

LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT

Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting August 20, 2009 – 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 August 20, 2009 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was distributed to the KHPAT by mail on August 3, 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. Ms. Betsy Merritt (National Trust for Historic Preservation) attended by telephone.

Project Update: Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO

Wesley House Rehabilitation

Mr. Dennen reported that the KY SHPO met with the developers of the Wesley House and has evaluated the completed rehabilitation work and the proposed future work plans. The SHPO has determined the work meets the Department of Interior Standards for rehabilitation. The SHPO is in the process of developing an MOA in coordination with the FHWA to provide funds for the SHPO staff architect to provide an estimation of base line cost for the rehabilitation work and future work to the building.

Edison House Condition Assessment

Mr. Dennen stated that his office had completed the Building Condition Assessment Report for the Edison House. The SHPO has provided the owners with a sample of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would need to be developed to complete the repairs to the Edison House before a preservation easement could be placed on the property. The owners are in the process of evaluating the information with their Board of Directors, but have not replied as of this date.

Rosewell 30% Plans and Specifications: Mr. Bob Burry and Mr. Jerry Leslie, SDC 4

The presentation of the Rosewell 30% Plans and Specifications is included at the end of this summary.

Mr. Dennen stated that the SHPO had completed the review of the Rosewell 30% plans and specifications. He also indicated that specific comments were developed and sent in a letter from their office to the FHWA on June 22, 2009.

The SHPO recommended that the smokehouse, which had been excluded, be included in the stabilizations plans. The SHPO also recommended the replacement of the roof of the house. The

SHPO believes that the original installation of the existing roof was not done properly. The SHPO, KYTC, and FHWA met on August 17, 2009 to discuss their comments and recommendations. The result of the meeting was that the smokehouse would be included in the stabilizations plans and the roof would be repaired and sealed, but not totally replaced. All repair work would require approval of the SHPO.

Mr. Segrest asked if the (1854) box gutters would be replaced with the original 1820 detail gutter section. Mr. Dennen responded that the deteriorated box gutters would be replaced in-kind.

Other Comments or Concerns

Allison – Barrickman Property

Additional coordination and a certified letter were sent to Mr. Carney by SDC 4 in regard to the placement of a preservation easement on his property along Wolf Pen Branch Road and adjacent to the Allison – Barrickman Property. Mr. Carney verbally replied that he was not interested in the placement of the easement, but declined to provide any response in writing. The BSMT has submitted a letter to the BSHCT documenting this coordination and recommending that no further efforts be made to secure a preservation easement on the Carney property unless they otherwise indicate a reversal of their decision. CTS-GEC will also pursue the easement again should the property be resold in the future.

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that the Werenskjolds had received the requested additional information from the SHPO on the easement and tax information and are reviewing it. They have advised they will contact SDC 4 if they want to meet.

Baer Fabrics Company Building

Mr. Sacksteder stated that the Baer Fabrics Building had been acquired by the Project and a demolition scope is being prepared at the request of KYTC.

Mr. Segrest asked if the historic elements of the building would be salvaged (wood beams flooring doors, etc.) Mr. Sacksteder responded that the scope and specifications have not been developed and this could be addressed (in the specifications).

Mr. Dennen asked if the KHPAT could tour the building. KYTC responded that they will look into that possibility.

Mr. Griffith asked if there were any plans for a short term lease on the building before demolition. Also, because of the funding issues of the Project, it would make sense to lease the building and not demolish it so quickly. He also recommended that a study be made evaluating the economics of demolition vs. short term leasing. Mr. Valentine responded that there is no requirement within the ROD or the MOA to complete such an evaluation. KYTC will consider the lease option further before any decision to demolish the building is made.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by September 4, 2009 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The next scheduled KHPAT meeting is October 15, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the KYTC District 5 conference room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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KHPAT Co-chairs: Amanda Abner – KYTC
Mark Dennen - KY SHPO

Butchertown Neighborhood Association: Jim Segrest

City of Prospect: Ann Simms

Louisville Metro Historic Preservation: Richard Jett

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Betsy Merritt (telephone)

River Fields, Inc.: Bob Griffith

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder

Audience:

KYTC: Gary Valentine and Andy Barber

KY SHPO: Craig Potts

Kentucky Ombudsman: Lee Douglas Walker

City of Prospect: Sandra Leonard

CTS-GEC: Jim Hilton and Kevin Villier

SDC 4: Jerry Leslie and Bob Burry