

**Committee for Historic Broad Ripple**

Minutes of meeting held January 13, 2010, 6 PM

Location: Old National Bank

Present: Sharon Butsch Freeland, Sue Zilisch, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Alice Roettger

Guest: Diane Seybert, reporter for the BR Gazette

**Committee members:**

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

**Accuracy of these minutes**

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

**Agenda for January 13th**

Fire Station #32:

National Register nomination – consultant

Grant application to HLF

Raising the balance of \$\$ needed

Direct mail

Email

Donation canisters – Kevin See

Firefighters – Sue Z

Gazette article – Diane Seybert

Donor appreciation event

IUPUI anthropology & research project –Bridget Carson

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

Membership change

Next Meeting – February 10, 2010

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

Chris reported that our consultant had not yet provided a contract for us to sign. Instead of requiring ½ payment at signing, she plans to include a provision that work would start as soon as we were able to make that ½ payment.

Our application was submitted before the end of the year to the Historic Landmarks Foundation for a grant to help us with the expenses of hiring the professional consultant/historian. They were to have met January 11<sup>th</sup>, but it is too soon to receive word from Mark Dollase regarding the outcome. The maximum amount of a grant would be \$10,000 or 50% of our consultant budget, whichever is smaller. Our request was for \$1525.

Regarding our fund raising efforts, letters went out to all BRVA individual and business members, and emails went to everyone on the e-list. Sharon also sent letters to the owners of the 46 homes which have been included in the BR Historic Home Tour over the years. We have had a steady response, and gifts continue to come in via USPS and PayPal. All funds raised through this effort will go toward the Firehouse effort; expenses could include our share of the

consultant fees, the sign and boulder to place it on, mailing costs for the fund raising letters and a modest amount for the donor appreciation event.

Sue Zilisch has not yet been able to get names and addresses from Gregg Harris, Chief of the BRipple Fire Station. We still would like to approach the firefighters themselves for support of this project. Sue hopes to have that information for the February meeting if not before.

Michelle and Kevin had agreed to develop a project to place counter-top fund raising canisters near the cash registers in Broad Ripple area businesses to collect spare change and bills for the Firehouse project. Michelle has resigned from the committee since she's moved to Florida to take a job as director of development with Florida Historic Capitol building in Tallahassee. Kevin agreed (via email) to continue to develop the canister distribution and collection plan.

Karen Brogan agreed to head up a sub-committee to plan and implement the donor appreciation event, possibly this summer at the Firehouse. It will take place after we've received word of a successful nomination to place the Firehouse on the National Register. (positive thinking!) Our consultant, Connie Zeigler, estimates that this project will take four months.

It was suggested that the next time we have a fund raiser for an Historic Landmarks nomination, we could include the opportunity for donors to make an additional gift to the Committee for Historic Broad Ripple. This would provide the committee with a small amount of funds for other historic Broad Ripple activities such as a general brochure on the historic places in BR and the history of the Village.

Diane Seybert, owner of The Bungalow, was present as a representative of the Broad Ripple Gazette so that she could gather information and photos for a Gazette article on this project.

## **2. IUPUI anthropology & research project**

Bridget Carson was unable to attend and report on this.

## **3. BRVA 2010 Street Fair**

The BRVA has tentatively planned a 2-day street fair for 2010 instead of the "canal Days" of the past. The event would start Friday night June 4 and would end Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> with a family picnic. A street festival has been confirmed as the Saturday night event (June 5).

## **4. BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012**

To begin gearing up for the Village's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday, it was suggested that the Committee might do a walking tour of historic buildings in the Village. Perhaps this could be done in conjunction with the Historic Home Tour.

Karen B suggested developing a fun Q&A card game themed around the history of Broad Ripple. Where did this happen? What is this structure? What other businesses used to be in this location? (Lobraico's Drugs, Mustard Hall, Broad Ripple Playhouse). Other ideas included

BR Trivia/History game

BR History Scavenger Hunt

Ornaments of historic BR locations (Kiwanis did this several years ago—possibility to revive?)

Need a sub-committee for this 175<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## **5. Committee needs more worker bees**

With all the enthusiasm, recent successes and potential for involvement and projects, members in attendance agreed that we need to expand the committee. There is much to be done and tremendous potential for positive outcomes.

All committee members are urged to be more active, to attend meetings, to lend their efforts and to bring someone to the meetings (and to the Committee) who shares our interest in preserving and recording the history of Broad Ripple Village.

Sharon offered to do an email blast to help identify more volunteers for the Committee.

## **6. Other Agenda items**

Other agenda items were tabled until the next meeting.

**4. Next Meeting**

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

Preliminary Agenda:

- Fire Station National Register nomination
  - Consultant
  - Status of HLF grant application
  - Fund Raising
  - Donor recognition
- BRVA Canal Days 2010 – CHBR participation
- BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012
- IUPUI anthropology & research project –Bridget Carson
- Committee expansion
- Research reports
- New structures to research
- Other business.