



Indiana Bicentennial Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2016

Commission Members Present:

Lee Hamilton
Becky Skillman
P.E. MacAllister
Mary McConnell
Tony George
Jim McCormick
Jim Merritt
Charlie Brown
Ellen Rosenthal
Randy Shepard
Brenda Gerber Vincent

Staff:

Perry Hammock
Rene Stanley
Valeri Beamer
Sam Alderfer
Adrienne Smith
Jylian Vigar

Invited Guests:

Jessica Robertson – Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
Steve Campbell – Marion County Coordinator
Noelle Szydyk – Director, Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay

- Co-chair Becky Skillman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Perry Hammock called roll and noted a quorum was present. Co-chair Skillman thanked those who were able to join the meeting and moved to the agenda.

Welcome & Introductions

- Cindy Hoye, Executive Director, Indiana State Fair
Cindy thanked the Commission for holding their meeting at the fairgrounds and spoke about how the fair has impacted her life and the lives of many Hoosiers. Becky thanked Cindy for her service at the fair.

First Lady's Update

- The First Lady's update was given by Brenda Gerber Vincent on behalf of First Lady Karen Pence



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The First Lady is continuing to travel and recently visited the bison art project at the State Fair.

She recently read to school children as part of her legacy project with the Indianapolis Colts.

Task Force on Health and Wellbeing of Indiana Children

- Co-Chair Lee Hamilton

The Children's Initiative now includes 240 youth and education focused projects across the state.

Lee Hamilton challenged all Commission members to take opportunities to talk about the Children's Initiative and let their community take the lead in local projects. Lee stated that Hoosiers are sensitive to the fact that we do good work with young people but we can always do more. We need to emphasize the number of children at Bicentennial events.

Bicentennial Visioning Project

- Co-Chair Lee Hamilton

The 2nd Annual Conference on Citizenship hosted by the Sagamore Institute will be held September 7-8, 2016 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis.

All Commission members are invited to a press conference being held September 7th and 3:00 p.m. in the Statehouse Rotunda to release the Visioning Project.

The gala dinner will be September 7th at 5:30 p.m. featuring the Bicentennial, Visioning Project and other inspiring citizen stories.

September 8th will be a working conference to move the 50 big ideas into action.

Norm Heikens will keep the Commission and staff up to date with progress, next steps and roll out details.

Capital Projects Update

- Jessica Robertson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration

Bicentennial Plaza is looking great and on schedule to be completed by Hoosier Homecoming on October 15. Plantings are scheduled for delivery the week of August 29 and art pieces will arrive the week of September 5.

The Education Center is scheduled for completion by October 15. The four featured exhibits are: Treasures of the Statehouse, Branches of Government, Government Works for me and I Vote, I Count! This project also includes a restored connecting tunnel to the Statehouse and new restrooms.

The State Archives building is in the design phase now and has been approved by the Budget Committee and IU Board of Trustees. Groundbreaking TBD.



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Marion County Update

- Steve Campbell, Marion County Coordinator
Steve thanked the Commission for inviting him to speak on behalf of Marion County. Marion County has over 100 Legacy projects and continues to see more turned in. They are currently working on the Torch Relay route that will include the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Madam Walker Theatre and will culminate at Hoosier Homecoming.

Committee Reports

- The Endorsement Committee report was given by Ellen Rosenthal, Chair
69 applications were received from 37 counties and 2 statewide groups.
69 were brought for Commission approval.
By pillar there were 8 youth and education, 28 community involvement, 25 historical celebration and 5 nature conservation applications.
Ellen Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Committee's recommendation to endorse all 69 applications. Mary McConnell second. Motion adopted.
Perry pointed out that we have been receiving many applications with little to mention of relevance to the Bicentennial and have been contacting these applicants to get that information so that they can be approved.
- Events Committee Report was given by René Stanley and Brenda Gerber Vincent
Hoosier Homecoming details include musical performances, dedications of Bicentennial projects, mascots and food trucks. Hoosier Homecoming will be October 15, 2016 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Bicentennial Gala invite list is being developed. The Bicentennial Gala will be December 10, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Celebrate Indiana: Ignite the Future will deliver a message from a variety of faith-based perspectives that inspire the next generation of Hoosiers. Ignite the Future will be December 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Invitations have been extended to more than 8 speakers and 7 performance groups representing a variety of faiths. The Center for Interfaith Cooperation continues to be a great partner.
René stressed the importance of deciding on final attendees list.
It was agreed that Becky Skillman, Jim Merritt and Perry Hammock meet after the Commission meeting to discuss this further.
Invitations to the Gala will be mailed the first week of November.

Executive Director's Report

- IBC report given by Perry Hammock
1,271 total Legacy projects represent all 92 counties.
1,454 Legacy and BNT projects combined statewide.



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We have sold 2,300 Bicentennial medals and 4,750 books.

Proposals for sponsorship are out to Vectren, Hoosier Lottery, Lilly, Duke and other utilities. Meetings are set with One American and IU Health.

The final document or wrap up after the Bicentennial was briefly talked about. There needs to be a book that includes sections on county involvement, signature projects, financial activity, archiving and the Commission.

We propose 3 Commission meetings for 2017.

January 20, 2017

April 14, 2017

June 30, 2017

- State Fair Update given by Sam Alderfer, Social Media Coordinator

The Bicentennial Commission has a booth in Bicentennial Pavilion and features a Bicentennial stamp display, marketing items, the Bicentennial Barn Quilt, flyers, brochures, pamphlets and coloring pages. M.T. Publishing is providing staff to sell the Bicentennial flag, book and medal. We are giving away wooden nickels, a different design each day to visitors.

We have invited county coordinators and legacy project leaders to staff our booth and promote their county or project.

The Bison-ennial Art Exhibit contest will be judged later during the fair. There are 25 painted bison that the counties have brought to the fair.

TapSnap Photo Experience has been extremely popular. Visitors take photos using bicentennial-themed props and custom green screens. Their photo is then emailed to them for free. We can then use these e-mail addresses to promote our other events.

The Bison and Bicentennial flag are featured in the fair parade each night. First Lady Karen Pence's Watercolor Exhibit is in the Indiana Arts Building and there are Bicentennial themed foods including a Bicentennial-themed cheese sculpture.

Indiana Torch Relay

- Noelle Szydlyk, Indiana Torch Relay

Noelle brought Torch Relay shirts for Commission members and staff.

The Torch Relay kick-off will be on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Corydon, IN. All Commission members and staff are invited to attend as dignitaries.

The Bicentennial Experience is at the State Fair and Commission members were invited to walk through following the Commission meeting. It will travel with the torch relay and act as a mini-museum for visitors.

- The Commissioners were invited to attend lunch on the porch immediately following the meeting.
- With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.



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The next meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission:

September 30, 2016

White County Courthouse

110 N. Main St.

Monticello, IN 47960

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.