

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their monthly meeting on the above date in the First Floor Conference Room, Ferguson Center at the Historic Boone County Courthouse, 2988 Burlington Pike, Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum of the membership present, Chair Bridget Striker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
  
- II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Bridget Striker, Vice-Chair Pat Wingo, Lisa Hoffman and Shane Noem. Also present were Boone County Planning Commission staff members Matt Becher and Jenna LeCount.
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Wingo moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021, Review Board business meeting as presented. There being no further discussion, Ms. Wingo's motion was seconded by Ms. Hoffman and approved unanimously.
  
- IV. **Item Updates**
  1. **Update on Current Planning Initiatives (Zoning update, Florence Main St.).** Mr. Becher reported that he has heard no recent updates on the status of the Zoning Regulations update. Separately, he presented the draft of the **Florence Main Street (FMS) District Study** to the Boone County Planning Commission Technical/Design Review Committee on June 16 and Florence City Council on August 3. Both committee and council approved moving forward with public workshops to share the document and gather input from the public. An in-person workshop is scheduled for August 26 (5-7pm) at the Florence Nature Center, followed by a virtual version of the same information on August 30 (6pm). In response to Mr. Becher's question, Ms. Wingo stated that the city sent letters to property owners in the FMS District and adjacent areas prior to initiating the historic survey update in 2019. Once adopted by the Planning Commission and City, the FMS study will be used to amend Zoning Article 23, along with the associated zoning map and special sign district in Article 34. Mr. Becher will continue to update the board on these projects going forward.
  
  2. **FY 2019-2020 Projects: KHS Historical Markers.** Ms. Striker reported that the **Florence Baptist Church** highway marker dedication event held by the City of Florence on July 15 was well attended. She expects the Boone County Public Library (BCPL) to work with past members of the church's congregation on a separate event sometime in the fall. Mr. Becher noted that the **Historic Boone County Courthouse** marker is done and should be installed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet prior to the dedication time slotted for the Preservation Awards on September 9.

3. **FY 2020-2021 Projects: Cemetery Signage, Bronze Plaques, etc.** Mr. Becher had no additional information to add to this item, aside from noting that all projects have been billed, paid and are either done or nearly so.
4. **Historic Boone County Columns.** Per the schedule developed at the January retreat, Ms. Wingo forwarded an article about a man named Fisher Aylor as the August submission to the CERKL newsletter service managed by Chris Courtney. Mr. Becher stated he would review and submit the article ASAP.
5. **FY 2020-21 CLG Continuing Education Credit (ending 9/30/21).** Mr. Becher reported that three board members had yet to meet the 1 hour annual continuing education requirement and that he would continue sending reminders.

V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

1. **2021 Preservation Awards Nominees and Reception.** Mr. Becher stated that the Preservation Awards are slated to begin around 5:00 PM, September 9, immediately following the conclusion of the dedication of the Old Courthouse Historic Highway Marker. He directed all to the final list of awardees included with the monthly packet. The awards should conclude by 6:30. He will contact Oakbrook Bakery again to order a tray of their cookies for a short refreshment break between the two events.
2. **2021 - 2022 County Budget Allocation.** Mr. Becher reported that the County has again allocated \$5,000 in the budget to the Review Board for preservation related projects. Ms. Striker noted that, per discussion at the January retreat, BCPL is planning to hire a researcher to look closely at adding and/or revising African-American National Register sites.
3. **Diversity & Inclusiveness.** Ms. Striker indicated that planning continues for relevant events in the fall, including the above mentioned Florence Baptist Church reunion. She will share event information with the board as it becomes available.
4. **Historic Preservation Public Survey.** Mr. Becher said he was told the County was already running one public survey in July and wanted to wait until at least the end of the month to share the Review Board's questionnaire about African-American heritage. Mr. Becher will check with Chris Courtney to confirm that it has been announced and Ms. Striker will send the survey page login information to Mr. Becher to track results.
5. **Virtual Tours/Events.** Ms. Striker reported that Pat Berry's initial episode of "The Flavor of Florence" on the history of Riddell's Market (now Stringtown Restaurant) aired on Facebook Live in July and has since been posted to the BCPL's YouTube channel. So far, the intro for the series' second episode (with Mr. Berry and Ginny Kohl) has been recorded. BCPL will also soon air

“Murder and Mayhem in Burlington” via Facebook Live and is planning a ghost walk in Petersburg for the fall.

**6. Fall Borderlands Conference.** Ms. Striker noted that BCPL will not be doing a formal Borderlands conference in 2021 after all, but will instead focus on several events during the Underground Railroad Month of September. In conjunction with the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom, Michigan Freedom Trails has an event scheduled for September 9. BCPL has author Caleb McDaniel confirmed to talk about his book “Sweet Taste of Freedom” on September 22.

**7. Other. (A). Boone County Archives Commission.** Ms. Striker advised the board that Fiscal Court has created the Boone County Archives Commission to oversee the county’s disparate historic documents and look at developing a dedicated history center to house them. The archive would merge historical collections such as those currently scattered between BCPL, the Administration Building, Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, etc. The commission is chaired by Tony Frohlich and has had an initial meeting only. Ms. Striker will keep the board updated on the commission’s progress, **(B). Oral History.** Ms. Hoffman told Ms. Striker that she had a recording of an oral history conducted with a local man named Weebie Scruggs some years ago; she will share it with BPCL.

**VI. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Striker asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wingo made the motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM. Mr. Noem seconded and all agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be October 14, 2021, 4:00 PM, most likely in person at the Ferguson Center/Old Boone County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner  
Boone County Planning Commission

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Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

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Bridget Striker, Chair

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

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