

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

Present: Alan Hague, Chris Carlson, 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

1. Fire Station

- **Nomination for National Register**—Nothing new to report on the nomination.
- **Signage** – Alan created a mock-up to scale for the bronze plaque. Chris will look it over, condense the description info and get back to Alan.
- **Brochure** – we need to get with Capt. Gregg Harris of the Firehouse to get permission to place a display rack and to get some idea of a quantity of brochures to print. Chris and Sharon will work on this.
- **Firehouse celebration** in 2011 –no report.

2. BRVA 175th Birthday

Ideas include: A “Firehouse Run;” a duck race on the canal; Karen is open to ideas. Diane Hitchcock has a copy of the Village brochure from the 150th anniversary celebration. She will bring to a committee meeting.

- 3. Fund Raising**—an appeal has been drafted and was distributed to the committee for comment and input. Chris and Sharon will give it a final look before the email blast is sent out. The creation of an Historic Broad Ripple fund within BRAP was discussed, and a statement regarding the purpose of the Fund was distributed for comment. A copy of the revised statement is attached to these minutes.

- 4. Historic Photos of the Village** – still on the lookout for images of historic Broad Ripple, even old family photos which might include some important background information. Alan said he would contact Gary Yohler about any historic Broad Ripple photos he might have and to offer assistance with his collection.

5. Miscellaneous History and Structures – discussion

- **Peggy Taylor’s** – is for sale; asking price is \$649,000. There is a possibility that it would become a Bed & Breakfast...it is in a great location for that. Committee needs to keep an eye on this.
- **Gristmill** – Chris and Sharon reported on efforts to save the building which is believed to be the Village’s ca 1876 gristmill moved to Coil Street. They are meeting next week with Mark Dollase from Indiana Landmarks to see what our possibilities might be. Charlie Harrison grew up on Carrollton or Ferguson (listed in the 1930 census) and might have some memory of what happened to the old Gristmill. Mrs. Boardman (see below) would possibly have some memory of the gristmill being moved, perhaps after annexation.
- **Boardman House/Merrill’s Stage Equip building.** – Mrs. Cheryl Boardman lived in the Merrill Stage Equipment building years ago and may have some historic information. The woman who has recently purchased the building (Ms. Holbrook) is converting it to a boutique hotel and will be going for LEED certification with permeable pavement and use of recycled materials. It was reported that she will be keeping quite a bit of the historic flavor of the old building and plans to preserve a lot of historic features including the old edifice that faces Westfield Blvd.

- American Legion – report on this next meeting.

6. Research reports

- Former Monon Train Station (at one time, Whistle Stop now brics) – Kathleen B reported that the inside of the building has been modified way too much. That plus the addition (put on illegally several years ago) which employed the use of cement blocks and inexpensive materials, have ruined the building for consideration for the National Register. There may be other ways to recognize the building, but the value of its historic elements has been compromised. The Committee has not received a reply from Ryan Vaughn et al regarding City permission to apply for any kind of historic status. We will pursue later.
- American Legion – no report. Alan will set up a meeting.

7. 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.