

**LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA
OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT**

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
December 20, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley on December 20, 2012 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by e-mail on December 4, 2012.

Opening Remarks: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to identify themselves and the entity they represented. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

Project Update: Ms. Mary Kennedy, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office

Neither Ms. Kennedy nor Mr. Carr had any opening comments or remarks.

Relocation of Five Contributing Resources In Old Jeffersonville Historic District: Historic Relocation Marketing Plan: Mr. Brent Friend, BFS

A presentation (PowerPoint (PP) is attached hereto) was given by Brent Friend regarding the relocation of the contributing structures within the Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD). The presentation summarized the Historic Relocation Status Report dated December 2012, which was previously distributed by Mr. Friend; it will not be reiterated herein for the five parcels. Mr. Scott Adams and Mr. Mike Jett were introduced to the IHPAT. These individuals are responsible for the house relocation process at INDOT.

After the presentation, the following comments and observations were noted:

-Parcels 6 (116 Fort Street) and Parcel 7 (502 W. Market Street) continue to be marketed for six months. The houses are currently advertised on the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) websites. In addition, the houses will also be advertised on the following websites:

- Jeffersonville Main Street
- Indiana Landmarks
- Preservation Nation
- Old Houses.com
- Historic Properties.com

Mr. Sekula stressed that lots should continue to be sought for the relocation of Parcels 6 and 7.

Mr. Hetrick indicated that INDOT met with IDOA on December 18, 2012 to discuss additional marketing efforts. Webmail is to be used to continue to market the houses to a willing buyer. Local

brokers in the Jeffersonville market area will also be contacted to place the houses for sale on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) after relocation and proposed renovation, and to open the relocated houses to the public. At present, it is anticipated that a contract for relocation of the houses will be let in February 2013.

Mr. Hetrick indicated that INDOT had approached the Town of Clarksville, the City of Jeffersonville and Clark County about taking title to the houses once they are relocated. None of these agencies are interested. The City of New Albany has not yet responded.

On December 10, 2012, Mr. Hetrick distributed draft special provisions for the relocation of the houses to the IHPAT for review. He again requested comments by the established comment deadline of January 4, 2013. The following comments were received at the meeting. (*Subsequent to the meeting, Indiana Landmarks and the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission submitted written comments on the following parcels; a copy of each letter is attached.*)

Parcel 4 (115 Fort Street)

It was questioned if the chimney was parged stucco. It should be moved with the house relocation.

The \$25,000.00 interior renovation is to be further reviewed with comments forthcoming.

The Midtown Neighborhood in New Albany recently completed the renovation of several shotgun houses. INDOT was urged to contact the project architect and to inspect those houses to possibly modify the floor plan for this house.

Parcel 5 (432 Riverside Drive)

The porch cannot be moved with the house, but the roof over it will remain. The porch will be rebuilt in the new location.

The chimney on the west side of the house will be rebuilt in the new location.

The house is currently on a full basement, but will be placed on a crawl space. It is proposed that the staircase to the basement will be modified into a floor for placement of a new water heater. The outside door in this staircase is proposed to be removed and replaced by an exterior wall. It was questioned if the wall could be rebuilt to preserve the outside door.

The setback of the house on the relocated property will match the adjacent existing houses.

The new lot for the parcel falls within the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Old Jeffersonville HD, but not within the local HD. A preservation easement is to be placed on this property once relocated in accordance with the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Parcel 40 (502 W. Riverside Drive)

The chimney will be relocated with the house.

The exterior brick will be salvaged as possible.

It was questioned in the garage/living unit at the rear of the property would also be relocated. A variance would be required for this relocation. Mr. Corbin is to investigate if this relocation is possible as it could be in conflict with the zoning requirements of the relocated lot.

General Comments

It was urged that the vinyl siding on the houses be removed and replaced with wood to restore the historic character of the buildings. If this is pursued, it was warned that repairs may be required if the surfaces beneath the vinyl have been compromised.

INDOT indicated that the vacant lots have been surveyed for archaeological clearance(s). Various cultural materials were found on the lots, but it was recommended that no further assessments were required.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued by INDOT to relocate the houses on January 9, 2013 with a due date of February 13, 2013. The selection of a moving contractor will follow.

A Settlement Agreement (SA) has been reached between the National Trust for Historic Preservation, River Fields, Inc, FHWA, KYTC and INDOT as an acceptable resolution of claims that could have been raised in litigation. As a result, the SA requires the relocation of all five of the contributing resources in the Old Jeff HD to suitable lots. Specifically the SA states in Stipulation II.C.3.a. *“Ensure that all five of the contributing historic homes within the Jeffersonville Historic District that are being displaced by the Downtown Crossing will be relocated prior to construction, rather than being demolished (i.e. beyond the requirements of Stipulation III.E.7 of the First Amended MOA); preference will be given to relocation sites within a historic district.”*

Downtown Jeffersonville Archaeology: Phase 2 Site Assessment and Phase 3 Data Recovery: Mr. Andrew Martin and Mr. Kevin Cupka, CRAI

Phase Ia and Ic archeological surveys were completed in downtown Jeffersonville by CRAI. The project area survey included all of the accessible green space between the existing I-65 embankments and the proposed right-of-way and construction limits. The testing consisted of shovel and auger probes and trenching. One previously recorded site (Site 12CI762) was identified and four new sites (12CI975, 12CI976, 12CI977 and 12CI978) were discovered. As a result of these initial archaeological surveys, additional work was recommended at four of the sites (12CI762, 12CI975, 12CI976 and 12CI978).

Site assessment and data recovery was conducted at Sites 12CI762, 12CI975, 12CI976; the investigations at Site 12CI978 are to be completed during the design – build phase of the project. The Phase II and III investigations consisted of trenching, test unit excavation, auger probes and feature excavations. The surveys were completed to assess the significance of the sites for inclusion on the NRHP under Criterion D – Data Potential and to mitigate project impacts. Following is a summary of the field investigations at each of these sites.

Site 12CI762

The site was initially recorded as an historic dump dating from 1890 – 1920. The site boundaries were expanded to include residential and commercial lots dating from the late 19th and early 20th Century and an early-to-mid 19th Century penitentiary.

Site 12CI975

The site consisted of historic residential, commercial and industrial lots dating from the late 19th to the mid 20th Century.

Site 12CI976

The site consisted of historic residential and commercial lots dating from the late 19th to the mid 20th Century.

As a result of the filed investigations, Site 12CI762 was recommended as eligible for inclusion on the NRHP because of the significant associations with the earliest Indiana penitentiary and the “old town” of Jeffersonville. Additional work is recommended at this site to sample more of the penitentiary deposits. No further work is recommended at Sites 12CI975, 12CI976 and 12CI977. As stated, investigations at Site 12CI978 are to be completed during the design – build phase.

Mr. Martin indicated that a management summary of the investigations has been prepared and is under review by the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (IN SHPO). It can be made available to the IHPAT after the completion of the review. Site locations will be removed from the summary to preserve individual site integrity.

Spring Street Freight Depot Interpretive Signage: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The construction of the rehabilitation is nearly complete, only lacking a sewer connection for use. INDOT has negotiated with the adjacent property owner for an easement for the sewer line. Once the sewer is connected, Ms. Angela Nichols and Mr. Mike Bosc, INDOT Project Communications Officer, will occupy the Freight House.

In coordination with the Indiana Historical Bureau, it was stated that the history of the Freight House does not meet the standards for the Indiana State Historical Marker Program. IHPAT members were generally supportive that other types of interpretative signage were available for this location. Mr. Sekula recommended that the signs of the Ohio River Scenic Byway be used as a model, as these signs were based on other local models. CTS-GEC agreed to work with INDOT to develop the wording for the signage. Mr. Sekula agreed to provide the specifications for the sign.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that construction contractors had been selected for both the Downtown and East End (KYTC is supervising the Downtown portion of the Project in Indiana and Kentucky and INDOT is supervising the East End portion of the Project in Indiana and Kentucky). In the Downtown, Walsh was the selected contractor; in the East End, WVB was the selected contractor. In the Downtown, the notice-to-proceed is anticipated in late December 2012 or early January 2013. In the East End, the commercial close is December 27, 2012 with the financial close in March 2013. A clearing contract has been let in the East End with a start date of January 15, 2013, which includes clearing and building demolition. In response to a question, the Central Passage House is being marketed for relocation with demolition scheduled in February 2013, if no valid offers are received.

Mr. Sacksteder relayed that the offices of CTS-GEC had recently moved. The new address is Hurstbourne Place Building, 9300 Shelbyville Road - Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40222; the telephone number is (502) 442-0925.

In regard to future IHPAT meetings, Mr. Sacksteder stated that as the Project moves into the construction phase, there could be a need to quickly schedule meetings. The 15 day period to provide materials for review in advance of scheduled meetings (from the MOA) was not carried over to the First Amended MOA. The IHPAT was urged to cooperate with this change in procedures.

Similar to the relocation of the historic resources in the Old Jeff HD, the SA has modified this schedule of meetings. Specifically the SA states in Stipulation II.C.2.b. *“Ensure that HPAT meetings agendas and any materials to be discussed at an HPAT meeting will be circulated to all HPAT members at least 15 days in advance of the meeting, except in exigent circumstances.”*

Mr. Sekula reported that limekiln 48001 has been demolished. It is presumed that the demolition was undertaken by the property developer of the adjacent subdivision in which the limekiln was located.

Mr. Kramer indicated that the Clark County representative to the IHPAT may change due to the results of the November 2012 election. He indicated that he would be in contact with Mr. Vlach if the representative is to change.

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by January 4, 2013 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, some IHPAT members reconvened at the contributing resources in the Old Jeffersonville HD (Parcel 4/115 Fort Street, Parcel 5/432 Riverside Drive and Parcel 40/502 W. Riverside Drive) to tour the resources.

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IN SHPO: John Carr*
Rick Jones*

INDOT: Mary Kennedy*
Kevin Hetrick*
Angela Nichols*
Scott Adams
Mike Jett
Shaun Miller*
David Moffatt*

Indiana
Ombudsman: Carl Percy

Indiana
Landmarks: Greg Sekula*

Jeffersonville HPC: Laura Renwick*

City of Jeffersonville: Shane Corbin

Clark County: Carl Kramer

Jeffersonville Main
Street Association: Jay Ellis*

Rose Hill Neighborhood
Association: Joe Rafferty*

National Trust for
Historic Preservation: Elizabeth Merritt (telephone)

Butler, Fairman, Seufert: Brent Friend*
Doug Herendeen*

Cultural Resource
Analysts, Inc.: Kevin Cupka
Andrew Martin

CTS-GEC:

John Sacksteder*
Jeff Vlach*
Bob Lauder*

Stephen Edwards
Building Movers, LLC:

Stephen Edwards*