Board members present: DNR Deputy-Director Chris Smith, Board Chair; Jim Corridan; Beth McCord; Scott Keller; Dan Kloc; Jason Larrison

Staff members present: Mitchell Zoll, DHPA Director & Ex-Officio Board Member; Amy Borland; John Carr; Paul Diebold; Steve Kennedy; Chad Slider; Holly Tate; Ashley Thomas

Visitors/Speakers present included: Ben Ross, Ratio Architects; James Glass; Tommy Kleckner, Indiana Landmarks; Darla Blazey, City of Jasper; Christopher Usler, Indiana Landmarks; Jon Meeks, Friends of Ward Township School #5; Clinton E. Ferguson, Greenwood; Anthony Ross, INDOT; Anuradha Kumar, INDOT; Sam Vonderau, K&M Architecture

Call to Order

Deputy Director Chris Smith convened the meeting at 2:05 P.M. in the Roosevelt Room at Fort Harrison State Park Inn. Smith introduced himself and opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 18, 2017 Review Board meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made by Jason Larrison and seconded by Dan Kloc.

Division Director’s Report

Smith asked for Mitch Zoll to present the report. Zoll began by summarizing the upcoming Preserving Historic Places Conference in Wabash, Indiana, which will be held April 25-28, 2017. Zoll recapped statistics for National Register, Structures Review, Archaeology, and outreach efforts for the office. Preservation Month, May, 2017 will focus on Round and Polygonal Barns in Indiana, with a poster that has just been printed and social media postings. Zoll noted the passing of former board secretary Sue Judy in February, 2017. Sue had retired last year.

National Register Applications

1. Jasper Downtown Historic District, roughly bounded by 9th, Clay St., 3rd St., and Mill St., Jasper, Dubois County (2444). Holly Tate gave the staff comment. Corridan made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Plymouth Downtown Historic District Amendment and Boundary Increase, 110/112, 116, and 120 Washington Street, 101 Michigan St., and the block bounded by Garro St. on the north, Water St. on the east, LaPorte St. on the south, and the alley between Water St. and Michigan St. on the west, Plymouth, Marshall County (2451)

Paul Diebold gave the staff comment. Several board members asked about the motivation in increasing the boundary. Diebold replied that the community had both financial and practical reasons to recognize the boundaries as presented, which include the largest extent of the downtown possible under NPS guidance.
Kloc made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Larrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Rea Park** (Rea Park Golf Course), 3500 S. 7th St., Terre Haute, Vigo County (2453)

Diebold gave the staff comment. Corridan made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, McCord seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **James and Lavinia Forrester Farmstead**, 969 Forrester Rd., LaPorte County (2461)

Diebold gave the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Kloc seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Bourbon Commercial Historic District**, Main St. between Park and an alley north of the railroad tracks and Center St. approximately one block east and west of Main St., Bourbon, Marshall County (2468)

Diebold gave the staff comment. Corridan made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **Bourbon Residential Historic District**, Main St. between Park and Schaffer streets, and the blocks bounded by Sunset St. and Park Ave. between Thompson and Harris streets and Park Ave. and North St. between Harris and Washington streets, Bourbon, Marshall County (2469)

Diebold gave the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Corridan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Ward Township District No. 5 School**, Northwest corner of 700 North and 100 East, Deerfield vicinity, Randolph County (2472)

Borland gave the staff comment. Keller made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, McCord seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Greenwood Residential Historic District**, roughly bounded by Meridian and McKinley St. on the east, Euclid and Longdon avenues on the north, Perry St. on the west and Main St. on the south, Greenwood, Johnson County (2527)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Keller asked if the Polk Community Building mentioned in the nomination is related to Polk Milk Company. Diebold stated that is it and explained the location of that documentation in the nomination. Kloc made a motion to approve for the State and National Registers, Larrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Emergency Actions Using State Funds**

**Stone Retaining Walls along US 52, in the Orange Hill area of the Town of Brookville, Franklin County**

Anuradha Kumar, INDOT, presented the report to the board. On December 26, 2016, heavy rains caused sections of stone retaining walls to collapse. INDOT cleared the debris and carefully removed one section of wall that was in imminent danger of collapse. Stone was retained from the removals so that it can potentially be
reused. Wire mesh, drains, and other reinforcements were installed to effect a temporary repair and stabilization of the soil embankment. Shotcrete was applied to the wire mesh. INDOT hopes to permanently repair the walls as part of a scheduled project in 2021. Corridan asked if the stone that was salvaged can be reused. Kumar replied that it may be possible to reuse the stone, depending on the width of the right-of-way and project costs. Kumar also stated that the future, complete repair of the walls will be fully reviewed through the Section 106 process.

At this point, Corridan requested from the chair to comment on an unrelated item. He asked INDOT staff present about the process for making bridges, such as the SR 46 bridge in Southern Indiana, a non-select bridge under the “Bridges Programmatic Agreement” the DHPA has with INDOT and FWHA. There was discussion of the process and the board proceeded to other business.

Certificates of Approval

1. Certificate of approval application for the rehabilitation of 777 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Marion County

Ashley Thomas presented the staff comment. She summarized the work proposed on the building, which will include replacing the c.1980 window units, replacing a first floor window with a door for fire egress, new roofing, a new internal stairway for fire egress, new electric wiring, new plumbing lines, restroom remodeling, and other miscellaneous work. Staff believes the work will have minimal impact on the property, and recommended approval with the understanding that a full scope of work and complete plans will be reviewed by staff, once prepared. Chairman Smith asked for questions from the board. Corridan asked about the 4th floor committee room, which was the room where the GI Bill of Rights was drafted, and the impact on the room. Sam Vonderau, project architect, stated that the committee room will be used for training and similar events, he repeated Thomas’ explanation that the historic furnishings, desks, chairs, and fittings would be left in place, while allowing for modern information systems, and other updates, creating some flexibility of use for the room. Corridan asked about basement moisture issues. Vonderau replied that that area would be storage and that new interior walls would create a separate chamber within the basement, in order to control water penetration issues. Matt Kent, IDOA, also addressed questions from the board. Corridan stated that he would like to see the Indiana War Memorial Commission come before the board along with all parties involved. After further discussion, Kloc made a motion to approve the certificate of approval with all conditions recommended by staff, along with the additional condition that the Indiana War Memorial Commission, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, and IDOA come before the board to update the board on their progress with final plans for the project. Corridan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Grant Evaluation Criteria and Priorities for FY 2018 Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Steve Kennedy made the staff presentation.

Administrative Criteria:
Revisions to the Administrative Criteria are primarily for clarification. Criterion #3 was revised to clarify response options for the Principal Investigator question. Criterion #7 was updated to include the recent certification of Carmel as a CLG. Criterion #9 was revised to clarify that the matching share consists of any amount above the grant funds to reach the total project cost. This may require a greater than 50/50 or 70/30 ratio, and all matching share must be documented. Criterion #10 was revised to clarify the emphasis on projects for which in-kind or volunteer services is less than 10% of the budget. Point values for #9 and #10 were adjusted to reflect the DHPA’s emphasis on projects that have 100% of the non-HPF fund match
on hand and documented and for projects that have cash match, since in-kind and volunteer services are soft match. The Minimum Administrative Score remains 65.0 points in order for proposals to be recommended for funding.

Architectural and Historical Criteria:
For the Architectural and Historical Criteria, no substantive changes were made to the criteria and no adjustments were made to the point values. Annual updates were made to the list of Historic Districts Targeted for National Register Nomination to reflect districts that are currently being nominated; changes were also incorporated to the list of Historic District Nominations that are outdated and need to be updated.

Archaeology Criteria:
The Archaeology Criteria have been significantly changed to focus projects on Phase I survey on DNR-owned properties only. Due to limitations in the environmental review process to call for archaeology on state property, the DHPA is proposing to use the HPF federal grant funds to assist with identifying and documenting archaeological resources that are owned by the State of Indiana. To initiate this focus, the DHPA has partnered with land-holding divisions within DNR to promote field investigation in Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, State Forests, and State Parks. These survey and investigation priorities will provide much needed information about archaeological resources located on these properties and, once identified, provide options for protection, preservation, or possible public interpretation. DNR’s land-holding divisions are supportive of these changes.

Acquisition and Development Criteria:
For the Acquisition & Development Criteria, no substantive changes were made to the criteria and no adjustments were made to the point values.

Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program Guidelines:
Finally, the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program Guidelines worked very well for purposes of clarifying all of the procedures that the DHPA uses to administer the HPF Program. No substantive changes were made to the Guidelines and no changes have been made to the Sliding Scale Funding Percentages Chart. Only minor editorial changes have been made solely for clarification and update.

Public Comments:
This year, Thursday, April 13th was the deadline for submitting written public comments on these proposed evaluation criteria, which were available on the DHPA’s website for more than 60 days. This year, no public comments were received.

Kennedy asked if the board had questions or comments. Corridan asked about the changes to the archaeological priorities, and expressed concern about limiting the projects to the internal needs of state government, potentially to the detriment of many other groups. Staff addressed the question explaining that most state property hasn’t been surveyed, and many of the same parties would be potential grant applicants. Additionally, McCord stated that she understood staff’s aims and agreed with them.

Larrison made a measure to approve the changes to grant criteria and priorities as outlined by Kennedy. Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Properties Listed In, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the Last Notification.

ADAMS COUNTY, Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Depot, 111 N. 7th St., Decatur, SG100000712, LISTED, 3/6/2017
FAYETTE COUNTY, Connersville Downtown Historic District, Roughly bounded by Eastern & Grand Aves., E. & W. 4th & 9th Sts., Connersville, SG100000713, LISTED, 3/7/2017

HUNTINGTON COUNTY, Memorial Park, 1200 W. Park Dr., Huntington, SG100000714, LISTED, 3/7/2017

MARSHALL COUNTY, Bremen Commercial Historic District, Between Jackson, Washington, North & South Sts., Bremen, SG100000715, LISTED, 3/7/2017

MARSHALL COUNTY, Bremen Residential Historic District, Between Bowen, Montgomery, South & Bike Sts., Bremen, SG100000716, LISTED, 3/7/2017

WAYNE COUNTY, Gaar, Oliver P. and Mary Alice, House, 1307 E. Main St., Richmond, SG100000717, LISTED, 3/7/2017

Set date for the next meeting
Chairman Smith noted that meetings for 2017 will continue to be held at Fort Harrison State Park. Locations in Central Indiana for 2018 meetings will be sought by staff.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.