

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Minutes of meeting held February 10, 2010, 6 PM
Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Kevin See, Sharon Butsch Freeland, Sue Zilisch, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Alan Hague, Mark Dollase

Guest: Bridget Carson. Warfleigh Neighborhood Association

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.

Committee Roster

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list for this committee, please contact Chris Carlson at ccarlson@butler.edu.

Agenda for February 10th:

IUPUI anthropology & research project –Bridget Carson

Fire Station #32:

Status of grant application to HLF – Mark Dollase

Nomination, consultant progress – Connie Zeigler

Fund Raising campaign – Sharon & Chris

Firefighter contact info – Sue Zilisch

Counter-top donation canisters – Kevin See

Donor appreciation event – Karen Brogan

Village News – Sharon F

BRVA Street Fair 2010 – CHBR participation – need committee chair

BRV 175th birthday in 2012 – need committee chair

Committee expansion

Email blast to find new committee members – Sharon Freeland

Research reports

Research info from past Hist. Home Tours – Sue Z

New structures to research

Other business

Aerial BR photos from Alan

Next Meeting – March 10, 2010

1 IUPUI Anthropology project: Bridget Carson

Bridget reported that Sue Hyatt, a professor with IUPUI, will present information about her neighborhood urban anthropology research project at the Warfleigh Neighborhood Association meeting February 28, 6 PM at Trinity Church. Hyatt received a grant to study neighborhood histories, and she researched and produced a book on the Community Heights Neighborhood in conjunction with her urban ethnographic methods class at IUPUI. The groups did archival research and carried out more than 40 interviews with neighborhood residents. The book entitled “Eastside Story” is an anthology of recollections and stories from area residents. More information will be shared at the March CHBR meeting.

2. Fire Station nomination for National Register status

- a. Mark Dollase reported that our grant application was received by the Historic Landmarks Foundation and was processed in January. It passed from the grants committee to the board which approved the full amount requested: \$1525. They request that any media releases mention the Historic Landmarks Foundation.

After the nomination project is completed, we will report to HLF and send them a copy of the complete nomination packet (hopefully, an approved nomination! ☺)

- b. Connie Zeigler, with C Resources, reported on progress of the the nomination process so far. She is just beginning to gather research and has some Firehouse photos. However, she would really like to have some historic photos of the Firehouse. Anyone with historic Firehouse photos willing to share them to support the NRHP nomination, please contact Connie at 908-6046 or conniezeigler@sbcglobal.net.

As soon as the written application is complete, the Department of Historic Preservation and Archeology will conduct a technical review after which some corrections and modifications can be made to the application. This will be followed by a substantive review and then a State Board review. The application then goes to the National Register (Parks Service) for final verification. The timetable for all this is unknown.

It was noted that National Register designation does not regulate what you can do with a building; it can deflect and discourage destruction of or inappropriate modifications to a building, however.

- c. The fund raising campaign has gone quite well. As of the typing of these minutes (3-4-10) we have raised more than \$6000, including the HLF grant. All monies raised through the BRVA postal and email campaigns will be spent on purchases, programs and activities pertaining to the Firehouse National Register status.

We will need a sign/plaque for outside – made of some material such as cast bronze that will withstand the weather. The Indiana Historic Bureau may no longer be doing signs for individual buildings. The National Register organization has plaques we can purchase. This committee will check out all the possibilities; a volunteer from the committee will be recruited to do this research.

- d. Counter-top canister campaign (Kevin See, chair) Kevin has targeted February 26 for the counter-top canister campaign to begin. Funds raised through this method will be utilized for beautification of the Firehouse grounds; that will be made known in the printed materials which accompany the canisters so that donors will know what their gifts will be used for.
- e. Donor Recognition event (Karen Brogan, chair). It was decided that our donor recognition event would be planed for 2011. We won't even know about the results of our application for at least 4 months, probably longer. We would then have to purchase the sign designating NRHP status. The timing of all this would push us into the fall of 2010 at the soonest.
- f. Sue Zilisch brought phone numbers for Gregg Harris, Firehouse chief, as well as the general Firehouse number, but no actual contacts were made with the firefighters.
- g. Publicity – The committee's activities on behalf of the Firehouse have been featured in the last two issues of the Gazette, with the most recent issue carrying a front-page story about the presentation of our HLF grant check. (Thanks Alan!)

3. BRVA 2010 Street Fair

Sue Zilisch agreed to chair the efforts to involve the CHBR in the 2010 street fair. The BRVA's plans for a street fair in June have been cancelled.

4. Committee expansion –Chris will write a letter soliciting participation and new committee members. Sharon will send it to the appropriate list(s) via email blast. Alan Hague agreed to put something in the Gazette regarding an APB for new committee members.

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

5. Other Agenda Items – were tabled until the next meeting in the interest of time.

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 PM

Broad Ripple Village Association Offices

6311 Westfield Blvd.

Corner of Westfield and Winthrop...diagonally across from BR Steakhouse

Preliminary Agenda:

Fire Station National Register nomination

Consultant

Fund Raising

Donor recognition

BRV 175th birthday in 2012

IUPUI anthropology & neighborhood research project details

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