

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

Present: Alan Hague, Chris Carlson, Sue Zilisch, 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
Mark Wolf	Catherine Moore	

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.
- **Brochure** – Kathleen & Chris are working on it.
- **Firehouse celebration** in 2011 –no report.

2. BRVA 175th Birthday

There will be a convention here in 2012 of a national historic preservation group. David Baker from the Indianapolis Commission for Historic Preservation could attend one of our meetings to provide more information. Sue Z will invite him possibly for the January 2011 meeting.

There is a CD with historic Warleigh photos and information which Sharon put together. There may be some info on it which would be helpful to whatever the Village plans to do or produce. The Society of Indiana Pioneers may also have some info.

Sue Z says we (all of BRVA) need to get serious about the 175th celebration. She will talk to Mark Wolf (new pres of BRVA Board) about getting up some steam on this project. The Village could do an event ...a practice run, if you will....this summer to help prepare for a larger 175th celebration in 2012. It is probably too late for June 2011, but we need to get something on the calendar. There has to be a way to make a street festival work (again) in the Village. Other towns and tourist areas make it happen....we can do it!

For the 150th, BR Avenue was closed. It was during the daytime and was free. There are supposedly some photos on the website (BRVA's?? or BR History's??). Need to get a copy of the brochure from the 150th celebration. Someone has copies.

- 3. Fund Raising**—The eblast (requesting gifts to help support the work of the Committee for Historic Broad Ripple) is scheduled to go out in a couple of days.

4. Miscellaneous History and Structures – discussion

- **Peggy Taylor's** – straddles 2 half lots. Alan will check on the zoning and proposed use for this property.
- **Gristmill** – Chris and Sharon met with Mark Dollase and JR Walsh on November 15th to discuss what might be done to save the Gristmill. We had a good and encouraging conversation. Subsequently, however, Chris, Sharon and Alan met with Morris Conley, age 94, who used to live in that building. Mr. Conley stated that the subject building was formerly a garage to which his father added a second story. His family lived in the structure for a

number of years. The committee agreed that it would be a good idea to corroborate Mr. Conley's story (although, he was very clear, sharp and consistent in what he told us). It was suggested that we talk to Charlie Harrison who lives at 90th and Westfield Blvd.

Sue Z offered to get an abstract for this property at 912 Coil Street.

Alan stated that in the late 1990s or early 2000s, when Veolia took over the Water Company, he and a guy from the Indiana State Archives took historic stuff from the basement of the Water Company HQ. The Water Co. was going to throw out boxes and boxes of old historic information, and the two men mentioned were trying to retrieve as much as possible. Alan will try to get more information.

Nevertheless, we should continue with our research and conversations regarding the fate of the Gristmill.

Chris will get back with LuAnn Baker of United Water to update her on our research into the Gristmill and to see if she has been able to turn up anything.

5. Oral Histories

Alan reported that he has spoken with an older gentleman in his 80s, Jack Nichols, who rebuilt the 1513 Kessler Blvd. House which was originally constructed ca 1880-1900. He has some old pictures to share.

Alan taped a conversation with Morris Conley, age 94, regarding the Gristmill as well as several other historic Broad Ripple subjects.

6. BRVA form-based code

Kathleen Blackham has included a history statement in the form-based code document being prepared for Broad Ripple Village.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 PM
Broad Ripple Village Association Offices
6311 Westfield Blvd.
Corner of Westfield and Winthrop...directly north across the street from Brugge.