

**Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – June 12, 2007
Preservation Station
SUMMARY**

Opening Remarks: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Agendas were disseminated to the attendees. The members in attendance were asked to identify themselves and their affiliation.

Mr. Vlach turned to the Co-chairs, Mr. Patrick Carpenter and Mr. John Carr, for a project update.

Project Update: Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Carr, Co-chairs

Mr. Patrick Carpenter informed the IHPAT that he was acting on behalf of Mrs. Mary Kennedy as the alternate INDOT Co-chair. Mrs. Kennedy will return for the August meeting. Mr. Carpenter announced that INDOT has completed negotiations with the Section Design Consultant (SDC) for Section 6; execution of the contract is underway. Mr. Carpenter also indicated the appraisal of the Swartz Farm Rural Historic District is expected to be completed in July 2007. With respect to the relocation of the Central Passage House, Mr. Carpenter affirmed that INDOT would consider such a request, but that a formal request would need to be filed. Mr. Boone emphasized that the Project would not pay for the relocation, but would consider the possibility of storing the structure until Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI) or another entity had adequate time to find a permanent site. Mr. Boone added that the duration INDOT would be willing to store the structure would not be for an indefinite period and would need to be further defined. It was determined that a formal motion made by the IHPAT to the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) and captured in the meeting summary would be the appropriate course of action to advance this item.

Motion: Mr. Sekula moved that the IHPAT recommend to the BSHCT that relocation of the Central Passage House be given priority over documentation and that ample time be provided to locate a suitable site. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kramer and carried. It will be presented to the BSHCT at the meeting of July 10, 2007 for consideration.

Mr. Sekula inquired about the status of the Train Depot rehabilitation now that INDOT owns the structure. Mr. Boone responded that the rehabilitation of the structure is to be completed by the SDC for Section 3, who is not yet under contract. Mr. Boone acknowledged that with negotiations completed in Section 6, attention would turn to getting Section 3 under contract.

Mr. Carr had no updates to provide.

Underwater Archaeological Survey Update: Ms. Wayna Roach, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

Ms. Roach provided an overview of the underwater archaeological sonar survey that was completed in October 2006 along the Downtown and East End crossings of the Ohio River. The sonar survey identified two anomalies in the location of the Downtown crossing and one anomaly in the location of the East End crossing. The anomaly in the Downtown section closest to and paralleling the Indiana shoreline is an unknown linear feature. Ms. Roach speculated the anomaly could be a remnant floodwall for the city of Jeffersonville. The other anomaly located in the Downtown section is located near the Kentucky shore and is approximately 20 ft. by 40 ft. in size. It is thought this could be a sunken flatboat. The anomaly located in the East End could be karst features, but little is known about it at this time. Ms. Roach remarked that the Bi-State Management Team (BSMT) has authorized the advancement of a diving survey to determine the identity of the anomalies. Ms. Roach noted that the diving survey is likely to occur in August - September 2007 when the river level and

turbidity are typically lowest. However, given the current drought conditions, she hopes the divers would be able to complete the survey of the underwater features in July 2007. If historic resources are located, it would be recommended to avoid and document the resources. The results of the diving survey will be presented at a later IHPAT meeting. In order to protect the confidentiality of the potential discoveries locations, the presentation provided by Ms. Roach has been intentionally omitted from this summary.

Old Jeffersonville Historic District Historic Preservation Plan (HPP): Mr. Kevin Senninger, Ratio Architects/CTS-GEC

Prior to leading a discussion on “Draft C” of the Old Jeffersonville Historic District HPP, Mr. Senninger gave a brief update on the status of the Swartz Farm Rural Historic District HPP. In response to comments concerning the accuracy of the historical information, he and Ms. Dawn Hein met with Ms. Jeanne Burke (Clark County Historian) to gather additional information she researched. Relevant information/research from this meeting will be included in the next iteration of the Swartz Farm Rural Historic District HPP. With respect to the Old Jeffersonville Historic District HPP, the following summarizes comments / statements made, including the updates made to the document from the iteration presented at March 2007 meeting:

- It was noted that a majority of the latest revisions are in the Recommendations chapters (Chapters 5-9). Many of the updates in Chapters 1-4 include new or additional photos to supplement the relevant text. Additional text was incorporated to further define and explain existing or historical conditions.
- Additional descriptions relevant to the “Areas of Influence” were expanded, and the Archeology section was updated to reflect investigations conducted at Colston Park and other general information of the Project’s impact on archeological resources in the area (Chapter 3).
- Mr. Kramer provided several comments or clarifications on historical information in an effort to improve the historical accuracy of the Historic Context and Land Use and Circulation sections of the analyses. Those comments were duly noted and will be incorporated into the final HPP document.
- Regarding the recommendations chapters, Mr. Senninger noted that Chapter 5 introduces the framework for the remaining chapters and outlines the relevant MOA Stipulations and their locations in the HPP. He also noted that the “Old Jeffersonville Concepts” (recommendations beyond the scope of the MOA) were consolidated to minimize redundancy, and focus on some of the secondary impacts of the Project on Downtown Jeffersonville.
- In Chapter 6, Mr. Senninger noted that additional precedent photos were added (i.e. signage and lighting examples), and additional information was included concerning the reconfiguration of the Clark Memorial Bridge/U.S. 31 approach.
- In Chapter 7, Mr. Sekula noted his preference for relocating the designated homes to the vacant lots in the northwest corner of Pearl and Maple Streets. Mr. Senninger noted that location could be included in the HPP as an option, but would need to be qualified by stating this location is outside the national historic district, which is one of the stipulations in the MOA. It was agreed by the IHPAT members that this location would be added to the map on page 59.
- Regarding the streetscape stipulations, Mr. Hicks suggested that language be included that encourages the use of native tree species that would also be tolerant of a streetscape environment.
- Mr. Senninger noted that additional precedent photos were added throughout Chapter 7 to supplement some of the urban design/streetscape concepts described in the various subsections.
- In Chapter 9, Mr. Sekula stressed the importance of expanding the section pertaining to the Local Historic District boundary. He suggested expanding the Local Historic District to encompass the eastern residential area to Graham Street. It was also recommended that the Local Historic District be expanded westward along Market Street from Spring Street to the new I-65 right-of-way corridor. He and Mr. Hicks also suggested the creation of an Overlay Zone along Court Avenue in recognition of this important gateway corridor to the downtown. It was also suggested that the National District be expanded to include the block that contains the Nachand Fieldhouse

at Court Avenue and Mechanic Street. IHPAT members agreed that these changes were warranted and should be included in the HPP.

- Mr. Senninger proceeded to facilitate discussions regarding the conceptual redevelopment and gateway opportunities at the 10th and Spring Street intersection (Section 9.4). He stressed the importance of retaining the existing stand of trees along the abandoned railroad easement between Indiana and Broadway as a buffer to the interstate and “fly-over” ramp. He also noted the incorporation of the potential “Wheels and Heels” trail through this area. This trail would not only serve as an alternative transportation route, but could also be incorporated in the landscape buffer adjacent to the interstate corridor.
- Additional urban design concepts illustrated in the sketch included infill development adjacent to sidewalks, a possible trailhead, and gateway and intersection treatments at the 10th and Spring Street intersection. Ideally, the placement of buildings at this intersection would not obscure views of the Train Depot, and could possibly create a public plaza to highlight this important role the depot played in Jeffersonville’s transportation history. Mr. Hicks noted that a Starbucks is planning to locate at the northeast corner of 10th and Spring Street. Mr. Chester Hicks also recommended that the HPP reflect the city’s plans for a proposed park and ride lot at VFW Drive and 9th Street. Mr. Chad Costa indicated that a copy of the design plans for the park and ride lot would be provided to Mr. Senninger.
- In Chapter 10, Ms. Laura Renwick noted the correct address for Jeff-Clark Preservation Inc. should be 500 Quartermaster Court rather than Maple Street (Section 10.4).

Mr. Sekula asked about the status of coordination efforts with the owners of the five residences in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District to be relocated by the Project. Mr. Costa indicated that the request made by the IHPAT at the April meeting of having CTS-GEC request the owners permission to access the interior to inspect the foundations stability was taken to the BSHCT at their meeting in May. With their approval, a letter to the owners was drafted and reviewed by the Co-chairs and is undergoing revision. The letters should be sent in the upcoming weeks.

A CD containing the revised chapters resulting from the provided comments is to be assembled and sent to the IHPAT prior to the receipt of the Final Draft. Additionally, the IHPAT requested that the Final Draft HPP be a spiral bound copy. It was noted that the next steps for the HPP would be to return with a Final Draft at the August 15, 2007 meeting and recommend approval to the BSHCT. The BSHCT would recommend approval of the HPP to the BSMT. The question arose as to what mechanisms would be available to aid in the release of the HPP to the city and the public. Once approved by the BSMT, it will be presented to the city of Jeffersonville for their consideration in adopting. The possibility of the city adopting the HPP as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Also, the Final HPP will be place on the Project website for public consumption. Additionally, Doe-Anderson, the Project’s public relations consultant, will develop a media plan for the release of the HPP to the media and public. These items are to be refined as the HPP advances to finalization.

Final Comments: Mr. Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach extended the opportunity for the Co-chairs to provide any final comments prior to adjournment. As the Co-chairs had no additional comments or concerns, an opportunity for the remaining IHPAT members to comment or express concerns was afforded. No additional comments were made by the IHPAT

Any comments for consideration by the Co-chairs should be made in writing by the close of business on June 27, 2007. Mr. Vlach indicated that the next IHPAT meeting would be held on August 15, 2007 and would return to the Community Room of the McCauley Nicolas Centre. IHPAT members will be notified of the meeting location and supplied with materials to be discussed at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

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TEAM ATTENDEES**

INDOT: Paul Boone
Patrick Carpenter (Co-chair Alternate)

IN SHPO: John Carr (Co-chair)

Jeffersonville Preservation: Laura Renwick

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana: Greg Sekula

City of Jeffersonville: Chester Hicks

Rose Hill Neighborhood Association: Joe Rafferty

Clark County Commissioners: Carl Kramer (Alternate)

CTS – GEC: Jim Hilton
Jeff Vlach
Chad Costa
Christa Turner
Kevin Senninger
Jason Falls
Kristen Leggett

Indiana Ombudsman: Carl Percy

KYTC: Wayna Roach