

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple
Minutes of meeting held September 8, 2010, 6 PM
Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Alan Hague, Diane Hitchcock, Chris Carlson, Sue Zilisch, Kathleen Blackham, Karen Brogan, Alice Roettger

Committee members:

Kathleen Blackham	Sharon Freeland	Chad Lethig
Karen Brogan	Margaret Gross	Lynn Levy
Molly Butters	Alan Hague	Elizabeth Marshall
Chris Carlson	John Hague	James Michelson
Bridget Carson	Tom Healy	Brenda Rising-Moore
Mark Demerly	Diane Hitchcock	Alice Roettger
Mark Dollase	Emily Johnston	Kevin See
Tom Evaniew	Diane Lihota	J.R. Walsh
John Fager	Maggie McCullough	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 cc5kitts@sbcglobal.net
Ruth Bickel has asked to be removed from the committee.

1. Fire Station

* **Nomination for National Register**—Nothing new to report on the nomination

* **Signage** - Chris will talk to Tom Bardach about his mention from a year or so ago that he might be willing to make a donation toward this project. (Chris did talk with Tom and he would be willing to donate \$100)

* **Firehouse celebration** in 2011 – Karen Brogan -- no report.

2. BRVA 175th Birthday

The BRV 175th birthday party will be discussed at the BRVA Monday meeting on either September 13 or September 20th, 11:30 am in the BRVA office. We would like to know how the CHBR might be involved in this event. Someone from the committee will discuss with Elizabeth Marshall.

Diane Hitchcock has a brochure from the Village's 150th (sesquicentennial) celebration. She will bring copies to the October meeting.

Regarding a Historic Preservation Education Grant to possibly produce a piece about BRipple history for the 175th, Kathleen will head up the effort and Chris will help. Grants requests are to be submitted in the spring.

3. Historic Photos of the Village

Regarding old photos of the Village, Chris will contact Gary Yohler about his collection of old historic photos from the *Indianapolis Times* to see if he would give them to the BRVA. (Chris did contact Gary and will report at the October meeting).

4. History of the Village – discussion

- Old houses used for business -- Many of the Village's old houses, if they've not been demolished have been converted to commercial purposes.
- Archeology -- Are there any opportunities for archeological studies/digs in the Village? Perhaps we could encourage one or even organize one...it could be interesting and educational. There are several potential sites for this.

- Pre-annexation records of Broad Ripple --What happened to any pre-annexation records of Broad Ripple? Perhaps the State Library? Alan Hague has copied all the town minutes and files including receipts and other documents. Portions have appeared regularly in the *Gazette*.
- Mustard Cemetery -- Alice Roettger said that the old Mustard Cemetery was at 57th & Broadway. There are legends and rumors surrounding that, and Alice will do a column for the *Gazette* soon.
- "History Saturday" --The subject for the September 18th "History Saturday" discussion is churches. The group meets at McDonalds from 8-10 every third Saturday.
- Broad Ripple Museum --Alice R came up with the idea of a Broad Ripple Museum!! We need to do it!! We could get a grant for that.
- Oral histories – need to be recorded before the people who remember the old Village are gone and forgotten. The recordings could be transcribed; recordings and publications could be available for research in the (future) Broad Ripple Museum. The Polis Center provides training in the collection of oral histories. We need a coordinated effort to find people to interview, conduct the interviews and transcribe the histories. Alan says that he is recording some of the discussions at "History Saturdays" – that is the venue now for sharing oral histories. He will expand the efforts.

5. Research reports

Whistle Stop – (on our research list as "Historic Monon Depot") Kathleen Blackham had a printed report on her findings to date. There was discussion regarding the Whistle Stop and the Depot building immediately north across 64th street: what were they both used for? Was one passenger, the other, freight? How were they different? Someone suggested that the Depot is not original to the village. In the early 1980s, the city had not yet acquired the land (RR right-of-way) on which the Whistle Stop sits; before that it belonged to the Railroad.

Diane H and Karen B might have more information on the land issue. Alan will contact former owner Jim Bradford for additional information.

American Legion -- Alan & Alice will have something next meeting.

Peggy Taylor's – Alan will have something at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 13 6:00 PM

Broad Ripple Village Association Offices

6311 Westfield Blvd.

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