

Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review



February 24, 2020

5:30 p.m.

**Monroe County Government Center
Planning Department
501 N. Morton Street, Room 224
Bloomington, IN 47404**

Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Agenda

REGULAR MEETING
North Showers Building
501 N. Morton Street, Room 224
Bloomington, IN 47404
Monday, February 24, 2019

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes PAGE 3
 - a) January 27, 2020
- 3) Old Business – Board Discussion PAGE 6
 - a) Preserving Historic Places conference – scholarship considerations
 - b) Work Plan items or other business
- 4) New Business: - none
- 5) Other Member Updates or Items
- 6) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2020

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The meeting will be open to the public.

Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Minutes *-draft*

REGULAR MEETING North Showers Building 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 Monday, January 27, 2019

Attendees: Danielle Bachant-Bell, Debby Reed, Doug Wilson, Duncan Campbell, Polly Root
Sturgeon, Don Maxwell, Devin Blankenship (left at 6:45 pm)
Absent: Amanda Richardson, Donn Hall
Staff: Tammy Behrman
Public: Kay Fields, Robert McWhorter, Robert Forgas, Patrick Wildoner, Amanda McWhorter,
Angela McWhorter, Joe R McWhorter

1) Call to Order 5:34 PM

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) **November 18, 2019** (December 16, 2019 meeting cancelled)

Bachant-Bell: Comments or changes? Yes, three corrections.

Root: move to approve

Campbell: second

Approved unanimously

3) New Business:

a) **1911-REZ-11 Fields Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay Rezone**

**One (1) TBD +/- acre parcel in Section 34 of Perry Township at 6189 S Fairfax RD.
Zoned SR/ECO3.**

Behrman: Presented staff report

Bachant-Bell: Want to review some of my site photos to look at other structures not a part of the main building. These include the gas pump island and signage base.

[Discussion definition difference for 'structure' in HP and Planning. Planning might call these features since a structure has a very different definition]

Behrman: Legal description does not exist and once filed then right of way (ROW) will be dedicated unless a waiver is granted from that subdivision requirement. Only the Plan Commission can grant this and applying for the waiver will extend the approval time of this process by several months.

[Discussion concerning potential of the HP structures in the right of way.]

Blankenship: I would want the gas pumps to have full protection so I support a waiver request.

Campbell: Any taking of ROW from this property is just taking away historic property. There shouldn't be any taken so I support a full waiver.

[Six neighbors attended and discusses some historic knowledge of the property and the traffic issues that have resulted in the development of the lot under private ownership. Concerns that bollards might be used to protect northern porch which would limit neighbor access.]

Campbell: Any exterior changes would have to be approved by HP Board and might not support bollards. Limestone blocks are even questionable.

Reed: Landscaping to alter traffic patterns might be effective.

Campbell: Motion to forward a positive recommendation to the Plan Commission and recommend that a waiver be requested when they file the legal description. We can make a decision on the appropriate amount of ROW to protect structure/features on the site during the waiver process.

Blankenship: Second

Approve 7-0

b) Vernal Pike Connector – IN SCOPE;

Behrman: Discussion was not required as this was previously reviewed in May 2019 and filed erroneously under name ‘Sunrise Greetings’

4) Old Business – Board Discussion

a) Fullerton Pike Phase III Corridor Improvements –IN SCOPE

Bachant-Bell: A letter was sent 11/27/2019 since dry stack walls in proximity to the project are a concern and need more review.

b) Alexander Memorial HPF Grant

Bachant-Bell: Received a letter from DHPA saying the grant was ‘tentatively’ awarded for \$49,850 but cannot be officially granted until the federal funds have been distributed.

c) Election of Officers – 2020

Campbell: Motion for Danielle Bachant-Bell to continue as Chair and Don Maxwell to continue as Vice-Chair.

Wilson: Second

Approved 6-0 (voting sheets on file)

d) Board Membership

Behrman: Members please review contact information and term limits and send any edits to staff to update the 2020 Board member information.

e) Board member reports and discussions per Work Plan items or other business

i) Website design #1

Root: Worked with County staff to upload our information onto the Limestone Heritage site.

[Presentation of site and layout]

Reed: I really like the title ‘Limestone Heritage’ as it does not leave out any of the related industry. Wonderful work on the website! I like the easy access to education resources.

Root: We just need to let Rita Bush at Tech Services to activate it on the County page. Still need to work on adding the photos as they get credentials tied to them.

Root: Motion to make this site live on the county website.

Reed: Second

Approved 6-0

Behrman: I can email Rita and let her know the Board is happy with the site. Edits can continue as needed through County staff.

Root: Glad to get this approved, as I will be on maternity leave for several months any time now.

Bachant-Bell: This will help with Outreach and Preservation goals.

ii) Limestone Festival, June 6th:

Bachant-Bell: Susan Salmon Snider is willing to help staff a booth.

Behrman: Planning has pop-up tent to provide and may want to see what other items (signs / display) might be appropriate.

Bachant-Bell: I've been communicating via email with Russell Wadell. Working on getting PR out for spring schedule. Wondering how we funded this in the past. It is unclear from the minutes how we funded this in the past. Perhaps staff could look for evidence.

Behrman: Will search the files.

Campbell: There might be a possibility of the O'Brien Fund.

Campbell: Survey of drystone walls; I've stated working on a form and may try to talk to people at Drystone Conservancy for input. It is possible they have one already on file.

Bachant-Bell: **Project Priority Procedure #1** to develop annual notice procedure to owner of designated properties. I am wondering if there is already one that exists and if we could just update the annual notice? Could staff look for this?

Behrman: Will search the files.

5) Other Member Updates or Items

a) Preserving Historic Places conference

Behrman: I'm planning to attend the one day CAMP. I will reach out to members not here to see if they are attending the conference. Scholarships will be decided in February.

Bachant-Bell: I'll likely be attending.

Campbell: Likely attending.

6) Adjournment: 7:32 PM

(Audio of this meeting is on file in Planning)

2020 Work Plan
Monroe County Historic Preservation Board

Project Priorities: Outreach and Preservation

- 1) ~~Complete transfer of Limestone Heritage Project website to County website (Jan.)~~
 - a) Complete promotional launch of the Limestone Heritage Project website (June)
 - c) Follow-up later in the year with second wave of promotion (Fall)
 - d) Continually update website with new information as it is available (Ongoing)
 - e) Connect with Partners on information to link to (Ongoing)

- 2) Initiate survey of drystone walls/fences in Monroe County
 - a) Work on list of action steps needed to prep for launch of survey (Jan. – June)
 - b) Conduct survey (June – Dec.)
 - c) Discuss/pursue local designations of some walls (Ongoing)

- 3) Initiate installation of additional Community and Site Signage
 - a) Pursue Community Signage as long as funding is provided (Ongoing)
 - b) Pursue interpretive signage for the new historic covered bridge (May)

- 4) Additional initiatives: Limestone Festival, June 6
 Dry Stone Wall Lecture and Workshop, June 12-14
 Alexander Memorial, ongoing in 2020

Project Priorities: Procedure

- 1) Develop annual notice procedure to owners of designated properties (Jan. - Mar.)
- 2) Discuss necessary revisions to Planning Department procedures with regard to HP Board (Jan.- Mar.)
- 3) Discuss separation from Planning with dedicated staff (Apr. -Jun.)

Board Education Priorities

- 1) Attend the Preserving Historic Places Conference (April)
- 2) Attend CAMP held just prior to the preservation conference (April)
- 3) Attend lectures on topics of historical and preservation interest in Bloomington or elsewhere
- 4) Read books and other literature approved by DHPA's CLG coordinator
- 5) Hold our own educational sessions/workshops presented by a board member or other qualified individual