



Indiana Bicentennial Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Becky Skillman
Lee Hamilton
Sarah Evans Barker
Jim McCormick
Ellen Rosenthal
Randy Shepard
Brenda Gerber Vincent
Mary McConnell

Commission Members via Telephone:

Steve Ferguson
Tony George

Staff:

Perry Hammock
Valeri Beamer
Sam Alderfer

Invited Guests:

John Myrland – Senior Vice President, Old National Bank/Third Century Project
Marilyn Fernandez – Deputy Director, Indiana Archives & Record Administration

- Co-chair Becky Skillman called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

Welcome & Introductions

- Becky Skillman, Co-chair, Indiana Bicentennial Commission
Becky thanked the Commission members for attending and for those who were presenting then moved to the agenda.

Update on Bicentennial Funding

- Becky Skillman, Co-Chair
Becky updated the Commission about the archives building and that there is zero commitment for funding. However, she is assured it will be complete in Governor Holcomb's term.
Lee Hamilton stated the importance of having on record the Commission's support of the archives building and the education center.



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Sarah Evans Barker asked if there was any way it could be jumpstarted so that we can still capture it as a Bicentennial project. If we tapped into the right sources, there might be opportunity as a gift.

Perry mentioned that overtures were made to groups for a gift but they wanted to make sure the projects happened. The capital campaign might still work.

Bicentennial Final Document

- Perry Hammock on behalf of Lisa Hendrickson

Surveys went out to every county coordinator to fill out for their section of the book. All of them will be in by next week. The book is almost half way done and in draft form. All drafts will be completed by the end of April. Lisa is working on putting more flavor in the document so it's not as journalistic.

Lee Hamilton asked that the commission be comfortable with the book as it is their document and to please give suggestions to Lisa as needed. Lee and Becky will be reviewing it and it will be forwarded to all commissioners for review.

Sarah Evans Barker asked if there would be an appendix item that gives credit to the staff and their work exactly to give ideas for future readers.

Lee Hamilton reiterated the importance of the executive summary. He also asked that a press release be sent out with talking points for commission members.

Brenda Gerber Vincent asked if a timeline will be included.

Perry answered that there will.

Becky Skillman asked the title of the book. It is "Indiana at 200: The Report of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission". Perry said it is a working title.

Mary McConnell asked if any of the 18 states that have celebrated their Bicentennials already have published anything like this. Perry answered the ones he knew were not hardbound or as lengthy as the one we are producing.

Sarah Evans Barker thought getting Jim Madison's input was a great idea. She also wanted to make sure the document captures history so it can be a useful tool for the future.

Visioning Project/Sagamore Institute

- John Myrland, Senior Vice President, Old National Bank/Third Century Project

Becky began by stated the Visioning project has been released and she and Perry met with the Sagamore Institute to talk about implementation. Old National has been our sponsor from the beginning and Becky thanked John for this and turned it over to him. John stated he is representing both the Sagamore Institute and Old National Bank and they all feel fortunate to have carried this through and he thanked the Commission for embracing this project.

They are continuing to do research and have events. He gave three examples of projects or "big ideas" they want to implement: creating a trail from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River, mental health funding, and stimulating philanthropy to quadruple giving's.



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The commission was thrilled with this progress and fully supported these ideas. Mary McConnell asked if the current administration has been briefed on these projects. John stated that they need to meet with them to get them on board. Sarah Evans Barker offered her support for mental health funding and the need for substance abuse support. Lee Hamilton stated groups are moving forward to work on these projects and that implementation is the hardest part, he thanked John for his hard work. Becky Skillman mentioned the third annual conference on citizenship coming up and a pinning ceremony for sagamores on August 12th. The visioning project will give sagamores things to discuss and actions to take.

Commission Budget/Finance Overview

- Perry Hammock

Brenda Richey provided information to show that the Commission's total is approximately 1.3 million. Travel was a huge expense as Perry and Rene traveled the state. The commission covered everything the state was unable to. Sarah Evans Barker asked if the reversion can go towards the archives building. Randy Shepard offered the Visioning project as another option. Perhaps the final report being sold will generate money. Lee Hamilton asked Perry to give the commissioners some options.

Archiving the Bicentennial

- Marilyn Fernandez & Sam Alderfer

Marilyn thanked the commission for inviting her to speak on behalf of Jim Corridan. Sam discussed how the Bicentennial website is in the process of being archived. The website will still be accessible and each county will have a page of their accomplishments. It will be more of an overview of what happened instead of what visitors can do to get involved. Ellen Rosenthal asked if the website was still getting traffic. Sam answered that people were still visiting it. Sarah Evans Barker asked about getting a "screen shot" to include in the final document. That might give it more of a story feel. Jim Madison stated it might be helpful for future generations to work with small files on each subject instead of one big file. Perry said that multiple counties have submitted items and we have an intern, Kyle Sauley, who is helping to organize our files. Ellen asked who to send electronic files she might have. Send them to Perry. Sarah Evans Barker suggested each commission member write a little greeting or piece of advice for whoever gets the document in the future.



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Randy suggested that the archives has the availability to get money that we could bankroll the continuation of Bicentennial archives projects to make sure things get finished.

Sam said all social media will be archived somehow. That is in the works.

Brenda Gerber Vincent asked if there will be any component to the curriculum for 4th graders about the Bicentennial. She also asked what Bicentennial component is at the Education Center.

Becky Skillman acknowledged that those are good questions. The Education Center was founded during the Bicentennial year.

Executive Director's Report

- IBC report given by Perry Hammock

Perry discussed the project continuation document and stated that counties are doing torch relays in 2017, etc. The torch relay created a new group of community leaders from torch bearers.

Sarah Evans Barker stated that we created community.

Perry gave a staff update. Rene is working in the Statehouse with the tour office and the new education center. Adrienne is working from home. Sam has accepted a job with the state archives. Valeri has accepted a position at Ball State University. Jylian will be working for the Carmel Parks Dept. Perry will be finishing things up until June 30th. The Statehouse Tree Planting Project is set to begin next week. The last tree will be mid-May so that Governor Holcomb can be in attendance.

Perry has visited 65 counties and has 7 scheduled for next week. His visits should be complete by the end of April. County coordinators have been very appreciative of the personal thank you and we have received more information for the archives and better material for the county pages.

Every commission member present was given a cd from WFYI Indianapolis with all Bicentennial videos on it.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 29th at 4:00pm. The location is not set yet but we will hold a later meeting and a dinner.

- With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The next meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission:

June 29th, 2017

4:00pm

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