

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
September 6, 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 September 6, 2012 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by e-mail on August 31, 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

Ms. Kennedy reported that Section Design Consultant (SDC) 6 developed the *Photo Recordation of Central Passage House, Clark County, Indiana For Section 106 MOA, Section 6, Utica Approach (August 2011/January 2012)* in accordance with the coordination meeting of March 10, 2011 held with representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (IN SHPO) and SDC 6. The *Photo Recordation* was developed in accordance with the *State of Indiana Minimum Architectural Documentation Standards*. It was submitted to the INDOT and IN SHPO for review and comment on November 10, 2011. Comments were received from both agencies (INDOT on November 23, 2011 and IN SHPO on December 15, 2011) and the report revised accordingly. The revised *Recordation* was resubmitted for review and concurrence on June 18, 2012. On July 18, 2012, the IN SHPO approved the photo recordation for the Central Passage House. The IN SHPO was provided with copies of the final report and the ground-level photographs on gold CDs for their files.

On July 18, 2012, the BiState Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) Co-chairs were consulted of any follow-up that may be needed. No response was received and no additional action is required. As such, this task is now completed.

Mr. Sekula questioned the schedule for the completion of the archaeology underway in the Indiana Downtown by INDOT. It was indicated that this work should be completed by the end of the year for the vacant areas within the medians of both US 31 and I-65, the parking lot west of Fort Street and of the contributing resources. It was indicated that the selected contractor would be required to employ an archaeologist on staff during the construction.

Mr. Rafferty questioned the survey to be undertaken at Fort Street and Riverside Drive, the suspected site of Fort Finney. An initial investigation has uncovered artifacts that Mr. Rafferty thought might relate to the fort site, including a possible foundation. The archaeological

information indicated that these were the foundations of old houses. There was nothing to indicate the remains of the fort; an exact location of the fort is unknown and generally not thought to be in this specific location. It was noted that subsequent steps in this reconnaissance were to be determined. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Kennedy consulted with Mr. Shaun Miller, Archaeologist with the Cultural Resources Office, INDOT. Mr. Miller noted that the Downtown Design Build Team (DBT) is responsible for the site of the five historic homes and the parking lot. The areas currently under investigation will be completed by INDOT.)*

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

Mr. Hetrick opened this presentation by stating that INDOT has made a commitment to relocate as many of the five contributing resources in the Old Jeffersonville HD as possible. The purpose of this meeting was for the IHPAT to assist INDOT with the marketing plan for accomplishing this task.

The Historic Relocation – Marketing Plan was distributed by Brent Friend. Key points of the Plan stressed by Mr. Friend included:

The marketing and relocation of the contributing resources is a combined effort of the FHWA, INDOT and IN SHPO. As stated, INDOT is making a reasonable effort to relocate the contributing resources to vacant lots in the HD.

The schedule to complete this marketing and relocation is critical. It is hoped that once the Plan is released, it will reach all of the owners of vacant parcels in the HD.

At present, there are 11 vacant lots available for purchase in the HD. This exceeds the number of needed lots, as INDOT will continue to pursue other vacant lots in the HD, if the first five lots cannot be acquired. Vacant lots outside of the HD could be investigated, but only as a last resort as part of the IDOA auction process.

It is anticipated that the Plan would be advertised from mid-September 2012 to mid-March 2013, a period of six months. The Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) is responsible for the advertising. Other organizations such as Indiana Landmarks, Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission, Jeffersonville Main Street Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation could assist with advertising at a local level. During the advertisement period, monthly updates will be provided to the IHPAT. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the houses were advertised around September 13, 2012 by the IDOA at <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2702.htm>.)*

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

-The construction date of 1940 of the resource at 115 Fort Street was questioned. This date was obtained from the property appraisal.

-It was encouraged that vacant lots should not be excluded from use based solely on their current zoning. A variance could be pursued. However, it was noted that the houses should only be located where they would be in proper context with the area in which they are to be situated; i.e., a house

would not be moved onto Spring Street in the center of the Business District simply because there was an empty lot there.

-It was questioned if a holding area was to be set aside for storage of the contributing resources until such time that vacant lots became available for relocation. INDOT noted that the agency is not planning to relocate the contributing resources to a temporary holding space. If acceptable sites are found in the HD, INDOT will relocate the homes; if no suitable sites are found, a bid could be placed at auction that involved temporary relocation of the houses to a site outside of the Project footprint.

-Two websites were identified for use in the marketing of the resources: www.historicproperties.com and www.historicpreservation.com.

-A profile of a purchaser of any of the contributing resources was requested. As stated in the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the buyer must occupy the house for five years and maintain the property in accordance with preservation standards acceptable to the IN SHPO.

-It was questioned if the resources could be maintained as rental units, as four of the current resources are rental units. INDOT would follow Stipulation III.E.7.c. in the First Amended MOA that states that the purchaser must occupy the house for five years.

-The retention rights of the current property owners were questioned in regard to continuing ownership of their specific property after relocation. INDOT is to purchase each of the resources and relocate the houses as stipulated in the MOA. If the current owners wish to retain ownership, they must participate in a property auction after the houses are relocated.

Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) Status: Old Jeffersonville Historic District: Ms. Jennifer Higginbotham, CTS-GEC and Utica Township Limekilns: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC

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With the execution of the First Amended MOA in April 2012, the HPP was developed in accordance with Stipulation III.H.1. In March 2012, site visits were conducted to assess the conditions of the kilns and associated quarries to assist in the completion of the HPP. On August 30, 2012, the draft HPP was sent to the BSHCT Co-chairs for review. Comments are expected by September 28, 2012 after which the HPP will be advanced for approval by the BSMT.

Mr. Sekula inquired of the status of the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) and the individual National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations for the limekilns. It was stated that the MPDF and NRHP nominations had been revised in accordance with IN SHPO comments of June 28, 2012 and July 12, 2012 and resubmitted for additional review on August 14, 2012. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the IN SHPO provided additional review comments for revision of the MPDF and NRHP nominations on September 14, 2012; revisions are underway.)*

Old Jeffersonville Historic District: Ms. Jennifer Higginbotham, CTS-GEC

On September 28, 2009, the BiState Management Team (BSMT) approved the Old Jeffersonville HD HPP. With the execution of the First Amended MOA in April 2012, the HPP was updated in accordance with Stipulation III.E.1. Since approval, the initial HPP was updated to address changes in the condition of the neighborhood and the selection of the new alternate. The final draft of the updated HPP is under final revision for submittal to the BSHCT Co-chairs for review and recommendation to advance to the BSMT for final approval. Following the BSMT approval, the HPP will be distributed to the IHPAT.

Mr. Sekula offered several comments for completion of the HPP. He requested that the status of the canal project initiated by the City of Jeffersonville be added to the HPP. He also requested that the HPP be revised to include the pedestrian plaza proposed by the City at the ramp of the access point to the Big Four Bridge.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that the Final Request for Proposal for the construction of the Downtown Crossing is due on September 7, 2012 with the full proposal due to KYTC on November 15, 2012. For the East End Crossing, the full proposal is due to INDOT on October 26, 2012. A ground breaking ceremony was held on August 30, 2012 in the East End at the Port of Indiana in Jeffersonville.

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by September 21, 2012 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, some IHPAT members reconvened at the Spring Street Freight House for a tour. The construction of the rehabilitation is nearly complete, only lacking a sewer connection for use. At present, INDOT is negotiating with the adjacent property owner for an easement for the sewer line. Once this is completed, it is anticipated that the Freight House will function as a Project Information Center with office space for Ms. Angela Nichols and Mr. Mike Bosc, INDOT Project Communications Officer.

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FHWA: Michelle Allen*

IN SHPO: John Carr*

INDOT: Mary Kennedy*
Kevin Hetrick*
Angela Nichols*
Mike Bosc*

Indiana
Ombudsman: Carl Percy*

Indiana
Landmarks: Greg Sekula*

Jeffersonville HPC: Laura Renwick*

City of Jeffersonville: Rob Waiz*

Jeff Main Street
Association: Jay Ellis

Rose Hill Neighborhood
Association: Joe Rafferty*

Butler, Fairman, Seufert: Brent Friend*

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder*
Jim Hilton
Jeff Vlach*
Bob Lauder
Ben Ross*
Jennifer Higginbotham*