

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting  
December 17, 2009 – 10:00 AM at the CTS-GEC Main Conference Room**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held at CTS-GEC on December 17, 2009 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda and associated meeting materials were distributed to the KHPAT by mail on November 30, 2009.

**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. A list of the KHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

**Project Update: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO**

Mr. Dennen stated that his office had executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the KYTC in regard to the placement of a preservation easement for the Wesley House. The agreement provides that the KY SHPO will prepare an assessment of the work and costs, which have been completed and remain to be completed on the exterior of the Wesley House, for the placement of the easement. The MOA was executed on November 19, 2009 by the KY SHPO.

Mr. Valentine stated that the Baer Fabrics Building had been purchased by KYTC because it falls within the right-of-way of the roadway construction and, as a result, needs to be demolished. A draft maintenance report had been prepared and was under review prior to submittal to the KY SHPO. A draft historical archive was also under preparation, which evaluated the historical significance of potentially salvageable materials from the building.

A discussion ensued about the retention of the building. Ms. Runyon objected to its demolition and stated that the building should be retained, as a funding source for the construction of the Project had not been secured. She stated that the historic building was an important building in the fabric of Market Street. Mr. Dennen concurred with Ms. Runyon and stated that his office had requested the preparation of the (aforementioned) maintenance report. Mr. Valentine countered this argument by defining maintenance concerns against the retention of the building, including the need to provide fire and security protection, liability and property management issues related to a vacant building. He also stated that building had been acquired as an advance acquisition and not as a hardship. Additional discussion is pending the receipt and review of the maintenance report.

Mr. Sacksteder said that right-of-way appraisals for the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Building were currently being reviewed. An offer to purchase would likely occur in the next few weeks.

There were no activities to report on the Vermont-American Building. Property owner access has not been granted.

**Review of the 60% Plans and Specifications for Rosewell: Mr. Jerry Leslie, SDC 4 and Mr. Bob Burry, SDC 4**

Mr. Leslie and Mr. Burry made a Power Point presentation (PP) of the 60% plans and specifications for Rosewell. The PP outlined the historic cornice/gutter roof plan, fascia/soffit details, the smoke house and the windows. Review comments on the plans and specifications were provided by the KH SHPO on December 1, 2009. Their comments included items that would be addressed in the 90% plans.

It was discussed that the 90% plans and specifications would be submitted to CTS-GEC in mid-January 2010, to the KHC in February 2010 and to the BSHCT at the March 2010 meeting. It is imperative that this schedule be maintained. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer 2010. Construction oversight required for the work is to be further discussed with Louisville Metro/Richard Jett.

**Historic Preservation Plan Status - Phoenix Hill Historic District: Mr. Kevin Senninger, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Senninger provided an update of revisions made to the Phoenix Hill Historic District (HD) Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) as a result of comments from the KHPAT at the October 15, 2009 meeting. The revisions entailed:

**Chapter 1:** No changes or updates as a result of KHPAT comments.

**Chapter 2:** No changes or updates as a result of KHPAT comments.

**Chapters 3:** Page 32-33: Updated the text and photo caption to reflect that Wayside Christian Ministry vacated the buildings in the 800 block of Market Street.

**Chapters 4:** No changes or updates as a result of KHPAT comments.

**Chapter 5:** No changes or updates as a result of KHPAT comments.

**Chapter 6:** No changes or updates as a result of KHPAT comments.

**Miscellaneous:** In response to Mr. Segrest's question, it was verified that the existing National Register Historic District does NOT include "the triangle" area of Phoenix Hill, bounded by Beargrass Creek, Baxter Avenue and Broadway Street.

On November 17, 2009, the BSHCT Co-chairs agreed to advance the HPP to the BSMT for approval, contingent upon final review by the KY SHPO. This approval was received and the BSMT approved the HPP with the required addendums. It was distributed to the KHPAT on CD. Therefore, Stipulations II.F.2.f. and III.L.1. of the MOA for the Project have been satisfied for the Phoenix Hill HD.

**Historic Preservation Plan Status - Country Estates of River Road/ River Road Corridor: Mr. Michael Matts, CTS-GEC**

Prior to the meeting, KHPAT members were sent the Final Draft HPP on CD dated December 17, 2009. Mr. Matts reviewed the revisions made to the HPP compared to the February 11, 2008 version of the plan last reviewed by the KHPAT. Mr. Matts reported that the changes fell into three categories: 1) minor editorial changes that do not change content, 2) clarification of language and removal of language related to the Harrods Creek Bridge and the Harrods Creek Bridge Improvement Project MOA and 3) removal of language that suggests the Project consider funding particular recommendations, e.g. the conservation easement at Belleview as one example. Mr. Matts presented each of the substantive changes in the document for comment and discussion with the KHPAT, highlights of which are reflected below:

**Upper River Road over Harrods Creek Bridge** (page 85 and 119) – River Fields requested that the language regarding the traffic studies referencing the Harrods Creek Bridge Improvement Project MOA include “assessment, evaluation and mitigation” as stated in the Harrods Creek Bridge Improvement Project MOA; it was recommended that language removed with regard to bicycle and pedestrian use be reinstated for consideration in future projects.

**Belleview Conservation and Preservation Easement** (page 99 and 100) – It was agreed that the language would be revised to reflect the recommendation to educate the property owners with regard to easements. The KY SHPO was to be consulted to work with property owners to encourage donation, as well as to identify other plausible agencies which could hold these easements.

**Interpretive Plan Recommendation** (page 112) – It was agreed that the BSMT would review the Interpretive Signage requirements in the MOA and provide a response to further guide the language in the HPP with regard to interpretation and interpretive signage. The number, placement and material of construction were stressed as important elements for consideration.

**Upper River Road over Harrods Creek Bridge** (page 85 and 119) – It was recommended that language being removed with regard to bicycle and pedestrian use be reinstated for consideration in future projects.

**Merriwether House** (page 117 and 138) - It was agreed that the language regarding the historic structure report recommendation would be modified to simply recommend an historic structure report for the property.

**Project Funding/Other Stakeholder Funding** – It was suggested that the Project consider revising the HPP to reflect a summary of all recommendations that require additional funding outside of the Project for their implementation.

In response to questions from the KHPAT regarding why language was being removed that recommended the Project consider funding of additional mitigation measures, Mr. Valentine stated

that KYTC and FHWA were only committed to funding recommendations bound through the MOA and the Record of Decision (ROD).

Ms. Runyon stated that she wanted the record of the KHPAT meeting to reflect that River Fields is opposed to removing recommendations in the HPP that “recommend the Project consider funding”. This is duly noted. In addition, she noted that the Project has denied consideration of the importance of African American resources in this area.

It was stated that the final draft of the HPP would be revised for additional review by the KHPAT. A schedule for this revision was not defined.

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

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by January 4, 2010 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The next scheduled KHPAT meeting is February 18, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the KYTC District #5 Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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Mark Dennen - KY SHPO

**Butchertown Neighborhood Association:** Emily Boone

**City of Prospect:** Ann Simms

**Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:** Richard Jett

**River Fields, Inc.:** Meme Sweets Runyon

**National Trust for Historic Preservation:** Betsy Merritt (via telephone)

**CTS-GEC:** John Sacksteder

**Audience:**

FHWA: Duane Thomas

KYTC: Gary Valentine and Andy Barber

KY SHPO: Craig Potts and Wendy Wheatcraft

Kentucky Ombudsman: Lee Douglas Walker

City of Prospect: Sandra Leonard

Butchertown Neighborhood Association: Andrew Cornelius

Tyler Allen for Mayor: Tyler Allen

CTS-GEC: Jeff Vlach, Kevin Villier, Kevin Senninger, Michael Matts and Bob Lauder

SDC 4: Jerry Leslie and Bob Burry