



Indiana Bicentennial Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2016

Commission Members Present:

Becky Skillman
Mary McConnell
Jim Merritt

Commission Members via Telephone:

Lee Hamilton
Jim Madison
Ellen Rosenthal
Randy Shepard
Brenda Gerber Vincent

Staff:

Perry Hammock
Rene Stanley
Valeri Beamer
Sam Alderfer

Invited Guests:

Kean MacOwan – White County Coordinator
Vicki Draper – Miami County Coordinator
Mark Newman – Director, Indiana Office of Tourism Development

- Co-chair Becky Skillman called the meeting to order at 10:35 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

- Judy Baker, Executive Director, White County Historical Society & Museum
Judy thanked the Commission for having the meeting in White County. Judy noted the significance of this special year for Indiana and wanted the Commission to know how involved and excited White County is. She thanked those who were in attendance.

Task Force on Health and Wellbeing of Indiana Children

- Co-Chair Becky Skillman
The Children's Initiative now includes 249 youth and education focused projects across the state.
Kids Dance Outreach will be performing at Hoosier Homecoming.
Children have served as Torch Bearers across the state.



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We are participating in the Student Passport program at the International Festival in November.

Approximately 1,600 children will participate in the Statehood Day celebration on December 9.

Children will be present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Education Center.

Eli Lilly Global Day of Service helped 19,000 students at more than 50 Indianapolis Public School.

Perry thanked Sarah Evans Barker for her instrumental role in leading this initiative.

Bicentennial Visioning Project

- Co-Chair Lee Hamilton

Lee thanked those Commission members who were in attendance and those participating by phone. He also thanked White County for doing a great job hosting us. The Visioning Project is moving forward and going well. A few ideas that were thought to have the most importance are being discussed.

Becky thanked Lee as this was his vision and he made it happen.

The full report can be found on the Bicentennial website at

www.in.gov/ibc/indianafuture.htm.

Torch Relay Update

- Becky Skillman, Co-Chair and Mark Newman, Executive Director, Indiana Office of Tourism Development

Becky Skillman commented on how great the Torch Relay was going and her involvement in Lawrence County's celebration.

The turnout at the kickoff event in Corydon was successful with local media, school children and Judy O'Bannon as the first torchbearer.

Lee Hamilton expressed his heartwarming thanks those making this event special, especially for the honored torchbearers.

Mark Newman thanked the Commission for inviting him to present. The Torch Relay has traveled 1,900 miles so far and by the end of today reached 2,000.

People can follow the torch through social media including the website and mobile app.

The Torch Relay has made an impact on the state and helped Indiana with destination qualities. There has been \$9-\$11 generated in tax revenue for every \$1 spent on celebrating Indiana.

Miami County Update

- Vicki Draper, Miami County Coordinator

Vicki thanked the Commission for inviting her to speak on behalf of Miami County. Vicki thanked her dynamite committee of 38 people for being instrumental in planning Bicentennial events.



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Vicki handed out copies of the Miami County Bicentennial calendar, gala invite and Bicentennial history day poster.

They have raised \$20,000!

Becky Skillman thanked Vicki for her enthusiasm and loved the scavenger hunt project.

Jim Merritt expressed his congratulations.

Rene Stanley thanked Vicki for approaching this volunteer position like a full time job.

Perry Hammock encouraged everyone to attend the Peru Youth Circus in Miami County!

White County Update

- Kean MacOwan, White County Coordinator

Kean thanked the Commission for inviting him to speak on behalf of White County and for allowing White County to host the meeting.

White County and its Bicentennial committee has many Legacy projects that “look outside the box” and review the Centennial celebration.

The White County bison is going in a nature park surrounded by grasses native to Indiana.

Becky Skillman thanked Kean for his hard work and dedication to White County’s celebration.

White County’s fundraising efforts have been successful.

Committee Reports

- The Endorsement Committee report was given by Ellen Rosenthal, Chair
55 applications were received from 29 counties and 4 statewide groups.
55 were brought for Commission approval.
By pillar there were 2 youth and education, 26 community involvement, 23 historical celebration and 4 nature conservation applications.
Ellen Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Committee’s recommendation to endorse all 55 applications. Mary McConnell second. Motion adopted.
Perry pointed out that we have received applications with little mention of relevance to the Bicentennial and have been contacting these applicants to get that information before they are brought forward for approval.
- Events Committee Report was given by René Stanley
Hoosier Homecoming is 2 weeks away!
The Colts stage lineup includes Janet Gilray, Brett Wiscons, IRT, Mr. Kinetik and New World Youth Orchestra.
WISH TV will be very involved in the event with live interviews.
Save the dates for the Bicentennial Gala will be mailed Oct. 4. Invitations will follow the first week of November. Invitations are not transferable.



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Committed participants at Celebrate Indiana: Ignite the Future include: Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Singer Angela Brown, Aarti Shah, Hunter Smith Band, Ala'a Wafa, Voices of Unity Children's Choir, Matthew Myer Boulton and Girl/Boy Scouts.

Ignite the Future and Hoosier Homecoming will be jointly promoted via the Bicentennial Torch Relay as it meanders the state. Small printed cards are being distributed at the Bicentennial Experience.

Executive Director's Report

- IBC report given by Perry Hammock
 - 1,325 total Legacy projects represent all 92 counties.
 - 1,508 Legacy and BNT projects combined statewide.
 - Bicentennial Plaza is on target for completion before Hoosier Homecoming on October 15.
 - The Statehouse Education Center is on target for completion before Hoosier Homecoming on October 15. The four main exhibits include: Treasures of the Statehouse, Branches of Government, Government Works for me and I Vote, I Count. This project also include new rest rooms in the State Library and restored tunnel connections from the Library to the Statehouse.
 - IBC was awarded the "Creative Use of Digital Citizen Engagement" award for the 2016 GovDelivery Digital Strategy & Impact Awards. Good job to Sam, Jylian and Rene.
 - Silver Bicentennial medals are coming!
 - We will be decommissioned on June 30, 2017.

- Senator Katie Wolf attended the meeting and noted how wonderful all the celebrations have been.
- Lee Hamilton gave his personal regards to Katie.
- Mary McConnell made note of how rich White County soil is and how many remnant prairies it has, it is spectacular in natural resources.
- With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 AM.

The next meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission:

November 4, 2016

Indianapolis, IN

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.