

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
May 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. at McCauley – Nicolas Centre**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held in the Community Room at the McCauley – Nicolas Centre on May 15, 2012 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by mail on May 7, 2012.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC

Mr. Hilton 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

Ms. Kennedy advised that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) had been completed to address changes in the design of the Project. The Supplemental Final EIS was presently in the comment period; preparation of the Record of Decision (ROD) is to follow. She indicated that as part of the Section 106 process, the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) had been prepared to supersede the Original MOA executed in 2003. The First Amended MOA retains the IHPAT.

Both the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) are working to prepare procurement documents to move the Project to the construction phase. INDOT will be responsible for the construction of the East End and KYTC will be responsible for construction of the Downtown. Consultant teams for each section have been short-listed by both departments, with the selection of the preferred teams expected by the end of 2012.

Ms. Kennedy indicated that rehabilitation of the Spring Street Freight House (Freight House) was nearing the completion of construction. The remaining task is to connect the sewer and water lines to the building. It is possible that the Freight House could provide office space for personnel from the Project during the construction. A preservation easement is to be placed on the property in accordance with the First Amended MOA. Mr. Sekula indicated that Indiana Landmarks would be interested in holding of the easement.

Relocation of Five Contributing Resources In Old Jeffersonville HD: Mr. Brent Friend, BFS

A presentation was given by Brent Friend regarding the relocation of contributing structures within the Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD). This was done with the intent of informing the IHPAT of the strategic plan and soliciting feedback. There are five contributing structures in the HD for which a reasonable effort needs to be made for relocation. Efforts will include the acquisition of vacant lots for relocation, implementation of a marketing plan, possible donation to a local government, and possible relocation to a vacant lot outside of the historic district for storage purposes. The components of physical relocation were discussed as well as the location of known

vacant lots in the historic district. The committee was asked to provide feedback on suitable vacant lots by May 25, 2012. *(On May 23, 2012, Mr. Friend distributed a listing of available vacant lots and houses sizes in the Old Jeffersonville HD to the IHPAT for information and review.)*

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

-After specific lots are located, an appraisal of the lots would determine a fair market value followed by an offer to purchase to the property owner. Only willing sellers would be sought. Eminent domain is not an option to be used to purchase any vacant lots.

-It is anticipated that the relocation of the five houses could require 12 – 15 months to complete. Once a house is relocated, the current property owner would be given the first right to remain in the relocated house.

-Prior to relocation to a vacant lot, an archaeological records check and field reconnaissance could be required to ensure that archaeological deposits do not exist/will not be impacted.

-Relocation of the houses will require the construction of a new foundation with all applicable utility lines attached. The relocated house must be in a decent, safe and sanitary condition prior to habitation.

-It was questioned if a public meeting would be held to gauge the interest of willing sellers in the HD. A letter of introduction was suggested to be sent to those owners of the vacant parcels.

-Due to the razing of the Swartz Farm house in October 2007, it was urged that the IHPAT be fully engaged in the process to relocate the houses.

-It was questioned if coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District was required for relocation of any houses south of the floodwall.

-The IHPAT requested that the IN SHPO prioritize the five contributing resources for relocation. In a letter dated May 25, 2012 (copy attached), Dr. James Glass, Deputy SHPO, indicated a priority as: 432 W. Riverside Drive, , 502 W. Riverside Drive, 502 W. Market Street, 116 Fort Street and 115 Fort Street (highest to lowest).

-It was questioned if the revision of the Old Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) would be undertaken in association with the houses relocation. It was stated that the HPP revision was presently underway and could be completed before the relocation effort.

- It was questioned if the revision of the Old Jeffersonville HPP would include public input. It is not expected that public input would be sought as the revisions to the HPP are minor in scope. Mr. Sekula objected to the lack of this input.

Final Comments: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC

Mr. Hilton asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by May 25, 2012 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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INDOT:	Mary Kennedy Kevin Hetrick Angela Nichols
KYTC:	Andy Barber
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Indiana Landmarks:	Greg Sekula
Jeffersonville HPC:	Laura Renwick
City of Jeffersonville:	Shane Corbin (telephone)
Jeff Main Street Association:	Jay Ellis
Rose Hill Neighborhood Association:	Joe Rafferty
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (telephone)
Butler, Fairman, Seufert:	Brent Friend Aaron Davenport James Deahl
CTS-GEC:	Jim Hilton Jeff Vlach Bob Lauder