

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
October 16, 2008 – 10:00 AM at the KYTC D-5 Conference Room**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 5 on October 16, 2008 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was distributed to the KHPAT by mail on September 29, 2008.

Opening Remarks: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the KHPAT and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Project Update: Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO (Interim)

Mr. Dennen indicated that he and members of his staff had attended a coordination meeting at the Edison House on October 8, 2008 to begin the preparation of the preservation easement (MOA Stipulation III.K.4.). Additional meetings are scheduled for October 29, 2008 in the morning for the Allison - Barrickman property and in the afternoon for the Wesley House. He and staff members are to attend both of these meetings.

Mr. Dennen also stated his office had sent a comment letter to CTS-GEC after review of the Rosewell Treatment Plan and a tour of the property in August 2008. The report is undergoing review about the concerns of the KY SHPO. A response is forthcoming.

Archaeological Update: Ms. Susan Neumeyer, KYTC

Ms. Neumeyer provided an update of the status of the archeological studies undertaken as a part of the Project in Kentucky. The following was offered:

Accelerated Section 1 Archaeological Exploration: Investigations have been completed for Sites 15Jf716, 15Jf717 and 15Jf718 in the I-65 Accelerated Section. Site 15Jf716 is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); Sites 15Jf717 and 15Jf718 are considered eligible for the NRHP. The report documenting the survey is under review. Native American consultation is not required, as the sites are not considered prehistoric.

Section 1 Archaeological Database and Document: A GIS database and accompanying document have been provided to KYTC and distributed to FHWA, SHPO, and CTS-GEC for review and comment. The database and document await final concurrence from FHWA and the SHPO. The database and document provide an assessment of archaeological potential by parcel and provide a base for decisions regarding archaeological investigations for the Section 1 portion of the project.

Underwater Archaeology: The report entitled *Follow-up Diving Documentation of Side-Scanning Sonar Anomalies in Sections 2 and 5 of the Ohio River Bridges Project in Jefferson County,*

Kentucky and Clark County, Indiana (Dated August 2, 2008) was received for the Project files. No further investigations are required.

Section 4 Archaeological Exploration: Due to lack of landowner permission, Phase II work at 15Jf678, 15Jf679 and 15Jf719 has been postponed until after property has been purchased. Phase II work at Site 15Jf720 has been completed. A summary was transmitted to KYTC, KY SHPO and the FHWA; in the summary, the consultant concluded that Site 15Jf720 is eligible for the NRHP, which was accepted by the KY SHPO. KYTC and the FHWA disagree with this assessment. On October 2, 2008, an archaeology coordination meeting was held for the East End Kentucky at CTS-GEC. SDC 4 is evaluating the proposed span arrangements in relation to avoiding the site. A method for protecting the site from construction equipment is to be developed and included in the construction plans. Native American consultation is required, as the Site 15Jf720 is considered prehistoric.

Rosewell Archaeology: As a by-product of the structural assessment of the house, archaeologists investigated a small portion of the basement in early May 2006. The entire basement of the house was identified as a sensitive resource and no work can occur in the basement (not even concrete removal or repair) without prior archaeological investigation. An on-site meeting was held at Rosewell on February 8, 2008 with KYTC, KY SHPO, SDC 4 and CTS-GEC to discuss the treatment and filling of the trench in the basement of the house. Recommendations were presented in a meeting summary on that date. The report detailing the Rosewell investigations was approved. If ground disturbance occurs at Rosewell due to treatment plan work, an archaeological investigation will be required.

Human Remains Protocol: A protocol for human remains encountered during archaeological testing was deemed prudent given the potential for human remains in the project setting. The protocol was developed in line with the MOA and in coordination with all consulting Indian Tribes and three FHWA offices (Project Office, Kentucky Division, and Washington, DC). FHWA issued final approval of the protocol and further indicated that the protocol would be utilized for both the Kentucky and Indiana sides of the project. The protocol was considered final and authorized for use on the Project on July 2007.

At the conclusion of this presentation, Mr. Segrest inquired into the status of the archaeology for the limestone wall and mill along Beargrass Creek and the site in the bed of the Creek near the Barnwasser Packing House. He stated that Ms. Wayna Roach had reported on these sites within the last year. Ms. Neumeyer stated that she would check on these sites with a response to Mr. Segrest in a future meeting. *(This topic will be discussed at the BSHCT meeting of November 18, 2008 and reported back to the KHPAT.)*

Mr. Segrest also requested the status of the dispute resolution. Mr. Sacksteder did not have a current report, noting that the action was under review by the FHWA, KYTC and KY SHPO. Additional coordination is pending.

Ms. Runyon inquired into the use of Rosewell as a site of the Underground Railroad (UR). She stated that James Taylor owned property in the area of The Neck and that Utica (Indiana) may have been an outpost for the UR. She asked for a description of the archaeology that had been completed to determine if the house was/was not a site of the UR. Ms. Neumeyer reiterated the surveys

completed in the basement. Ms. Runyon asked that remote sensing of the grounds be completed to determine if tunnels were present, leading from the house to the Ohio River. She requested a copy of the archaeological survey for Rosewell. Ms. Neumeyer stated that she would check with Mr. Dan Davis, KYTC, into the availability of this report for review. *(This topic will be discussed at the BSHCT meeting of November 18, 2008 and reported back to the KHPAT.)*

Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Treatment Plan – Draft: Mr. David Kroll, CTS-GEC

The original building, dating from 1906 has grown over its history with additions to the facility through the 1980s. The building has produced ice, in some form, over its entire history. Block ice for home use was initially produced until widespread popularity of the electric refrigerator in the 1940s led to the loss of all residential “ice box” use. From 1947 on, the facility concentrated on block ice and cube ice for commercial uses such as grocery stores, hotels and the railroad. In the 1960s, bagged ice, sold through convenience stores, turned into a consumer staple.

In 1991, a major fire nearly destroyed the company and resulted in the loss of the top two floor levels of the main building. These floors are not currently accessible from the interior of the remaining building. Over the next six years, the company rebuilt and diversified including a growing demand for specialty blocks of ice used by artisans to create elaborate carved ice sculptures.

In 1997, Creation Gardens, a purveyor of produce and specialty products for the food service industry was purchased by the third generation of the family that founded Grocers Ice. That company currently operates the facility as a hub for a multi-city operation serving Kentucky, northern Tennessee and southern Indiana. The building receives, stores and distributes these food products as well as houses the administrative functions for the organization.

Due to changing markets and lack of skilled labor to make the high quality ice blocks used for ice sculptures, the company recently ceased operations as an ice producer in January of 2008, after over 100 years in the business.

Mr. Kroll stated that two conceptual reuse options have been considered in the Treatment Plan (TP). The first option would reconfigure the building for continued use by the current owner (Creation Gardens) and their current business venture and current commercial tenants. The proposed rehabilitation would reconfigure existing abandoned or underutilized spaces to accommodate the relocated program and use functions within the remaining portions of the building. If Creation Gardens is to be acquired, it is the desire of the business to relocate in the immediate vicinity of the Grocers Ice building.

The second option would rehabilitate the facility for mixed commercial/residential use in keeping with other development in the immediate neighborhood. The commercial office space would occupy two floors at the former south dock. The residential townhouse units would range in size. The complex would also include a community room. There are also opportunities for roof decks with views of both the central business district and the river. Some limitation occurs because of the low ceilings in the ice-producing areas.

Wesley House Preservation Easement/Edison House Preservation Easement

Wesley House: To satisfy the mitigation measures in the MOA prepared for Project, KYTC will provide funding for the rehabilitation of the exterior of the Wesley House provided its owners agree to provide a preservation easement (PE) to ensure long-term preservation of its exterior. It is anticipated that the easement would be held by the KY SHPO. Mr. Dennen stated that he and his staff had visited the Wesley House and met with the owners. The PE is under preparation, accommodating three houses and the gymnasium. It is in draft form. In September 2008, Mr. Hilton had stated that only the two Victorian houses were identified as relating to the Wesley Community House in the NRHP for the Butchertown Historic District (HD). To alleviate this contradiction, Mr. Dennen consulted with Mr. David Morgan. Mr. Morgan stated that he was not aware of any discussions limiting the number of buildings that compromised the Wesley House. It was his understanding that four buildings were connected. Additional coordination is required to define the limits of the Wesley House and of the PE. A second coordination meeting has been scheduled for October 29, 2008 to continue discussion of the PE.

Edison House: Similar to the Wesley House, and to satisfy the mitigation in the MOA, a PE is to be placed to ensure the long-term preservation of its exterior. It is anticipated that the easement would be held by the KY SHPO. In a coordination meeting of October 8, 2008 with the curators of the Edison House, it was indicated that an assessment of the exterior of the building to define the extent of any rehabilitation had not been completed. The KY SHPO stated that they would work with the curators to define the scope of work of the exterior building needs and would provide this assessment to the KYTC. The easement would define the exterior building rehabilitation that could be available for funding under the MOA (provided the easement is placed). The scheduling of this assessment is pending.

Rosewell – Storm Damage: Mr. Jerry Leslie, SDC 4

The Rosewell structure and grounds sustained storm damage from the recent high winds. Clean up continues. The damage to the standing seam roof (1993 addition) is being repaired by a qualified contractor. Additional details of the clean up were supported by photographs.

Ms. Runyon requested a definition of the long-term preservation goals for the property and the cultural landscape. She indicated that those trees lost to the storm be replaced and urged coordination with the US National Park Service/Charles Birnbaum. Mr. Dennen stated that the plantings immediately adjacent to the house should be removed, as they did not replicate the original landscaping. Further coordination with the KHPAT was requested to define this landscaping plan. SDC 4 offered assistance in that they possess aerial photographs of the property from the 1930 – 1940 period.

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Mark Dennen - KY SHPO

Butchertown Neighborhood Association: Jim Segrest

City of Prospect: Ann Simms

Louisville Metro Historic Preservation: Cynthia Johnson

River Fields, Inc.: Meme Sweets Runyon

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder, Jeff Vlach and David Kroll

SDC 4: Jerry Leslie

Audience:

KYTC: Gary Valentine, Andy Barber and Susan Neumeyer

KY SHPO: Wendy Wheatcraft

Kentucky Ombudsman: Lee Douglas Walker

CTS-GEC: Jim Hilton and Kathy Francis