

## **Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes January 23, 2008**

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m. (EST) on January 23, 2008 in Conference Room 1 & 2 of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Vice-Chairman John Newman.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Vice Chairman John Newman, Richard Butler, Andrew Seager, William Selm, Donald Cochran, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, and James Glass.

Staff members present were Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Steve Kennedy, Karie Brudis, Holly Tate, Shana Kelso, Cathy Draeger, Adrienne Schmetzer, Malia Savarino, Chad Slider

Visitors present were: Karie Carmany-George, Dave Mayther, Joe A. Soughers, Allen Nail, Kathy Moore, Tom Meredith, Mary Kennedy, Cindy Haye, Rich Trombley, Bill Chappel, Mike Wienning, Briana Bosse, Vanessa Schwaegler, Kevin Orme, and Glory-June Greiff

Vice-Chairman John Newman called for the approval of the minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting. Julie Donnell stated that she would like to have the minutes reflect that those unfamiliar with landscape preservation have an opportunity to receive training. The October minutes were amended to reflect this request and approved.

### **Election of Vice-Chair**

It being the January meeting, the annual election of a Vice Chairman was necessary.

Andrew Seager made a motion that John Newman continue as Vice Chairman. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

### **I. Division Director's Report**

Director Glass announced the three Assistant Director positions have been filled and they are Frank Hurdis, Assistant Director for Preservation Services; Steve Kennedy, Assistant Director for Administration, Grants and Planning; and Karie Brudis, Assistant Director for Environmental Review. Glass stated that the office reorganization is nearly complete and the announcement of the final reorganization will appear on the division website soon. He reported on several bills before the General Assembly that will affect DHPA 1) The proposal to create an Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission has passed the General Assembly. This bill will create a commission appointed by the governor to provide technical advice for courthouse rehabilitations. 2) Rep. Matt Pierce introduced HB 1129 which will affect development plans and permits. 3) A bill concerning Indiana rehabilitation tax credits has been referred to the 2009 legislative study committee. 4) A bill establishing LEED standards for construction that accommodate preservation concerns has been introduced. Glass introduced the 2008 DHPA calendar that celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New Deal programs by highlighting 12 different historic post offices throughout Indiana. He gave thanks to staff member, Amy Walker for the design.

### **II. State Certificates of Approval**

**1. Application by the Indiana Army National Guard / Military Department of Indiana for a certificate of approval to replace the concrete sidewalk and steps leading from E. Fifth Street and to replace the retaining wall at the front entrance of the Marion Readiness Center (Armory), Marion, Grant County.**

The staff had no additional comments to add to the written comment provided the board. Karie Carmony-George was present to answer questions. Bill Selm questioned whether or not the ADA ramp will be rebuilt. It will be left as is. Don Cochran moved to approve the certificate, Richard Butler seconded, and the motion carried.

**2. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum & Historic Sites to remove sediment / debris removal from RR bridges on the Whitewater Supply Canal and water control gates at Laurel Feeder Dam on the east bank of the Whitewater River, Metamora / Brookville vicinity, Franklin County.**

The staff had no additional comments to add to the written comment provided the board. Joe Soughers, DNR Division of Engineering, was available to answer questions. Don Cochran moved to approve the certificate, Harry Murphy seconded, and the motion carried.

**3. Application by Tippecanoe Parks and Recreation Department to restore the 1873 wrought iron fence surrounding Tippecanoe Battlefield, using funds from the Indiana General Assembly, Battle Ground, Tippecanoe County.**

The staff had no additional comments to add to the written comment provided the board. Allen Nail, Kathy Moore and Tom Meredith were present to answer any questions. Harry Murphy asked if the trees will be left in place. Andrew Seager made the motion, Julie Donnell seconded it and the motion carried.

**4. Application by Indiana Department of Transportation for the replacement (demolition) of Bridge #2055A carrying SR 327 over the Norfolk Southern RR, Corunna, DeKalb County.**

The staff had no additional comments to add to the written comment provided the board. Mary Kennedy with IDOT was available for questions. Andrew Seager asked for background. Paul Diebold summarized the issues involved with this application. Andrew Seager made the motion to approve the certificate, Don Cochran seconded it, and the motion carried.

**5. Application by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs to alter the former Service Building by rehabilitating the garage doors and creating additional interior office space in the garage bays, Turkey Run State Park, Parke County.**

The staff has no additional comments. Richard Butler made the motion to grant the certificate, Harry Murphy seconded it and it carried.

**6. Application by the Indiana State Fair Commission to rehabilitate Bridge #1808L (39<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge) carrying 39<sup>th</sup> Street over Fall Creek, Indianapolis, Marion County.**

Cindy Haye, Rich Trombley, Bill Chappel, Mike Weiningg, Brian Bosse, Vanessa Schwaegler were present to answer questions on the lighting and signage. Frank Hurdis explained that the staff had concerns that were discussed with American Structure Point and the Indiana State Fair Commission, specifically regarding the lighting and interpretive signage. American Structure Points and the Commission staff confirmed that the bridge was not historically lit. The staff had recommended that a neutral light standard -not historical in appearance - be used to prevent misinterpretation by the public. American Structure Points and State Fair Commission staff explained that their choices were limited to the "Washington Standard" or Cobra lighting and the Washington Standard was what is used elsewhere on the Fairgrounds. John Newman suggested that the fact that the bridge was not lit historically be explained in the signage. Andrew Seager recommended a system that would not contribute to light pollution. Richard Butler made a motion that a certificate be granted with the condition that the lighting and wording of the signage be subject to DHPA staff approval. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

**7. Application by Indiana Department of Corrections and the Indiana Department of Transportation to relocate the Pendleton Reformatory Bridge to a storage facility (open field), Pendleton vicinity, Madison County.**

Kevin Orme and Mary Kennedy were available to answer questions. Paul Diebold explained that this location is temporary. Andrew Seager asked about the security of the site. Kevin Orme responded and explained that it is a safe and secure area. Richard Butler made the motion to grant the certificate, Don Cochran seconded it, and it carried.

**8. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs to remove from consideration the previously tabled application to construct a half scale version of the interurban station which once served the interurban spur that ran from Anderson to the amusement park on the Bronnenberg property, Mounds State Park, Union Township, Madison County, Indiana.**

Frank Hurdis informed the board that the staff of Mounds State Park had asked to withdraw this application which had been tabled at the previous meeting. A motion to remove the application's tabled status was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Don Cochran and carried. No further action by the board was required.

### III. Emergency Repair Report

Notification of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs of emergency repair to water-damaged rooms at Turkey Run Inn, Turkey Run State Park, Parke County.

Frank Hurdis reported that the Division of Engineering had requested that they make this report at the April meeting. Since receiving that request, the Division of Engineering staff has indicated that they may not be able to make the report in person and asked that they be allowed to submit a report in writing.

#### IV. National Register Applications

1. **Cedar Bough Place Historic District, 043-446-16000, 800 block of Cedar Bough Place, New Albany, Floyd County (1907)**  
Paul Diebold noted that HPF funding was used for the preparation of this application. John Newman complimented the quality of the application. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve, Don Cochran seconded it and it carried.
2. **DePauw Avenue Historic District, 043-446-20000, roughly, DePauw Avenue from Vincennes St. to Abersold Dr., 1200 block of Beechwood Ave., and 1211 and 1214 Vance St. (1908)**  
Paul Diebold noted that HPF funding was used for this application as well. Newman asked about additional Sanborn maps from 1905-1949. Harry Murphy made the motion to approve and Richard Butler seconded it. The motion carried.
3. **Shelby Place Historic District, 043-446-18000, 1500 and 1600 blocks of Shelby Place, New Albany, Floyd County (1909)**  
Paul Diebold noted that this was the third New Albany nomination funded, in part with HPF funding. Andrew Seager made the motion to approve the application, Bill Selm seconded it and it carried.
4. **West Washington Street Bridge, West Washington Street over west fork of White River, Muncie, Delaware County (1927)**  
The staff explained that it believed that this property meets criteria A & C. Andrew Seager made the motion to approve the application, Julie Donnell seconded it and it carried.
5. **Miami County Courthouse, 103-507-31109, Public Square, Peru, Miami County (1930)**  
Paul Diebold noted that HPF funds assisted the preparation of this application. Julie Donnell asked why the lawn around the courthouse was not included. Paul explained that typically the lawn around courthouses are included within the boundary even if it is not counted as a contributing site. Andrew Seager noted the nomination for property in Centerville where trees were cut because they had not been specifically mentioned in the nomination. Diebold agreed to contact National Register staff to ask for guidance about whether or not to count the courthouse lawn as a contributing site. A motion was suggested that would incorporate the lawn as a contributing site and to contact with the National Register. Julie Donnell made the motion, Richard Butler seconded it and it carried.
6. **Strawtown Enclosure, Noblesville vicinity, Hamilton County (1931)**  
The staff had no additional comment to add to the written comment. Harry Murphy made the motion to approve the application, Don Cochran seconded it and it carried.
7. **Indianapolis Masonic Temple, 098-296-15019, 525 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1943)**  
The staff had no additional comment to add to the written comment. Don Cochran made the motion to approve the application, Julie Donnell seconded it and it carried.
8. **Fountain County Courthouse, 045-137-31030, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington, Fountain County (1944)**  
The staff recommended using the language in the motion used for Miami Co. Courthouse that includes the courthouse lawn as a contributing site. Julie Donnell made the motion, John Newman seconded it and it carried.

9. **Warren County Courthouse, 171-681-38002, 125 N. Monroe, Williamsport, Warren County (1945)**  
The staff had no additional comment to add to the written comment. John Newman asked to incorporate the Miami County Courthouse language used above for this application as well. Julie Donnell made the motion, Bill Selm seconded it and it carried.

#### V. Grant Applications for FY 2008

1. Consideration of CLG applications  
The staff recommended funding all of the CLG proposals as they are ranked in their categories. Funds available, \$76,000. Don Cochran made the motions to approve, Harry Murphy seconded it and it carried.
2. Consideration of Architectural / Historical applications  
Ten applications were received requesting a total of \$145,156. The staff recommended and the Board just approved, transferring remaining funds from the Acquisition & Development category to provide full funding for the 9<sup>th</sup> ranked project. Richard Butler recused himself as an HLF Board member. Don Cochran made the motion, Julie Donnell seconded it and it carried.
3. Consideration of Archaeological applications  
Six proposals were received requesting a total of \$141,828. The staff recommended and the Board just approved, transferring remaining funds from the Acquisition & Development category to provide full funding for the 6<sup>th</sup> ranked project. Don Cochran recused himself as a BSU employee. Harry Murphy made the motion, Richard Butler seconded it and it carried.
4. Consideration of Acquisition and Development applications  
Eleven proposals were received requesting a total of \$410,911. The categorical funding available was projected to be approximately \$291,500. Because one proposal, the ninth, was situated at the cut-off point of funding, staff recommends transferring the remaining funds to the Architectural & Historical category, the Archaeology category, and the cooperative agreements pools as indicated in Categorical Funding Summary. Harry Murphy made the motion, Don Cochran seconded it and it carried.

#### VI. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification Listed

C. G. Conn Mansion, 039-186-30020, 723 Strong Avenue, Elkhart, Elkhart County (1792)

Smith Farm, 2698 South CR 900E, E. Plainfield, Hendricks County (1888)

Cavanaugh Bridge, 071-641-50015, .6 mile south of CR 700 S, on 550 W over Muscatatuck River, Jackson County (1925)

Vermillion County Courthouse, 165-459-11021, 255 South Main Street, Newport, Vermillion County (1933)  
Pulaski County Courthouse, 112 East Main Street, Winamac, Pulaski County (1934)

#### Rejected

none

#### Removed

none

#### VII. Relevant dates and location for the next meeting

Proposed date:

April 23, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by Don Cochran to adjourn the meeting.

Proposed location:

New Harmony, Indiana (subsequently changed to Indianapolis)

Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications, April meeting: March 14, 2008