

Committee for Historic Broad Ripple

Minutes of meeting held March 9, 2011, 6 PM

Location: Offices of the BRVA

Present: Tom Healy, Karen Brogan, Chris Carlson, Sue Zilisch, Alan Hague, Sharon Freeland, Kathleen Blackham, Shirley Judkins, Alice Roettger

Active Committee members:

Kathleen Blackham	Sharon Freeland	Brenda Rising-Moore
Karen Brogan	Alan Hague	Alice Roettger
Chris Carlson	Diane Hitchcock	Sue Zilisch
Mark Dollase	Shirley Judkins	

Not active--on the list to receive Committee communications:

Molly Butters	Margaret Gross	Chad Lethig
Bridget Carson	John Hague	Lynn Levy
Mark Demerly	Tom Healy	Elizabeth Marshall
Tom Evaniew	Emily Johnston	James Michelson
John Fager	Diane Lihota	Kevin See
Mark Wolf	Maggie McCullough	J.R. Walsh

Accuracy of these minutes

If anything is incorrect or misleading, please notify Chris who will make corrections.

Committee Roster

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<u>Topic/Discussion</u>	<u>Action/follow-up</u>
<p><u>1. Introductions</u> The committee welcomed new member Shirley Judkins who has a long background of interest and involvement in historic activities and events. Guest presenter Tom Healy, BRVA Board member and chair of the Broad Ripple Alliance for Progress, was also introduced.</p>	
<p><u>2. Special Canal Presentation: Tom Healy</u> Tom Healy made a special presentation to the committee regarding the Canal, which has been eligible for National Register status since the 1980s. The Canal has been on the Committee’s “radar” since the committee was formed in 2008. Tom highlighted and emphasized the Canal’s importance throughout Village history. His slide presentation included some historic views, old Village plans from 1987 and 1994 and current plans and concepts which include seating, lighting, pedestrian areas, improved landscaping and a possible pedestrian bridge between College and Guilford (it will be an old repurposed INDOT bridge, some of which are historic). He mentioned “Art to Art” plans for placing artwork along the canal path from the Art Center to the Indianapolis Museum of Art.</p> <p>Tom asked what all this would mean in terms of the Canal being an historic structure. What about Citizens Energy? Would they weigh in and support Canal bank stabilization? What does Indiana Landmarks think about the plans?</p>	<p>Need someone to help with Canal research.</p>

<p>He recommended that the Committee move the Canal up near the top of their list of structures for attention and research.</p> <p>The Committee needs someone to do preliminary research on the Canal hopefully as a first step toward NR nomination; perhaps we could contract with a professional historian to do it all, but funding is an issue.</p>	
<p><u>3. Firehouse NR nomination</u> Chris read a report prepared by Connie Zeigler: “Broad Ripple Fire House, Indianapolis Fire Department Station 32 has passed technical review---several months ago. It is in the queue for substantive review. I received an email last week from Frank Hurdis at DHPA asking a question about the station's addition, which he said wasn't relevant to the building's significance but he simply wanted to add the info to the description. That SHOULD mean that he is now doing the substantive review. If that's so, then perhaps I'll be hearing from them with questions/comments soon. I will let you know when that happens.”</p>	
<p><u>4. Firehouse Brochure</u> Kathleen Blackham has prepared a prospectus to the Indiana Humanities Council for possible funding for a brochure about the Firehouse. If approved, a full proposal will be due April 18.</p>	
<p><u>5. Firehouse Celebration</u> The committee selected October 8th as the date for the Village Firehouse celebration. It is during Fire Safety week. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involve Indpls Fire Department; perhaps they would give away free smoke detectors • have the National Register plaque done and installed • brochures ready • get fire station guys on board • have some refreshments • have some give-aways like the free smoke detectors, maybe firemen’s hats for the kids • Firehouse tours • some kind of thank-you to the donors – a brief program • involve Fire dept and city officials (Ryan Vaughan) <p>Sharon checked the Web for other City events on October 8th. Several events were identified; Alan will get information on the Spotlight on Nursing event.</p>	<p>The Committee needs someone to chair this event.</p> <p>Alan H – will get info on Spotlight on Nursing event 10-08-11</p>
<p><u>6. Kassebaum Building Nomination</u> Chris read a report prepared by Connie Zeigler: “Kassebaum was submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology at the end of February. They asked for additional information on the site plans, which I gave them and I received notice last week that it has passed technical review. Now it will queue up for substantive review. It's likely it will be several months before that review will take place. DHPA will probably have some questions/clarifications once they do review it. After it passes substantive review it will be slated on the agenda at one of the state board of review quarterly meetings. It will probably be several months before they will begin substantive review.</p>	

<p>Chris has contacted Jeannette Kassebaum regarding involvement from the Kassebaum family. Her inquiry has not been acknowledged.</p> <p>All tenants in the Kassebaum Building were contacted via letter with a request for financial assistance; to date two tenants have donated (Corner Wine Bar & Usual Suspects).</p>	
<p><u>7. Broad Ripple Post Office</u> Chris reported that, through Mark Dollase's efforts, a Ball State University architecture and historic preservation student will work on a National Register nomination for the Broad Ripple Post Office as a class assignment. Chris and Sharon will meet with the student as soon as possible to share resources and information with her. The Committee will probably want to hand off the project to Connie for follow up and shepherding after the student is finished.</p>	
<p><u>8. Committee Fund Raising</u> Sharon Freeland reported that the Firehouse fund has a balance of \$2563.63; all of that may be needed for the Firehouse celebration. The more general Historic Broad Ripple Fund has a balance of \$529.95.</p>	
<p><u>9. American Legion (64th & College)</u> Alan reported that the Legion is still active at this location. There was a Christmas dinner there for members. The Legion has some historic materials; Alan agreed to pursue and try to locate someone who will work with us on historic stuff. He will also have an article on that Legion in the Gazette soon.</p>	<p>Alan H to pursue Legion contact.</p> <p>Alan – Gazette article on Legion.</p>
<p><u>10. Canal</u> Alan will start up an information link for the Canal on his Broad Ripple History website. Any information should be sent to Alan...scans as well as other info. Shirley Judkins mentioned that she has some stuff.</p> <p>It was the Committee's consensus that the Canal would be our next "hot item." Alan will send an email to Mark Dollase about the Canal's eligibility for National Register status. There is huge support for the Canal now along with a lot of public awareness.</p> <p>The CHBR needs someone to do some preliminary Canal research.</p>	<p>Alan – will put Canal link on BR History website.</p> <p>Alan will email Mark D re: canal's NR eligibility.</p> <p>Committee needs someone to do research.</p>
<p><u>11. Merrill Stage Equipment Building/Boardman House</u> Sharon reported that there has been no recent progress on converting this old structure to a boutique hotel. It appears that insurance has been a stumbling block for the person wanting to develop the structure.</p>	
<p><u>12. Guilford Avenue Bridge (Rainbow Bridge)</u> Chris reported that a Village meeting regarding the bridge has not taken place but that it should happen soon. (NOTE: the meeting took place on March 16; a report will be given at the April 13 CHBR meeting.)</p>	
<p><u>13. Other Top Priority Structures</u> The Vogue theatre, the commercial building south of the Vogue and the Lincolnshire Apartments (the cool old building south of that) were mentioned as needing attention and research. All are already on the</p>	

Committee's list of structures.	
<p><u>14. Recent IBJ article -- BR Historic activities</u> Sharon offered to send to the committee a link to this article and the posts commenting on it. The link is: http://www.ibj.com/broad-ripple-raising-money-to-preserve-historicbuildings/PARAMS/article/25454</p>	
<p><u>15. BRVA 175th Birthday</u> Phil Lavoie of the BRVA Board is chairing the Association's committee to plan a 175th celebration. Several CHBR members have volunteered to help. We could refer to the 150th celebration plans for ideas and inspiration. Ideas presented by Committee members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a history booklet • self-guided historic walking tours • self-guided historic biking tours • historic dinner tours • collaboration with the Art Center and BRMHS • a history and music collaborative with all the area schools, public & private • involve the White River Yacht club (Shirley has a 75th anniversary poster from there) • sell historic maps of the Village & White River..get some original drawings 	
<p><u>16. Old foot bridge in BR Park</u> Alan received a call from Indy Parks regarding an old stone foot-bridge back by Evanston Avenue. It needs repairs, and they wanted to know if it was historic. They weren't sure what to do. Alan will check the structure for a date.</p>	Alan H. – check old footbridge for date.
<p><u>17. Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Zilisch reported that the Historic Home Tour is scheduled for September 24, 2011 • The Gallery Tour is Friday, October 14 • Alan reported that History Saturdays will start up again in April ...the third Sat., 8 AM • Oral histories – Alan has recorded Morris Conley and Tom Weaver; let Alan know of others which could be included. 	
<p><u>18. Next Meeting</u> Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 6 PM,n BRVA Office, 6311 Westfield Blvd. Corner of Westfield and Winthrop...directly north across the street from Brugge.</p>	