

# **Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review**



**March 23, 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, March 23, 2020**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes PAGE 3
  - a) February 24, 2020
- 3) Old Business – Board Discussion PAGE 6
  - a) Work Plan items or other business
- 4) New Business: - none
- 5) Other Member Updates or Items
- 6) Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2020**

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

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

Attendees: Danielle Bachant-Bell, Debby Reed, Doug Wilson, Duncan Campbell, Devin Blankenship, Donn Hall, Amanda Richardson  
Absent: Polly Root Sturgeon, Don Maxwell  
Staff: Tammy Behrman  
Public: n/a

### 1) Call to Order 5:32pm

### 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes a) January 27, 2020

Bachant-Bell: Comments or changes?  
Campbell: move to approve  
Blankenship: second  
**Approved unanimously**

### 3) Old Business – Board Discussion a) Preserving Historic Places conference – scholarship considerations

Bachant-Bell: Duncan will take one and Danielle one scholarship. Tammy is going to CAMP for 1 day.

Devin: How is location determined? Might be willing to pull my sister in so we could do a more southern location with rural context in an upcoming year.

#### b) Work Plan items or other business

Bachant-Bell: Item 4 has all of the dates. The symposium booth will be run by Susan Salmon Snider. Has anyone volunteered to help with the display and opportunity to be there? Tammy, what can HP take from Planning budget for the display?

Devin and Amanda might be volunteering to help with display / table. The display board needs glue and there are some other items.

Drystone Wall lecture and workshop: it will likely be filled up (\$400 fee) after the Limestone Festival. The Lecture will be the public event.

Campbell: where will the lecture be? Unknown.

Bachant-Bell: Should be downtown location if possible. Maybe ask if BHPC would want to co-sponsor.

Blankenship: Maybe library? City Hall has better parking.

Campbell: Will inquire about lecturer for the Drystone Workshop.

Blankenship: Who will help at the workshop? Do you need volunteers?

Bachant-Bell: Nancy Hiller had done it before and got lunch for everyone. The Morris' might want a port-o-pon for the event. Two instructors and the public. Morris' might handle it fine. We are just throwing in a Friday lecture.

Bachant-Bell: Alexander Memorial- Mary Elfman / Jon Summerlot are planning to table at the festival.

[Discussion on the SCOPE & DAR Grant]

ACTION: activate website

Bachant-Bell: Promote the website. Launch the site and Polly had ideas. Mailings? Which requires money.

Reed: HT Ernest Rollins, rack cards, how to get to various schools, welcome center and Buskirk-Chumley

Richardson: Can we have a social media event? Who Admins? Devin and Danielle (Jackie Scanlan) 'Monroe County Historic Preservation Board' is Facebook page.

Instagram is an option, but Danielle would not

Richardson: HootSuite is an app that would update to all social media site.

[Discussion on Social Media options]

[Discussion on funding/budget options and why we partner with other entities]

[Advertising brainstorm: Bloomingtonian, BeSquare, Limestone Post, Indiana Public Media]

Blankenship: Limestone wants an article from me anyways. I'll work on that.

[Side discussion on promoting field trip to Mathers Museum, also the education curriculum outreach]

Campbell: Use our Partners that are on the website and they can do their own promotion and social media.

Reed: Fear that teachers will not get them and want them in the hands of the educators.

Wilson: Usually there is a professional development time and this might be where to plug the curriculum.

Blankenship: Use the school websites to determine the numbers of teachers and drop off the cards.

**Devin: I can distribute to Marlin, Arlington, Harmony, Project School**

**Wilson: RBB schools and Seven Oaks**

**Richardson: Rogers-Binford, Childs, Lakeview**

**Maxwell: St Charles**

Campbell: Limestone Wall Survey is not ready yet.

Blankenship: Question about the Limestone Park and what is our roll in it? Trent Deckard said his concern was that it was a PCB site. Personal feeling is that Sanders Quarry had approached City about it and it was not chosen. Even though it is partially filled it in might be a good location.

Reed: We sent letters of support for the grants. I think it is moving forward.

Behrman: Find out what is status on two grants for quarry purchase.

Bachant-Bell: Not sure what our role is yet in that project and have not been approached.

Reed: We have collected historical items for exhibits. It is so important to have this Limestone Heritage Center. Not sure if you are aware but there are only eight dimensional quarries left out of around 70 sites. It is a special time to start this project because it won't be here forever. Would live if it would be a Limestone Heritage Center rather than just quarries since there is so much to the industry. Should capture all of the industry.

Bachant-Bell: Does this board want to play a role in this project?

Blankenship: We should support it and also the potential to look at other sites with other historic context. Also, if the site is so close to the city could it be annexed?

[Discussion on what the plans will be for this land]

Bachant-Bell: I'll contact them (Julie Thomas) to get us on their radar for updates / inclusion.

Blankenship: Signage update- hoping to do more with this soon.

Blankenship: Also, Open House for the Fields property in Sanders soon. An award for the Covered Bridge was recently issued.

Bachant-Bell: Want a reminder sent to owners of HP properties. Look at what City sends out perhaps. Maybe look at Landmarks. Debby is a property owner so she can have some input. BRI does one for the covenant properties.

Reed: Duke Energy came through recently and camped out for 4 months. What recourse do designated properties have?

[Discussion on utility companies] Maybe this could be in the notice letter to the thirteen properties with designation. Concern over what assistance the HP Board could actually offer.

#### **4) New Business: - none**

#### **5) Other Member Updates or Items**

Behrman: Fields HP Overlay rezone update and procedure clarification

Behrman: Upcoming petition(s)

ACTION: When is CLG education info needed and what is the timeline for reporting?

#### **6) Adjournment: 7:28pm**

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**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