

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Minutes of meeting held May 12, 2010, 6 PM
Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Sue Zilisch, Chris Carlson, Alice Roettger, Sharon Butsch Freeland, Kathleen Blackham, Alan Hague, Emily Johnston, Ruth Bickel, Tom Healy

Committee members:

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

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 April 14:

Fire Station National Register nomination—update
BRAP request for landscaping funds
BRV 175th birthday in 2012 – Karen Brogan
Committee expansion
Next NRHP structures
Research reports -- other
New structures to research
Other business
Next Meeting – June 9, 2010

1. New Committee members

The CHBR welcomed Emily Johnston and Ruth Bickel as new members. Jodi Rose would like to assist but is not able to attend meetings often.

Sharon Freeland has sent our email blast to the BR mailing list to invite interested parties to join the committee.

2. Fire Station

a. **Nomination for National Register** -_Connie Zeigler continues to research the answers to questions which come up as she writes; she hopes to have the nomination ready on the 18th of May. Also, Connie wonders if anyone can direct her to written information on public events tied to, held at, centered around the Firehouse...events which occurred before 1960. She is making the argument that the Firehouse is (and has been) central to our community. If anyone has anything to offer (newspaper articles, fliers, even childhood memories), please contact her at conniezeigler@sbcglobal.net.

Alice Roettger will email some info to Connie regarding the BR Preschool at BR Methodist; they may have some old information which would assist in her search.

b. **Signage** -_Alan reported that the National Register does not issue plaques for the structures which it approves for listing. There appear to be no restrictions on what we ultimately provide. He will get some detailed quotes hopefully for our next meeting. Signage expenses will include the bronze plaque, a giant boulder, labor and perhaps some plantings. The committee is not sure how much all the plaque stuff will cost; we hope to have some funds also for accompanying

literature. All donors will be recognized next summer or fall at a Firehouse celebration, and there will be some modest expenses associated with that as well.

- c. **Old Photos** - Chris will contact Gary Yohler about his collection of old *Indianapolis Times* photos.
- d. **Fund Raising** - There was no report on the Village business counter-top canister fund raising project.

3. BRAP request for Landscaping funds

Tom Healy addressed the committee about the possibility of identifying some gifts given for the NRHP nomination and redirecting them to the Beautification Committee to help provide plantings to beautify the Fire Station. Tom estimated that the Beautification Committee needs about \$200 to complete the project started by the firefighters...and paid for out of their own pockets so far. The CHBR agreed that we cannot arbitrarily redirect restricted funds, but that if an individual donor gave permission to redirect his or her gift for this purpose, that would be acceptable. Chris has already identified one \$100 donor who is willing to redirect. She will inquire of one or two others and will let Tom know.

The Committee also agreed that helping to beautify the Firehouse was a good thing for the Village and supported this effort even though it is outside the purview of the CHBR. It was suggested that the Beautification Committee would probably be very successful in a special campaign to raise money for beautifying the Village.

4. Next potential NRHP structure nominees

- a. **Whistle Stop** -- Kathleen Blackham has begun collecting information and shared with the committee some old maps and photos: the Monon sitting on tracks; a 1961 map of Indianapolis RR tracks. Chris volunteered to contact two individuals who have considerable historic information on historic trains, stations etc. Info could be useful to Connie for the Fire house nomination and to Kathleen for Whistle Stop research.
- b. **American Legion** -- Alan Hague and Alice Roettger will have a report at the next meeting.

5. Research reports

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

6. Other Business

- a. **History Saturdays** - Alan Hague reported that "History Saturdays" have started up again and are being held the third Saturday of the month from 8 to 10 AM at the BR McDonalds. The topic for this coming Saturday (May15) will be the Firehouse. Alan will follow up with one of the members (Bob Alloway) regarding old Firehouse photos; also, he will generally talk up the committee and the Firehouse nomination at the meeting.
- b. **IUPUI SPEA grad student survey** - Jessica Journey (who attended a couple of meetings ago) sent her executive summary on research into the key neighborhood characters that influence residency decision-making. A copy of that report is included with these minutes.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 6:00 PM

Broad Ripple Village Association Offices

6311 Westfield Blvd.

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

Preliminary Agenda:

- Fire Station National Register nomination update
- Research reports
 - Whistle Stop
 - American Legion
 - Other
- Other business