

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple

Minutes of meeting held October 13, 2010, 6 PM

Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Alan Hague, Chris Carlson, Sue Zilisch, Kathleen Blackham, Sharon Freeland

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

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2. **Fire Station**

- **Nomination for National Register**—Nothing new to report on the nomination. Connie Zeigler is working on an application for the Watson Park Neighborhood to be considered an historic area.
- **Signage** - Chris talked to Tom Bardach who is willing to donate \$100 toward this project, provided we purchase the plaque from Bardach Awards.
- **Brochure** – It was agreed that we would do a brochure about the Fire House regardless of whether our National Register nomination is successful. Chris and Sharon will work on this
- **Firehouse celebration** in 2011 –no report.

3. **BRVA 175th Birthday**

We still need a conversation with BRVA about what they plan to do for this and how they think our committee might assist. Someone from the committee will discuss with Elizabeth Marshall.

It was suggested that we invite descendents of the Coil family to the Firehouse dedication and to the 175th celebration. Sue Zilisch has information on family members who are doing research into their family’s Broad Ripple roots.

4. **Historic Photos of the Village**

Jay Williams has historic train photos and some of them probably pertain to Broad Ripple. Alan Hague will contact him.

Chris contacted Gary Yohler regarding his massive collection of old photos from *The Indianapolis Times*. Gary said that he has about 170,000 images, mostly prints. They are just in boxes and file cabinets, mostly filed under how the accompanying article appeared in the paper – “flood,” “dam,” etc. The majority are in good condition. Chris sent him the committee’s research list and he said he’d see if he could find corresponding photos which he said he would be happy to scan onto a disk for us. We would credit him with any of his photos which we might use.

Gary had several other items of interest to share:

- He used to own the old Apple Press building which is just south of Brugge. He said it may be one of the oldest buildings in Broad Ripple. Parts of the interior may still be intact... almost original. He said the building should be saved, that there is a lot of history behind this house, that it was possibly built by Jacob Coil. He suggested that we add this building to our list. Gary said that the brother of the guy he bought it from years ago may still be alive. Bill Noel owns the building now.
- Gary also said that he may come to a winter meeting of our committee.
- Suggested we contact Paul Meister who might also have some old photos he might share

- Mentioned Wayne and Anita Adkins (Atkins?) who were friends with Fred Vollrath who had old post cards and movies. The Adkinses got all of Fred's old stuff.
- Steve Donohue of Mr. Poster, has a picture taken from Guilford or College looking up the canal after the "big flood."
- Gary's email is gary@tiffanyinimages.com

Alan offered to help Gary organize and catalogue his images. Chris will introduce them via email.

4. Miscellaneous History and Structures – discussion

- Peggy Taylors – is for sale now. Committee needs to keep on this.
- Grist Mill – (John and Jim's place) – for sale; JR Walsh is listing it. It was moved from elsewhere to its present site...maybe it could be moved again and saved. Chris is to talk to Indiana Landmarks about what our options might be.
- Merrill's Stage Equip building. – Lexi Merrill is the listing agent with Carpenter, where Dan Guio works. Alan H will check on this.
- Historic Home Tour – Sue Z reported that attendance was 900. Second highest attendance. Proceeds are \$4500 so far; money still to come in from tix sold at Marsh. Information will soon be available via a link on the BR History website, although that link has not yet been set up.
- History Saturdays – Alan is recording the conversations for oral histories. A friend of Chris' has offered some recording equipment; Chris will introduce him and Alan via email.
- Old Village Samplers – Alan is looking for old issues of the *Village Sampler* (predecessor to the *Gazette*).

5. Research reports

- Whistle Stop – no report
- American Legion – no report. Alan will set up a meeting.
- Peggy Taylor's – No report. Sue Z is working on the chain of title.

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 6:00 PM
 Broad Ripple Village Association Offices
 6311 Westfield Blvd.
 Corner of Westfield and Winthrop...directly north across the street from Brugge.