

**Boone Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance: Bettie Bond-Chairperson, Janet Pepin, Bill Dixon, Rennie Brantz, and Chuck Watkins

Planning Staff in Attendance: Ricky Hurley-Planning Supervisor, Brenda Henson-Board Secretary

Others in Attendance: Jules Oroukin-Intern

Call to Order

Chairperson Bond called the meeting of the Boone Historic Preservation Commission to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Brantz made a motion to approve the April 22, 2009 meeting minutes as correct. Commission Member Pepin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye – All
 Nay – None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Bond wished to schedule the next meeting and this was planned for Monday, June 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Update on Interns Progress

Jules Oroukin stated that she had completed approximately half of the inventory and most of the research she had compiled focused more on the architecture of the buildings rather than the history of the structures. She updated the group on the information that she had gathered to date, pointing out several properties that proved difficult to obtain concise information about, and noted that there was still a lot of research to do. Commission Member Watkins stated that in their research they discovered the Grand Boulevard area was called the Daniel Boone Park in the 1920's and around this time there appeared to be significant development. He suggested studying old newspaper files in an effort to gain more historic information about the area and possibly some of the homes. Ms. Oroukin noted that Midas Wheeler did a lot of rock work on churches and buildings in town and would like to have some more information about Mr. Wheeler.

Ms. Oroukin stated she would be out of town over the summer but hoped that someone else would continue the research.

Criteria and Definitions for Historic Properties

There was discussion regarding historic designation of individual properties, neighborhoods, and areas or districts. Commission Member Watkins felt some things that might hinder a neighborhood from a historic designation could be that the older or significant homes are not contiguous or that the appearance of the homes may have been modified from their original state.

Commission Member Pepin suggested one of the criteria for historic designation could be the number of property owners a home has had. She also suggested having a historic area that would possibly have historically designated homes within the area. Commission Member Watkins suggested having a plaque to place on homes that meet certain criteria for historic designation.

Chairperson Bond mentioned that she would like to have Flavel Eggers on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commission Member Pepin expressed concern that concentrating on the development of historic districts could overshadow the protection of individual historic properties.

There was discussion of historic properties being designated on a volunteer basis versus being required by ordinance. Commission Member Pepin noted that individual properties that could be considered historic may not be protected if designation is voluntary and they could be demolished by the owner. She stated that the owner could petition the Historic Preservation Commission for permission to demolish the building but this would require the program to be ordinance based instead of volunteer based.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairperson Bond adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Betty Bond, Chair

Brenda Henson, Board Secretary