

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
March 27, 2013 – 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 March 27, 2013 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by e-mail on March 12, 2013.

**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: Mr. Patrick Carpenter, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office**

Neither Mr. Carpenter nor Mr. Carr had any opening comments or remarks.

**Project Status Update –**

**Progress Report No. 19: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that Progress Report (PR) No. 19 for the Reporting Period of July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 was submitted to the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) Co-chairs for review and comment. The deadline for the receipt of comments from the BSHCT Co-chairs was March 19, 2013, and no comments were received. The PR will be advanced for approval by the BiState Management Team (BSMT). Once approved, it will be distributed to the signatories, concurring parties and Historic Preservation Team (HPAT) members.

**Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD) Homes Relocation: Mr. Doug Herendeen, BFS**

Mr. Herendeen indicated that a reasonable effort had been made to relocate the five contributing resources in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD) in 2012; three of the five houses were to be relocated to available vacant lots within the historic district. With the execution of the Settlement Agreement (SA), the remaining two houses are also to be relocated. Efforts to relocate these resources are currently underway.

Mr. Herendeen indicated that the house on Parcel 6 (116 Fort Street) was to be relocated to 324 Watt Street, but required a side yard variance. This property was presented to the Jeffersonville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on February 26, 2013 and was denied the variance due to opposition from the neighbors. The search for a new lot for relocation is underway. Mr. Sekula questioned if a temporary lot would be obtained until a permanent location is found.

Parcel 4 was approved to be relocated to 409 E. Maple Street. As this house is narrower than Parcel 6, it was determined to relocate Parcel 4 to 324 Watt Street and place Parcel 6 on 409 E. Maple Street. This again will require a side yard variance; it was not approved by the BZA at their on March 26, 2013 meeting. Lots around the periphery of the HD will be explored.

The property relocation contract has been let by INDOT for the building relocation. The pre-construction conference is scheduled for April 2, 2013. All houses are to be relocated, either permanently or temporarily, by June 30, 2013.

### **Utica Limekilns MPDF and NRHP Nominations: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC**

The Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations for the Utica limekilns are presently under review by the Indiana State Archaeologist, Dr. Rick Jones. Dr. Jones anticipates that his review should be completed pending a site visit. Dr. Jones has returned comments to the National Register Section of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). CTS-GEC (Ratio Architects) is presently working to prepare a baseline assessment of the limekilns prior to the commencement of construction.

Mr. Sekula stated that one of the limekilns may have been destroyed or buried by the new property owner. The remaining three limekilns are all under separate ownership.

*(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Jim Hilton visited the Kiln #48001 location and determined that the kiln is still intact and seemingly undisturbed, although considerable clearing has been performed in the vicinity of the kiln.)*

### **Popular Report: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC**

A Popular Report is being prepared in accordance with Stipulation ILP.2 of the First Amended MOA. The Popular Report is to be written in plain English and is intended for the general public. It is to describe the history, historic properties, and archeological resources identified within the Project Area of Potential Effect (APE). It is anticipated that a draft report will be completed for review and comment by the next BSHCT meeting.

### **Spring Street Freight House Interpretive Signage: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Ross presented a draft of the interpretive sign and signage details to be placed at the Spring Street Freight House (Freight House). The sign was developed in accordance with the Ohio River Scenic Byway sign standards, which were modified to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The Indiana Historical Bureau was contacted for development of the sign to agency standards, but it was not deemed eligible, prompting use of the Byway standards.

Ms. Burke indicated that the Freight House was not constructed in 1925, as thought, but in the 1890s. Mr. Carr asked Ms. Burke that if she has any additional information on the Freight House, to make it available to CTS-GEC for use on the signage.

**Settlement Agreement – Historic Preservation and Enhancement Fund: Mr. John Carr and Ms. Malia Vanaman, Indiana SHPO**

The Historic Preservation and Enhancement Fund (HPEF) was established by the Settlement Agreement (SA) between the National Trust for Historic Preservation, River Fields, INDOT and KYTC. The fund will include \$1.7 million provided by INDOT and KYTC (50% from each state) and will be held by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) at no charge. The IFA will also provide update reports of the fund balance, transfers, payments and the like. Mr. Carr indicated that the Indiana SHPO and the Kentucky SHPO were not parties to the SA. This is a new program that is being established.

Mr. Sekula stated that there are provisions in the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for home relocations with a 10 year holding for properties. Ms. Vanaman indicated that the HPEF will not address this.

Indiana SHPO and Kentucky SHPO will set-up the grant selection process. The first round of funding is for Stipulation II.B.2 of the SA. Each state will be responsible for their respective grant round with funding up to \$500,000.00. It is anticipated that grant applications will be available in the Spring/Summer of 2013.

The second round of funding will be determined by the joint evaluation of projects, but has not yet been determined. Any remaining items from Stipulation II.B.2 of the SA will have first priority followed by items in Stipulation II.B.3 of the SA

Mr. Ellis inquired about the relocation of five houses in conjunction with the Big Four Bridge access point. They questioned if the residential structures are moved now, will the city of Jeffersonville be reimbursed for the costs. Ms. Vanaman indicated that has not yet been addressed.

Mr. Sekula asked if grant funds only cover moving costs or can they include renovation costs to rehabilitate a structure to restore its the historic value. Ms. Vanaman indicated that the first priority is to relocate the homes; additional activities for renovation are a possibility, if funding is available. Mr. Sekula indicated that it will cost approximately \$20,000.00 to move a residential structure, which cost does not include disconnecting/connecting utilities, foundation construction and other necessary tasks.

Ms. Hilden stated that there was a firm deadline to establish the funding. She requested comments on the agreement concerning establishment and administration of the HPEF by April 4, 2013 and on the SHPO Draft Procedures to administer the program by April 15, 2013.

**Traffic Monitoring Report: Mr. Brad Johnson, CDM Smith**

The draft Traffic Monitoring Report was prepared and distributed to the members of the BSHCT, IHPAT and KHPAT on March 5, 2013 for review and comment. Comments were requested by March 20, 2013. By this date, comments had been received from Mr. Carr and the Town of Clarksville. Based upon the comments received, the monitoring report is to be revised for final adoption by the BSMT.

Mr. Johnson offered the following comments to the IHPAT.

-Vehicle classification – The 38 traffic counts will include three levels of vehicles: cars, trucks and heavy-duty trucks

-Traffic counts will be taken on all of the bridge crossings over the Ohio River.

-Additional data collection will be needed east of I-65 in Indiana and outside of the Project area. These counts are to be taken beginning in April 2013 after Spring Break with completion by mid-May 2013. Distortion of the traffic volumes would likely result from the increased traffic that occurs from Thunder over Louisville and the Kentucky Derby. Typical counts days will be Tuesday through Thursday.

### **Downtown Jeffersonville Archaeology: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Site assessment and data recovery was conducted at Site 12CI762. As a result of the filed investigations, the site 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 ongoing to sample more of the penitentiary deposits with completion anticipated by April 4, 2013.

### **Central Passage House: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that asbestos removal at the Central Passage House is set to begin on April 1, 2013. Upon completion, the house is to be demolished.

### **Aesthetics and Enhancement Plan for the Downtown Procurement: Mr. Richard Sutherland, Walsh**

Mr. Sutherland presented a Power Point (PP) of the Aesthetics and Enhancement Plan (AEP) for the Downtown Procurement. This presentation was also made to the Area Advisory Team (AAT) meeting of March 21, 2013; it will be presented to the AAT again on April 25, 2013. It was stressed that the AEP took into consideration the constructed context, materials, forms and way finding in its development.

Mr. Sekula expressed concern with the relocation of the pylons, stairs and retaining walls at the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge. He questioned if the relocation would place the pylons, stairs and walls in an identical field of vision as the existing. The relocation plans are under development. When draft plans are completed, the preliminary design will be brought to the IHPAT for review and comment.

### **Aesthetics and Enhancement Plan for the East End Procurement: Mr. Jeff Townsend, Walsh**

Mr. Townsend presented the AEP for the East End. It is intended to show the AEP as a PP to the general public in an open house format on April 17 and 18, 2013.

Mr. Carr questioned the staining of the stone and concrete and its durability over time. It was stated that the dyes would age over time and continue to show a consistent tone. Concrete can be restained.

**Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

It was confirmed to Mr. Sekula that landscaping and tree planting in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District would occur after the bridge construction is completed.

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that the deadline for the receipt of comments in April 11, 2013. Comments are to be sent to him or Mr. Brian Shaw. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2013 in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley. A combined IHPAT/KHPAT meeting is under consideration for April 18, 2013 to discuss the blasting and vibration plans for the Downtown and East End. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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INDOT: Patrick Carpenter  
Ron Heustis  
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Indiana  
Ombudsman: Carl Pearcy

Indiana  
Landmarks: Greg Sekula

Jeffersonville HPC: Laura Renwick

Clark County: Carl Kramer

Jeffersonville Main  
Street Association: Jay Ellis

Rose Hill Neighborhood  
Association: Joe Rafferty

Clark County Historian: Jeanne Burke

Butler, Fairman and Seufert: Doug Herendeen

KYTC: David Waldner  
Ken Sperry  
Tom Springer  
Michael Leathers

KHC: Craig Potts  
Burcum Keeton

Kentucky  
Ombudsman: Lee Walker

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder

Brian Shaw  
Bob Lauder  
Ben Ross

CDM Smith:

Brad Johnson

Jacobs:

Jeff Townsend

Walsh:

Will Henderson  
Max Rowland  
Blake Morris  
Richard Sutherland  
Junell Richert