

Freedom's Frontier

BLEEDING KANSAS HERITAGE AREA



Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area June 2006 Minutes Baldwin City

Attendees:

Grady Atwater	John Brown Museum
Clif Gordon	Wakefield Museum
Kerry Altenbernd	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Diane Niehoff	Baldwin City CVB
Julie Frisbee	Old Jefferson Town & Historical Society
Christian Lutz	Fort Scott Chamber
Sally Hatcher	Leavenworth
Hazel May Fackler	Leavenworth
Keyta Kelly	Leavenworth County
Lisa Rocha	Leavenworth County
Elly McCoy	Chanute
Emma Crites	Fredonia
Bill Freeman	LeRoy
Paul Bahnmaier	Lecompton
Julie Mulvihill	KS Humanities Council
Katie Carlgren	Wabaunsee Co. Economic Dev.
Bob Carlson	Marysville Main St. & Historical Society
Susan Traub	Traub Design
Dennis Toll	Manhattan CVB
Jessica Johnson	Independent author
Deborah Barker	Old Depot Museum Ottawa
Peggy Clark	Osage County
Brian Grubbs	Old Castle Museum Baldwin City
Michael Stubbs	Wabaunsee County Historical Society
Cheryl Collins	Riley County Museum
Martha Parker	Clinton Lake Museum
Ron Harris	1 st Terr. Capital & Geary Co. Museum
Sonia Smith	Franklin County CVB
Karen Crane	Merriam CVB
Amy Garton	Olathe Chamber
Mary Cummings	Shawnee CVB
Alexis Radil	Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop
Dale Nimz	Lawrence
Erin Jeschke	Pottawatomie County Eco. Dev.
Stan Lawson	Atchison Chamber
Arnold Schofield	Mine Creek Battlefield

Sue Pridemore
Judy Billings
John Nichols
Debbie White

National Park Service
Lawrence CVB
Miami County Historical Society
Lawrence CVB

The June 8, 2006 meeting of the FFHA committee was held in Baldwin City at the Lodge Motel. Tony Brown represented the city with welcoming remarks.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved after corrections were brought forth. Paul Bahnmaier suggested the agendas and minutes be routinely sent to the Missouri counties that may become part of this National Heritage Area. Martha Parker announced the July 13 meeting will be held at the Clinton Presbyterian Church rather than at the museum.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Martha Parker, treasurer, reported a balance from May as \$1566.70. This month's interest was \$.54 making a current balance of \$1567.24.

Legislative Update

The BKNHA bill in the U.S. House is waiting for suspension. This is due to the change that was made to add Jefferson, Osage, and Montgomery Counties in Kansas. This is in addition to previous Kansas and Missouri counties listed in the bill.

Tour Committee Report by Arnold Schofield

The heritage tour strategy will be to design tours that will include the whole area. Terry Ramsey is planning Missouri Civil War tours that are to be a part of the Civil War sesquicentennial events in that state.

The Tour Committee meets on June 22 at the Lawrence Visitors Center. Interested parties may contact Don Traub at don@traubdesignassociates.com

Website

The updating is imperative. Judy Billings called for volunteers to help build an updated website.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Development Institute (HDI)

Judy Billings told about the Heritage Development Institute and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. Middle Tennessee State University is the location of both of these organizations.

Judy Randall and Associates may work with BKNHA through Becky Blakely and Cheryl Hargrove of the Kansas State Tourism office.

Beginning a Management Plan by Sue Pridemore, NPS-Omaha office

Sue Pridemore introduced 20 questions that need to be answered by the BKNHA committee in order to form a management plan. This will be approximately a 3 year process. Documenting this process will provide long-term guidelines. An important goal is education of residents of the 27+ county areas so they will be knowledgeable hosts.

Committee groups were formed to hold discussions on 3 different topics. Individuals in attendance were free to choose the committee they preferred to serve on. The committees are as follows:

#1 Resources and Landscapes

Facilitator-

Scribe-

This committee will be concerned with natural resources, the landscape, and why significant heritage sites developed where they did. This committee will develop the story of the connection between natural resources and events in the history of the BKNHA.

#2 Civic Engagement

Facilitator-Katie Carlgren-Wabaunsee Co. Eco. Devo. Dir.

Scribe-Sally Hatcher-Leavenworth County

The Civic Engagement Committee is charged with developing various means to communicate the essence of our NHA and its implications. This committee will also identify those in any community within the Heritage Area who need to understand and participate in the BKNHA process.

#3 Missouri Bridges

Facilitator-

Scribe-

These members will develop aids for counties in Kansas and Missouri that have not participated in the process so far. This may include research requirements and participation requirements. This will be a temporary committee, unlike #1 and #2. Opposing views are to be respected.

Julie Mulvihill, Kansas Humanities, offered to put together a 'blog' type website for all committees to communicate further thoughts regarding the 3 topics.

Trademark Committee-no report

Partner Site Designation-John Nichols

This report will be distributed later via e-mail. It will have the 6 themes of BKNHA prioritized. The term 'military' is to be used in place of Civil War. The acceptance of this report will be voted on at the July meeting.

Announcements

1. Judy Billings announced Olivia Parrish of Wamego won the FFHA student award with her work, John Brown Takes A Stand.
2. A Kansas Archivist workshop will be held on July 13.
3. The Kansas State Tourism department will now publish a 2-year visitor's guide instead of revamping it every year. The decision to pay to advertise in the next issue must be made by July 15.
4. Paul Bahnmaier reported all KSHS Historic Sites will now be closed to drop-in visitors from December 1 to February 28. However, they will be staffed and may be visited by appointment. Hours during the other 9 months will be expanded to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
5. August 28--- Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Osawatomie. Joyce Thierry and Ann Birney Ride Through History re-enactors, will be featured.
6. June 9&10---Echoes of The Trail at the Fort Scott Community College.
7. June 9&10---Humboldt Civil War Days
8. June 9&10---Lansing Daze, Tonganoxie Days
9. July 1---19th Century baseball at the Mahaffie Farmstead, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
10. Jessica Johnson announced she is writing a guidebook to Civil War days. She can be contacted at jeslea@yahoo.com
11. Julie Mulvihill announced the American Society of State and Local History will be conducting a study of small museums with regard to funding and guidance needs.
12. June 24 & 25---Ottawa-Carnegie Art Center-Cowboy culture, art, and crafts.
13. June 30---Fredonia-The Great Race. Also, ice cream and pie available.
14. Aug. 5---Old Shawnee Town Sesquicentennial-Go to www.Shawnee150.com
15. July 4---Merriam-I-35 and Shawnee Mission Parkway-Memorial to servicemen and women. Healingfield.org/Merriam