

Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review



Monday, October 17, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-person

Monroe County Government Center
Planning Department
501 N. Morton Street, Room 100B
Bloomington, IN 47404

Virtual

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NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2022

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DRAFT MINUTES
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Attendees: Duncan Campbell, Doug Wilson (virtual), Debby Reed, Susan Snider Salmon, Polly Root Sturgeon, Devin Blankenship, Donn Hall, Danielle Bachant-Bell, Don Maxwell
Absent: None.
Staff: Drew Myers, Tech Services to assist with meeting
Public: None.

1) Call to Order @ 5:50 PM

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2022

Campbell: Motion to approve the minutes.

Snider Salmon: Seconded.

Approved: 9-0

3) Administrative Business:

a) Follow-up to MCHP Board of Review membership terms

Myers: Gave brief summary of how MCHP Board member terms lost their staggered term length likely due to an error in the term renewal letters. Planning Staff believes remedying the issue may require taking this issue as an agenda item to the County Commissioners.

Sturgeon: Clarified if there is anything that the HP Board needs to do anything.

Myers: Stated that he did not believe so. May just need HP Board members' consent to adjust term lengths and reestablish staggering.

Campbell: Discussed how this remedy should result in the staggering where only three members are up for term renewal every three years. This is in the ordinance for the Historic Preservation Board of Review.

Blankenship: Stated that in the past some members were comfortable with taking on shorter terms to make the appropriate adjustments to manage staggering.

Myers: Confirmed that he would be working with Planning Staff and the Commissioners' Office to straighten out the issue.

b) For Discussion: Memorial Resolution for Nancy Hiller

Myers: Introduced the item as originally requested to be included on the agenda by Don Maxwell.

Maxwell: Commended Nancy Hiller's service on the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review and read from his prepared statement.

"The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review celebrates the life of Nancy Hiller (1959–2022), who was a member of this Board from 2010 to 2017, serving as its Vice Chair in 2011 and 2012 and Chair in 2013. Nancy was a woodworker, cabinetmaker, and furniture craftsperson, author of articles and books, blogger, speaker, teacher and workshop leader, and historic preservationist who worked primarily in Monroe County, Indiana.

In the 2013 book *Historic Preservation in Indiana: Essays from the Field*, which Nancy edited, she remarked that 'every old artifact, building, or place we lovingly preserve [helps us] keep open a portal between the worlds of living and dead, a state of mind and being in which we are more vibrantly aware of where we ourselves have come from, and where we're going.' From this statement, we find inspiration to continue her fine work in historic preservation and associated fields."

[Consensus of the Board Members that the statement was very nice.]

Blankenship: Discussed how it would be nice to have some sort of official resolution or statement regarding Nancy's work with MCHP. Also stated an interest in doing something to honor her name in the future.

Snider Salmon: How will this statement be distributed? Perhaps on the Facebook page?

Maxwell: Stated main intention was to have the statement recorded within this meeting's minutes.

Sturgeon: After approval of the minutes, we can add the statement to the Facebook page and perhaps the Historic Preservation website.

[Continued discussion regarding Nancy's commendable work and doing something in the future to honor her name]

4) Old Business

a) Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Matching Grant Program

Myers: Introduced the item and summarized grant program specifics. Deadline is Friday, October 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Projects fall under two categories for grants: Architectural & Historical or Acquisition & Development. There are helpful resources regarding the grant application process on the Indiana DNR Historic Preservation division website.

[Discussion how there is not enough time for funds this year and that the deadline is always the first week of October]

Snider Salmon: Asked for an example of a previous project.

Bachant-Bell: Gave the example of the Alexander Memorial. Hinkle-Garton Farmstead initiated by BRI is another example.

Blankenship: Asked if this grant money is coming from a different body from where Martinsville received their façade-grants.

Bachant-Bell: Stated she was unfamiliar with the façade grants. Clarified that there are two different aspects of this grant opportunity: districts that qualify for national registry can apply for

this grant to hire someone to assist in a national registry nomination. Does not have to be a physical project.

Blankenship: Would this be fitting for any of the stonewall discussions?

Bachant-Bell: Who knows? Advised Board members talk to Steve Kennedy regarding project ideas.

Reed: Commended Danielle Bachant-Bell with the last grant proposal that she worked on.

Blankenship: Asked if these projects are always public or a more private-public partnership?

[Several Board members chimed in to state it is non-profit driven or local government related]

Bachant-Bell: Reiterated that the Board should begin thinking about project ideas now to get started.

Myers: Asked if this grant-matching program is included on the Work Plan. If not the Board can put it on there as a reoccurring item.

Blankenship: Agreed that the Board should add it to the Work Plan, especially for 2023.

Sturgeon: Agreed and stated the Board should add it as a time sensitive item in the Work Plan.

[Continued discussion on agenda item, the time it takes to complete the application, and all agreeing to add it to the Work Plan to not lose track of this opportunity]

5) New Business

a) INDOT Early Coordination Letter: Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA) Overlay, PAGE 10 Minor Structural Project along SR 46, from the SR 446 intersection to the W Junction (JCT) of SR 135

Myers: Introduced the item and summarized the work being to be completed. The location is technically outside of County jurisdiction, but staff felt it wise to ensure MCHP was aware of the project.

[Several Board Members brought up the Stobo Bioherm likely located within the project's path along State Road 46]

Sturgeon: Gave detailed description of a significant limestone outcropping referred to as a "bioherm", which has been studied at least since the 1920s located on the left hand side of the road travelling West right between Brummetts Creek Road and Lower Birdie Galyan. Between 60 and 90, species of crinoids alone are located within the bioherm.

Bachant-Bell: Suggested that the Board communicate to the project coordinators that as a consulting party we request an extension of the response timeframe in order to provide a more detailed review.

Blankenship: Asked if it would be possible to add this formation into a landscape district like what is done with some quarries.

Bachant-Bell: Stated that it is possible. Reiterated that requesting an extension could provide the Board with more time to discuss such a designation.

Sturgeon: Asked if the coordination letter stated how wide the project would be widening the road.

[Discussion on the details of the road widening, a consensus to request an extension, and overall concern for road widening in this particular area]

Blankenship: Reminded the Board that they exercised the ability to request or recommend certain road widenings be scooted or narrowed with the I-69 project.

Bachant-Bell: Pointed out that many other potential preservation groups were left out of the early coordination letter such as Indiana Landmarks and Peaceful Valley Heritage & Preservation.

[Brief discussion of the project's scope, whether or not the TC Steele Historical Site is nearby and other general pieces of information regarding the area]

Myers: Indicated that he would send a notice email immediately to the project coordinators request an extension to provide the Board with enough time to review the project's scope and make recommendations.

b) Federal Highway Administration Project Completion: Interpretive Signs, Fullerton Pike Corridor Improvement Project, Monroe County, Indiana

Myers: Introduced the item and touched on the Board's previous comments to the project coordinators regarding this project. Opened the floor up to discussion.

Blankenship: Suggested that the Board take some time to review the exact locations of where the signs will be located.

[Discussion on the content of the signs, where they will be located, how to access the project information through the link provided, whether or not the signs will be located along a sidewalk or multi-use path, and other signage project details]

Blankenship: Asked if the Board feels like all of the information sourced within the signage project is accurate.

Snider Salmon: Pointed out that the request for comment deadline was September 17, 2022.

Campbell: Mentioned that the project coordinators are not requesting approval from the Board but a review by the Board.

Myers: Suggested this item be included on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion and provide more time for Board members to review.

[Consensus that the Board would like more time to review to ensure the information is accurate vetted appropriately]

c) 2022 Work Plan

Myers: Requested MCHP Board members share any updates regarding ongoing projects.

Blankenship: Mentioned he has an almost complete draft for interpretive signage for covered bridge.

Snider Salmon: Discussed the drystone wall project and her work with a local photographer. Requested that Board members send her an email of where members already know of drystone walls are located. Hoping to get many pictures for the project and next year's drystone presentation.

[Discussion of drystone wall locations across the county]

Sturgeon: Asked if the HP Board has a working Google Doc to share ongoing information.

Myers: Stated that County Planning has numerous folders storing HP Board project information. A shared folder would be beneficial, but did not currently exist.

[Discussion on partnering with community members to assist in locating drystone walls throughout Monroe County, utilizing township maps, and the overall plan to take photos of the walls, and ultimately survey them]

Bachant-Bell: Mentioned getting the Drystone Conservancy involved to assist with surveying once a community survey provides more information on drystone wall locations. Discussed how this project could be organized into a grant application.

Blankenship: Suggested that the Board get the grant ball rolling on this project before the drystone wall talk in May.

[Continued discussion on grant application timeline, working with the Drystone Conservancy, gathering as much data on drystone wall location as possible, and involving the public]

Reed: Reiterated the sense of urgency this project deserves as drystone walls across the county are at risk due to private development.

Myers: Closed discussion on the drystone wall project. Asked if there were any other items to discuss.

Blankenship: Brought the Board's attention to several endangered historic structures that are sitting vacant and deteriorating such as the nationally registered house at the corner of Oard Road and State Road 48 and as well as the farmhouse behind Printpack. Asked if the Board wanted to create a list for these types of structures.

Bachant-Bell: Added the historic brick I-house with a barn on Woodyard Road should be included on such a list. The house is visible along the Karst Farm Greenway.

Snider Salmon: Asked if there is an existing list of endangered historic structures in Monroe County.

[Consensus that a list of endangered houses within Monroe County, perhaps township by township, be created at least for internal use and record keeping]

[Side discussion on updating the MCHP Facebook page and who has permission to add members]

Reed: Asked if anyone knew anything about the recent sale of the Beaumont House.

Myers: Mentioned he did not know any details of the top of his head. Was not sure who it was sold to or if any individuals had contacted the Planning Department yet.

6) Adjournment @ 7:35 PM

From: Drew Myers
To: [Danielle Bachant-Bell](#); [Debby Reed](#); [Devin Flanigan Blankenship](#); [Donald Maxwell](#); [Donn Hall](#); [Douglas Wilson](#); [Duncan Campbell](#); [Polly Root Sturgeon](#); [Susan Snider Salmon](#)
Subject: FW: Recoordination, Des. 1900405, Karst Farms Trail Connector Project, Monroe County, IN
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:20:00 AM
Attachments: [Recoordination Letter Des 1900405 Karst Farms Trail Connector, Bloomington, Monroe County.pdf](#)
[Monroe County Planning Historic Preservation Society.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Hello MCHP Board Members –

The forwarded messages below and attachments are related to the Karst Farm Trail Connector Project (Des. 1900405). According to the project contact, Brittney Layton, a change in the project's scope has necessitated a recoordination with MCHP. The original letter from MCHP (attached) stated that the Board found no historic resources at risk from the proposed project.

Please review the attached Recoordination Letter for a detailed description of the change in the project's scope. Please see image below for a quick reference of the change.

Ms. Layton requests a response of MCHP by **October 8, 2022**. If MCHP feels that more time is necessary to evaluate the impact on potential historic resources along the newly proposed route, then I will communicate that to Ms. Layton. If at a quick glance of the newly proposed route it can be determined that no historic resources will be impacted, then we can communicate that to Ms. Layton via a short updated letter from MCHP.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I apologize for the delay in communicating this recoordination request to you.



Best,

Drew Arthur Myers

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From: Polly Root [mailto:pollyroot@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 12:34 PM

To: Drew Myers <dmyers@co.monroe.in.us>

Subject: Fwd: Recoordination, Des. 1900405, Karst Farms Trail Connector Project, Monroe County, IN

FYI for your reference, Drew.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brittney Layton** <BLayton@bfsengr.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 26, 2022 at 8:56 AM

Subject: Recoordination, Des. 1900405, Karst Farms Trail Connector Project, Monroe County, IN

To: pollyroot@gmail.com <pollyroot@gmail.com>, dwilson@rbbschools.net <dwilson@rbbschools.net>

Good morning,

As part of the environmental process, I am reaching out to recoordinate on behalf of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners due to a change in the project scope. Because of right-of-way (ROW) concerns, the northern leg of the project has been rerouted (see the attached recoordination letter for details). Your original early coordination response (attached), sent on November 19, 2021, was submitted with the original environmental document. As a requirement of rescoping, an Additional Information document is being prepared.

The recoordination letter was originally sent on September 8, 2022. I contacted your office for your electronic contact information and only now received a response on September 22, 2022. While coordination typically allows a 30-day response window, I am requesting an expedited response be received by October 8, 2022 to avoid additional project delays. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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From: [Tammy Behrman](#)
To: [Drew Myers](#)
Subject: FW: Potential Book Project with The History Press
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:19:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Did you get this also? Perhaps forward to the HP Board.

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From: John Rodrigue <john.rodrigue@historypress.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Tammy Behrman <tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us>
Subject: Potential Book Project with The History Press

Dear Monroe County Historic Preservation Board:

I am the Indiana editor for The History Press, a publisher of local and regional history. I thought you or someone you know might be an excellent fit to author a Bloomington book for our [American Palate](#), [Lost](#), or [Hidden History](#) series. Would you be interested in this prospect? I also invite you to take a look at [our complete series list](#) in case there is something else in our catalog that piques your interest.

While I have your digital ear, please permit me to briefly describe our press. The History Press focuses exclusively on local and regional history. As a traditional house, we handle all stages of the publishing process—from financing, editing, design, and production to sales, marketing, and distribution—and we compensate in the form of royalties. We publish a wide range of books, including brief histories of towns and neighborhoods, stories of local landmarks, collections of folklore, and much more.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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The History Press

From: Drew Myers
To: ["MZook@chacompanies.com"](mailto:MZook@chacompanies.com)
Cc: [Polly Root Sturgeon](#); [Douglas Wilson](#)
Subject: SR 46, SR 446 intersection to W Junction (JCT) of SR 135, Lead Des. No. 190331
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:10:00 PM

Hi Margaux –

The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review (MCHP) meets on a monthly basis. During yesterday evening's meeting, the Board discussed this project and the Early Coordination Letter for the first time. The Board is aware of several historically sensitive locations near or adjacent to the project's location along State Road 46. As a consulting party, the Monroe County Board of Review requests a 1-month extension to provide a written evaluation of the potential impacts under MCHP jurisdiction. The next meeting of the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board is **October 17, 2022**. Only after this date is the Board prepared to provide an evaluation of the potential impacts within Monroe County jurisdiction.

Additionally, please be aware that several other relevant groups within this project's scope were left out of the initial correspondence. Some of these organizations include:

- Indiana Landmarks & Historic Preservation: info@indianalandmarks.org
- Peaceful Valley Heritage & Preservation: peacefulvalleyheritage@gmail.com

Please update your email list for the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review for future project notifications. See below:

- Chair: Polly Root Sturgeon – pollyroot@gmail.com
- Vice chair: Douglas Wilson – dwilson@rbbschools.net
- MCHP staff member: Drew Myers – dmyers@co.monroe.in.us

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From: Drew Myers
To: ["severhart@structurepoint.com"](mailto:severhart@structurepoint.com)
Cc: [Polly Root Sturgeon](#); [Douglas Wilson](#)
Subject: FHWA Project: Des. No. 1802977; 95% Completion Interpretive Signs, Fullerton Pike Corridor Improvements Project, Monroe County, Indiana - EXTENSION REQUEST
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 12:44:00 PM

Good afternoon –

The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review (MCHP) meets on a monthly basis. During yesterday evening's meeting, the Board reviewed the updates regarding the FHWA Project: Des. No. 1802977 for the first time. The Board requests a 1-month extension of the time period to provide comments regarding the interpretive signs. The next meeting of the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board is **October 17, 2022**. After this meeting, the Board will provide you their comments.

Also, please update your email list for the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review for future project notifications. See below:

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2022 Work Plan—Approved March 21, 2022
Monroe County Historic Preservation Board

Project Priorities: Outreach and Preservation, Ongoing Board Initiatives

1) Limestone Heritage Project

- a. Update website with new information as it is available
- b. Connect with Partners on information to link to

Sub-committee members: Danielle, Debby

2) Drystone Walls

- a. Create list of action steps needed to prep for launch of survey
- b. Launch and conduct survey
- c. Discuss/pursue local designations and/or in-depth documentation of some walls
- d. Explore possibility for a hands-on workshop

Sub-committee members: Duncan, Doug, Don, Donn

3) Community and Site Signage

- a. Pursue community signage as long as funding is provided
- b. Pursue interpretive signage for new historic covered bridge

Sub-committee members: Devin, Polly, Don, Donn

4) Public Historic Preservation Education

- a. Develop a social media scavenger hunt of architectural types, styles, etc.
- b. Update current driving tour brochures as needed, consider completion of partially completed brochures, and examine new options for distribution of information to the public
- c. ~~Participate in the Limestone Month Festival~~

Sub-committee members: Devin, Polly, Susan

5) Annual Property Owner Notice

- a. ~~Send previous year's letter to full board for review (March) and update if needed~~
- b. ~~Confer with staff on sending letter to property owners (March-April)~~

Sub-committee members: Don, Debby, Polly

6) Demolition Delay and Staffing Committee

- a. Review demolition delay examples and develop a draft document for Monroe County
- b. Review County Development Ordinance for proposed revisions per the proposed timeline
- c. Engage in discussions with the Plan Commission Executive Committee in creating plans and procedures for demolition delay, public notification, staffing needs, etc.

Sub-committee members: Duncan, Donn, Danielle

Project Priorities: Procedure, Time Sensitive Initiatives—All Board

- 1) Actively engage in County Development Ordinance revisions

Board Education Priorities, Ongoing Options—All Board and staff

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