

**1 Fire Station nomination for National Register status**

Mark Dollase stated that he hopes that the Historic Landmarks Foundation can help us with the expenses of hiring a professional consultant/historian to complete the nomination paperwork and guide our project through the system. He emphasized that we need to get an application to them by December 31, 2009 (if possible) to be considered for a grant from HLF. They will meet on January 11 to consider all applications. The maximum amount of a grant would be \$10,000 or 50% of our consultant budget, whichever is smaller.

The committee received five proposals from consultants and professional historians:

- Ratio Architects
- William Selm
- Connie Zeigler
- Christopher Baas
- Joshua Smith

All are well-qualified to handle this project. The committee reviewed and discussed each proposal and selected Connie Zeigler to do the work for us. Chris will contact Elizabeth Marshall who will notify Connie by phone of her selection. Sharon will prepare an official acceptance letter for Elizabeth’s signature. After that has been accomplished, we will send letters to the other four.

Connie’s fee would be \$3050; HLF’s 50% grant would be \$1525. The committee factored in approximately \$575 for a marker and perhaps a directional sign, bringing to \$2100 the total needed to be raised by the committee.

Michelle and Kevin had a sample counter-top canister to place near the cash registers in Broad Ripple area businesses to collect spare change and bills for the project. They will continue to develop a distribution and collection plan.

Chris presented a very preliminary draft of a fund raising letter to go to various individuals and businesses in the Broad Ripple area requesting donations to this project. Several suggestions were put forth by the committee, and Chris will revise and distribute to those present for final edits. She will prepare one version for USPS distribution and another for the email list.

Sue Zilisch promised to get the names and addresses of the owners of the 46 homes which have been included in the BR Historic Home Tour over the years. Sue had previously offered to contact Gregg Harris, Chief of the BRipple Fire Station regarding approaching the firefighters themselves for support of this project but did not get a chance to report on this at the meeting (friendly reminder, Sue ☺).

We can use the Broad Ripple Alliance for Progress to receive the donations since they are the 501(c) (3) foundation of the BRVA. BRVA already uses PayPal, and we could utilize this safe method for those who wish to donate online.

Publicity ideas included:

- Email blast
- Gazette publicity
- A special spot on the BRVA website
- Other ideas?

## **2. Aerial BR photos from Alan**

Alan still has nice copies of an aerial photo of the village ca. 1922, for anyone wanting to purchase. They are \$1 each.

## **3. Other agenda items**

The committee agreed to postpone all other agenda items until the next meeting

## **4. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 PM  
Old National Bank Community Room  
6135 N. College Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

- Fire Station National Register nomination
  - Consultant
  - Fund Raising
- BRVA Canal Days 2010 – CHBR participation?
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