

**Committee for Historic Broad Ripple**  
Minutes of meeting held March 11, 2010, 6 PM  
Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Sue Zilisch, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Alice Roettger

Guest: Jessica Journey, Graduate Student, IUPUI

**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](mailto:ccarlson@butler.edu).

**Agenda for March 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- Fire Station #32
- IUPUI anthropology & research project
- Jessica Journey, graduate student, SPEA, IUPUI
- BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012 – need committee chair
- Committee expansion
- Next potential NRHP structure
- Research reports
- New structures to research
- Other business
- Next Meeting – April 14, 2010

**1 Fire Station nomination for National Register**

Our consultant, Connie Zeigler, has requested that we put out an APB for old photos of Fire Station #32. She has current photos, but the older ones are likely to reveal features of the Firehouse which would be important to members of the committee who will review our application. We will send out a broad request through an email blast to a portion of the BRVA's mailing list requesting that people look around for such photos and share them with the CHBR.

Chris reported that fundraising for the Firehouse project has been very successful. A little more than \$6000 has been raised including the grant from Historic Landmarks Foundation which was presented at the previous meeting. We probably have raised sufficient money to cover our expenses for the nomination and any appropriate signage and brochures... based on the optimistic assumption that our nomination will be successful. All monies raised for the Firehouse through the BRVA postal and email campaign will be spent on purchases, programs and activities pertaining to the Firehouse National Register status.

Kevin See was not present to report on the Village business counter-top canister fund raising project. It had been previously decided that the monies raised through this effort would go toward beautification of the firehouse grounds That will be made known in the printed materials which accompany the canisters so that donors will know how their gifts will be used.

We are still looking for a volunteer to research the NRHP signage for the Fire Station...vendors, styles, costs etc. The sign will need to be made of some material such as cast bronze that will withstand the weather.

Regarding the donor appreciation/recognition event, Karen Brogan suggested possibly having a memento for the donors. She is talking to event planners to get ideas. The event would not take place until 2011.

## **2. IUPUI Anthropology project**

Chris mentioned briefly Sue Hyatt's neighborhood urban anthropology research project. Student-researchers from her urban ethnographic methods class studied neighborhood histories and produced a book on the east side Community Heights Neighborhood. The book, "Eastside Story," is an anthology of recollections and stories from area residents. There is more information on the IUPUI website:

[http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/eastside\\_story\\_portrait\\_of\\_a\\_neighborhood\\_on\\_the\\_suburban\\_frontier/](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/eastside_story_portrait_of_a_neighborhood_on_the_suburban_frontier/)

Sue Zilisch volunteered to contact Hyatt to investigate the possibility of doing something similar for Broad Ripple.

## **3. Jessica Journey, IUPUI**

A graduate student in IUPUI's School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Jessica presented to the committee a capstone project which she and a group of other students have undertaken. Serving as consultants for the Mayor and the City of Indianapolis, they are conducting a survey to determine why people choose their neighborhoods. The project focuses on the perceptions, branding and marketing of Indianapolis neighborhoods. The students hope to have 1000 surveys completed by residents of Central Indiana, and Jessica hoped that the CHBR could help. Their deadline for replies is March 18. Chris offered to contact Sharon Freeland, executive director of the BRVA to see if the survey information could be sent to the BRVA list in an email blast. (Even though Sharon and her husband were on vacation a thousand miles away, she was able to accomplish this very quickly). The survey was conducted through Survey Monkey, and Jessica promised to provide the committee with an executive summary of their findings.

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

A chair is needed to head up and guide committee discussions on how we can best contribute to the celebration.

## **5. Committee expansion –**

It was agreed to keep inactive individuals on the mailing list, especially since we always include an opt-out opportunity. Chris will write a letter for a BRVA email blast soliciting increased participation and new committee members.

## **6. Next Historic Landmark nominee?**

Committee members present expressed their top four preferences for the next structure which we will investigate for possible National Register designation. Those mentioned, in order of "votes", include:

- 4--Mustard Hall (current home of Buffalo Wild Wings)
- 3--The Post Office (built 1941)
- 3--The Whistle Stop (Vacant)
- 3--American Legion Building (College & 64<sup>th</sup>—old traction terminal)
- 1--The Vogue Theatre
- 1--Former Grist Mill (now a private residence)
- 1--The Depot

Karen mentioned that the Whistle Stop was on a recent list of tax sale properties in Marion County.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- a. Former CHBR member Michelle Gamon-Purvis sent the committee greetings from Florida where she is the director of development for the historic capitol building in Tallahassee.
- b. Chris has requested from HLF another copy of the Interim Report for Washington Township which lists properties which may be of historic significance. Chad Lethig agreed to provide an additional copy.
- c. The meeting location for CHBR has been changed to the BRVA offices.

## **8. Research reports**

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

**9. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 14, 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

BRV 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012

IUPUI anthropology & neighborhood research

Historic Landscape and Historic Landscape Architect info

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