

**Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes
October 21, 2004**

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:33 p.m. (EST) on October 21, 2004 in Conference Room A in the Indiana Government Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Vice-Chairman John Newman in Chairman Goss's absence.

Board members present were Vice-Chairman John J. Newman, Jon C. Smith, Donald R. Cochran, Julie Donnell, William L. Selm, Andrew Seager, Kent Schuette and Barbara Trimble.

Staff members present were Karie A. Brudis, John L. Carr, Paul C. Diebold, Frank D. Hurdis, Jr., Shana N. Kelso, Amy E. Walker, and Karen Hanes.

Visitors present were Russ Dotzauer, Susan Fletcher, Tommy Kleckner, Deb Lawrence, Eric Rowland, Carlyn Johns, Ty Conner, Sue Becher Gilliam, Dawn Hein, Glory June Greiff, Randy Cline, Ted Mowrey, Dixie Price, Suzanne Stanis, Commissioner Marla Irving, Carol Ann Schweikert, Creager Smith, Mark Dollase, David Moore, and Desma Alderman.

Vice-Chairman Newman called for the approval of the minutes of the July 28, 2004 meeting. Julie Donnell made the motion to approve the minutes and Barbara Trimble seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

I. Division Director's Report

Jon Smith gave the Directors report. The National Trust annual conference was held in Louisville and NCSHPO board members made a day tour to Madison, Indiana. None of the members had ever been to Madison, Indiana. The NCSHPO Board issued a proclamation regarding their visit to Madison. The Cornelius O'Brien / Indiana Main Street Conference will be held from October 28 through October 30 in Madison, Indiana. Jon encouraged the board members to attend. On November 12 and 13th DHPA will co-sponsor the League of Historic American Theaters program with the Indiana Historic Theatre Initiative, focusing on the use of tax credits to save your historic theater. Theater loss is a problem nationally. In Indiana there have been quite a few theaters that have closed but some communities are rallying to save them. Jon also announced that the 2005 Historic Theater Calendar will be available at the O'Brien Conference.

II. State Certificates of Approval

1. **Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to alter, by installing an eave vent at the Salmon Lusk Home in Turkey Run State Park, Parke County, Indiana**

Staff had no additional comments. Sue Becher Gilliam was available to answer any questions on the project. Andrew Seager praised State Parks and Reservoirs for being very thorough and well prepared. Donald Cochran made a motion to approve with staff comments and Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

2. **Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to alter, by remodeling the second floor restrooms in Turkey Run Inn at Turkey Run State Park, Park County, Indiana.**

Staff had no additional comments. Sue Becher Gilliam again was available to answer any questions regarding this project. Barbara Trimble made a motion to approve including the staff comments as the finding. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to alter, by creating a conference room in the Service Building (Park Office) at Turkey Run State Park, Parke County, Indiana

Staff had no additional comments. Sue Becher Gilliam was available to address any questions regarding this project. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

III State and National Register Applications

1. Jonas Votaw House, 075-521-33100, 1525 S. Meridian Street, Portland, Jay County (1750).

Staff had brilliant additional comments. Vice-Chairman Newman noted that this property was ranked outstanding in 1985. He questioned whether or not this building was altered when it was evaluated. Staff reported that significant changes were made in the 1920's and the more recent changes predate 1985. Kent Schuette made motion to approve the application for the State and National Register for architectural significance under Criterion C. Donald Cochran seconded the motion and it carried.

2. John Keip House, 017-366-70661, 2500 East Broadway, Logansport, Cass County (1757)

Staff noted that it had conducted a site visit of the property and determined, after looking at the home and other Arts and Crafts homes in the community, that it would be rated "outstanding" if surveyed today. Staff recommend the approval for architectural significance under Criterion C. Kent Schuette abstained from voting because he was involved in preparing the paperwork. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion C. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Victory Noll-St. Felix Friary Historic District, 069-049-23007-23020, 1900 W, Park Drive/1280 Hitzfield Street, Huntington, Huntington County (1784)

The staff explained that this project was funded by a grant to the CLG of Huntington. Barbara Trimble asked about repairing the Stations of the Cross. Glory June Greiff, application preparer, reported that the repairs were almost completed. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion C. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Joseph J. Bingham Indianapolis Public School #84, 097-296-22010, 440 East 57th Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1788)

The staff noted that there are the wings on either side of the original school are just less than 50 years old but only by several months so the property does not need to meet Criteria Consideration G. Donald Cochran made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register for Criteria A and C. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Wheeler-Stokely Mansion, 097-296-55005, 3200 Cold Springs Road, Indianapolis, Marion County (1789)

The staff noted that this is a fabulous estate. Andrew Seager made a technical observation that the credit for historic photographs used should be given to the BSU architectural archive. The photocopies, though taken from a book, were actually from documents that are archived at Ball State. William Selm made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion C. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Ralph Waldo Emerson Indianapolis Public School #58, 098-295-02188, 321 Linwood Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County (1791)

The staff recommended the approval of this nomination. Andrew Seager inquired whether the name of the architect should be cited as R. F. Daggett or R. P. Daggett. Suzanne Stanis, the application

preparer, indicated it should be R.P. Daggett. Barbara Trimble made a motion to approve the application for State and National Register under Criteria A and C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

7. Brendonwood Historic District, 097-295-02000, roughly bounded by Fall Creek, 56th Street, and Brendon Forest Drive, Indianapolis, Marion County (1794)

The staff indicated that this district is eligible for Criterion A and C. The application provides ample evidence of the original and current land uses, residential work. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Richwood Evangelical Lutheran Church, 035-618-55034, 9700 West CR 700 S, Middletown, Delaware County (1795)

The staff had no additional comments. John Newman asked for clarification of why Criteria Consideration A is recommended for this structure. Paul stated that Consideration A addresses religious properties since the National Register is a federal program. Any building that is religious in nature or owned by a religious institution has to meet Criteria Consideration A. Dixie Price, who helped write the application, noted that the building is not owned by a church any more. It is owned by a Historical Society. Ms. Price also informed the board that they are still acquiring information about how the church is tied to the Civil War. John Newman asked if the additional documentation could be provided to be added to the file. Andrew Seager asked why the parsonage and garage were included as contributing resources. Dixie explained that Wayne Goodman from Cambridge City told her that the trusses were unusual and, as a result, the buildings contribute to the significance. The framing of the garage was built from local wood which also made it contribute. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion C for local significance. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and the motion carried.

9. Fowler Theatre, 111 East Fifth Street, Fowler, Benton County (1797)

The staff noted that the curvilinear Art Deco exterior is evident and the interior is still intact. Kent Schuette made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and it was passed.

10. Hotel Barton, 501-509 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Marion County (1800)

Paul Diebold noted that substantial written comments had been presented to the board. The staff wanted to put before the board its concerns regarding the integrity of the building. John Newman added that from reading staff comments there were some strong concerns about the integrity of the structure, including the removal of the bay windows and porches in addition to some changes on the interior. Paul added that letters of support had been received from Riley Area Redevelopment and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. David Moore from Schmidt Associates stated that he has been working with the owner of the property since 1999 to bring the property back to its state of grandeur. David prepared more information on this property to answer some of the questions regarding the structural integrity, the original layout, and location of walls inside the building. Carol Schweikert, application preparer, researched the history of the building. Carol stated that the size and number of windows had not changed. Andrew Seager asked about restoration of the bay windows. Carol stated the windows will be restored as close to the original as possible. She also addressed the question about the term 'residential hotel'. The Hotel Barton was primarily used by middle income people, young married couples, singles or people who could not afford to live in a high style hotel, or could not afford a home but wanted more than a tenement or boarding house. Andrew Seager asked about how a building built as flats can represent a residential hotel. Carol stated that the hotel existing now was built in four stages. The entire building functioned as a hotel for more than 50 years of the life of the building rather than as flats. Barbara Trimble asked if the canopy and balconies were going to be replaced. Carol said the canopy would be replaced and David indicated a balcony would be restored; however it would be non-functioning. Kent Schuette asked a procedural question whether staff ever

recommends denial. Frank Hurdis stated that the staff has recommended denial when they feel very strongly about the lack of eligibility. John Newman praised the staff profusely for the work they do. Barbra Trimble asked if the building might be eligible under Criteria A as well as C. Kent Schuette moved to table this application until further research can be done to evaluate the eligibility of Hotel Barton under Criterion A. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

11. **Irene Byron Tuberculosis Sanatorium – Physician’s Residences, 003-286-17013 and 17014, Allen County (1802)**

Marla Irving, Commissioner of Allen County, addressed the board. Marla gave a brief history of the facility and its function. Andrew Seager asked about the future plans for the buildings. Marla indicated the homes might be used to house college students who are studying for their masters degree or interns who would work in the Allen County Juvenile Detention, CHIMS Court and in the Youth Service agency. Kent Schuette moved to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion C. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

12. **Alexander T. Rankin House, 818 S. Lafayette Street, Fort Wayne, Allen County (1805)**

Paul Diebold stated that this application was submitted through the Fort Wayne CLG. He stated that this property might have ties to the Underground Railroad but also stated there were several questions regarding the evolution of the structure. Creager Smith, Fort Wayne Historic Preservation Planner, explained that a lot of the information is based on physical evidence and indicates that the brick part of the house was at the location and the frame house was moved from another location. This information was based on very recent investigation that entailed pulling up the floor in the frame house and examining what was visible of the foundation and where the two structures meet. Kent Schuette moved to approve the application for the State and National Register under Criterion B. Donald Cochran seconded the motion and it carried.

IV **Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification**

Frank Hurdis reported that the properties heard during the July Review Board Meeting had been approved but the information was not received in time to include on the printed agenda.

The next meeting will be held on January 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Center Room A.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.