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**Bicentennial Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 9, 2010**

Co-Chairman Frank DeWolf thanked everyone for attending and introduced Executive Committee Co-Chairman Donald Faulhaber, Mayor Jerry N. Hruby and Council President Larry Potla - Advisors, and Councilman Lou Carouse. He welcomed past members that have been attending Bicentennial Committee meetings for the past year and said that a lot has been accomplished and there is a lot more to do in the next six months.

The Brecksville Bicentennial celebration will kick off with a Christmas parade on December 5, 2010. Two Bicentennial events are scheduled over the next few weeks. There will be a Silent Auction held during the Brecksville Home Days weekend on June 26-27-28, 2010, and Bicentennial commemorative items will be sold at the City booth during the Home Days celebration.

Co-Chairman DeWolf said that the Bicentennial Committee has three new members. He thanked them for attending the meeting and asked them to tell a little bit about themselves. Bob Pech said that he has resided in Brecksville since 1972 and that he offered to act as Chairman of the Car Show. The event will be held in front of the Central School on Saturday during the 2011 Brecksville Home Days and there will be 150 cars on display. Mr. Pech is also working with the Parade Committee to get enough volunteers to fill the committees and host other events that will be tied into the Car Show. Co-Chairman DeWolf thanked Mr. Pech on behalf of the Bicentennial Committee for doing a fine job. Councilman Lou Carouse said that he has been a resident for 53 years and that he is working with his sisters who are Co-Chairs of the Silent Auction that will be held during the Brecksville Home Days celebration. Pat Butler introduced herself and said that she has been a resident since 1957.

Co-Chairman DeWolf asked anyone that has not filled out a Bicentennial Committee membership form to please do so that they will be added to the distribution list to receive meeting minutes and notices. Thus far, there are 125 Bicentennial Committee members.

Nancy Borisz and Lorrie Huefner volunteered to Co-Chair the Civil War Re-enactment event which will take place at the Broadview Hts. city complex in August 2011. This committee also needs volunteers. Co-Chairman DeWolf said that there will be slides of a Civil War Re-enactment in Burton, OH at the end of the PowerPoint presentation this evening. He said that there are other Civil War Re-enactments scheduled in Northeast Ohio through October, and one is scheduled in East Harbor this coming weekend, June 12-13. The battle will take place on Saturday from 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. and on Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Pictures were distributed.

Co-Chairman Faulhaber distributed an updated 2011 Brecksville Bicentennial Calendar of Events and noted that some events listed are not yet confirmed. The calendar will be available in the Home Days booths. He said that the Bicentennial Committee is grateful to the Co-Chairs of the Civil War Re-Enactment Committee and again noted that the committee is looking for new members.

Co-Chairman DeWolf said that the purpose of the monthly Bicentennial Committee meetings is to communicate the hard work that has been done each month by the committees and standing committees and that this is the time when questions are answered and progress is shared.

Publicity and Graphics Committee

The Bicentennial Committee was shown a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Jinny Farr, Chairwoman of the Publicity and Graphics Committee. The presentation included slides of the following promotional items that will be sold or given away.

- Theme of promotional items: Countdown to Bicentennial – Signs have been placed around town
- Two-color T-shirts containing the City of Brecksville and Brecksville Bicentennial logos will be given away during Brecksville Home Days.
- Silent Auction – a gigantic banner will be placed on the railing of the Old Town Hall to promote the Silent Auction that will be held June 25-27, 2010.
- Bicentennial promotional items to be sold (the Executive Committee decided on the items and prices at the June 4, 2010 meeting): Navy blue baseball caps - \$12.00; zippered hoodies in red, white and blue - \$27.00; Long sleeved polo shirts in red, white and blue - \$20.00; Short sleeved polo shirts in red, white and blue - \$18.00; Insulated grocery totes in red and navy - \$5.00.

The procedure for selling Bicentennial promotional items at Brecksville Home Days was explained. Two volunteers per shift are needed to staff the City booth for the following shifts: Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; Saturday from 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. There will be a \$200.00 locked cash box, inventory spreadsheet, and revenue deposit form. Each shift must verify what has been sold and that cash collected is accurate after \$200.00 has been left in the cash box. Each shift will give an envelope containing the proceeds of sales to a specified City official who will secure the money in a safe location. Cash and checks only will be accepted for purchases made during Home Days. Jinny Farr will provide written procedures for volunteers who are staffing the City booth. A sign-up sheet was circulated this evening and additional volunteers will be sought if needed to man the booth. Brecksville Bicentennial promotional items will also be sold at the Community Center and Human Services Center and online via the City web site (credit cards can be used for online purchases.)

Chairwoman Farr said that the Publicity and Graphics Committee has decided to meet once every other month on Tuesday evening: the next meeting is July 6th. The committee has six members and needs additional members.

Historian Committee

Chairwoman Jo Ann Bartsch said that the committee has not met since the last Committee of the Whole meeting. She said that the committee is working on five different projects and gave a re-cap of her report from the last meeting.

Historical Program Series: All are invited to attend a dry run of the second presentation in the Historical Program Series - "I Know That Place" - at 7:00 P.M. on July 26th at the Brecksville Library. There will be four presentations in the Historical Program Series: the dates are shown on the Bicentennial calendar of events.

Family Memory Book Project: Forms will be placed on the City website and hard copies will also be available at the City's Home Days booth, the Community Center, Human Services Center, and at City Hall. Those interested are encouraged to preserve their family history by filling out the form and returning it to the Brecksville Historical Association.

Adult Commemorative Book: A meeting will be held on June 14th at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall at which time the committee will be finishing the outline and starting to make assignments. If there is a topic that someone would like to see included in the book and the person is willing to do a little research they are welcome to join the committee at the upcoming meeting.

Child Activity Book: This project will be discussed at the June 14th meeting.

200th Birthday Book: Children will be invited to participate starting in April 2011. The project will be advertised.

Next Meeting: The Historian Committee meets on the last Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M., and the next meeting is June 28th.

Events Committee

Chairwoman Lynda Sabat reported that the Events Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, July 21st and gave the following reports on behalf of the sub-committees.

Bicentennial Ball: The Bicentennial Ball Committee has made most of its major decisions. A contract has been signed for the venue - Embassy Suites in Independence - and the band and valet service have been chosen. The event is scheduled on February 5, 2011. The committee is trying to keep the cost of the tickets at \$100.00 each. The Bicentennial Ball Committee will hold its next meeting on September 14th.

Home and Garden Tour: The Brecksville Beautification Committee is sponsoring this event on June 12, 2011.

Car Show: The event will be held on June 25, 2011 in conjunction with the parade and Home Days celebration. The committee is seeking sponsors and plans to present awards and trophies. It is hoped that special cars will be available for the event.

Parades Committee: Chairman Rudy Rosales said that everything is moving along as planned. The committee is starting to look at tractors and other items of interest to include in the parade and the first mailing to potential parade participants will go out in July 2010. L. Sabat said that there is a free parade this Saturday, June 12th, at University Circle called Parade the Circle and suggested that those interested in attending arrive by 11:00 A.M. She said that it is a great parade with very clever and elaborate costumes and that Brecksville hopes to get some of the participants to take part in the Bicentennial Parade.

Silent Auction: Volunteers are needed to get things moving for the Silent Auction that will be held during the 2010 Brecksville Home Days weekend. Donation forms are available at the Community Center and Human

Services Department. Co-Chairwoman D. Hutchison said that the committee has copies of a flyer that can be used to solicit donations from individuals or businesses. The hours of the Silent Auction have been expanded to include the pancake breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. The committee is excited about pieces of Brecksville-themed artwork that Mayor Hruby has donated for the Silent Auction, and all auction items will be sold through RecTrac. The Silent Auction Committee will meet immediately after this evening's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Grant: K. Lazar reported that the City was not awarded a State Farm grant and that she is looking into a Lion's Club grant.

Theatrical and Entertainment Committee

Music Man Production: The committee met yesterday. All three theater groups are collaborating on the production of "Music Man" and they are waiting for the rights to produce the show which will be held at the BBH High School Auditorium. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000, and there are 200 cast members in the production. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 years and under. The Theatrical and Entertainment Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Community Choir: Donna Box suggests having a Community Choir event in November 2011 in conjunction with the local churches to celebrate All Saints Eve.

Civil War Re-Enactment: Nancy Borisz and Lorrie Huefner are Co-Chairs of the Civil War Re-Enactment event that will be held at the Broadview Heights City complex in August 2011. The production includes 200 people playing Civil War characters and a full encampment including cavalry and artillery.

Executive Committee Co-Chairman DeWolf went to a Civil War Re-enactment over Memorial Day weekend to get a feel for what to expect for the Brecksville Bicentennial. He met with the Union General and saw firsthand that the weekend event is very authentic and elaborate, down to a general store (sutler tent), and that it takes much more work than was originally thought. The Civil War battles last about an hour, and there are two battles staged over the weekend. Pictures of the recent Civil War Re-Enactment in Burton, OH were distributed.

Projects Committee

Chairman Brant Giere reported that the committee is currently working on two projects.

Transportation Weekend/Show: The Transportation Weekend/Show is planned to be held in conjunction with 2011 Home Days. The Car show will be on Saturday, June 25, and the Transportation Show on June 26. Farm equipment, motorcycles, tractors, carriage buggies, tools, etc. will be displayed in front of the Central School and possibly a canal boat, as well.

Bicentennial Quilt: Colleen Powers introduced herself and said that she has been a resident of Brecksville since March 2009 and is also a member of the Western Reserve Quilt Guild. The guild would like to donate a quilt to the City of Brecksville in honor of its Bicentennial year and will supply all materials and labor. The quilt will be quite large (takes up a whole wall) and consist of 25 star blocks and 24 flag blocks. Up to 200 residents will be able to have their surname embroidered into the white stripes of the quilt for an amount yet to be determined (probably \$20). Sale forms will be available at the City booth during the 2010 Brecksville Home Days and purchases can also be made at the Community Center and Human Services Center through RecTrac. The Western Reserve Quilt Guild will start construction of the Brecksville Bicentennial quilt as soon as the names become available. The group plans to complete the quilt by the 2011 Brecksville Home Days. All monies collected for the quilt project will go to the Brecksville Bicentennial.

John Shepherd Commemoration: The Bicentennial Committee was informed about the John Shepherd Commemoration Service to be held in North Royalton, Ohio on June 26-27, 2010. Co-Chairman Faulhaber said

that there will be a pancake breakfast followed by a parade that will go to the cemetery for a service. John Shepherd (1729-1847) is the last known survivor of Braddock's Defeat on July 9, 1755 and the Longest Lived Soldier of the American Revolution – Age 117 years, 9 months.

2010 Broadview Heights Home Days: Co-Chairman Faulhaber said that the Bicentennial Committee will not be having another meeting before the Brecksville (June 25-27) and Broadview Heights (July 8-11) Home Days. The Brecksville Bicentennial Committee is sharing a booth with the Broadview Heights Historical Association at the Broadview Heights Home Days and volunteers are needed to work at the booth the weekend of July 8-11. A sign-up sheet will be circulated to work the Broadview Heights Home Days booth and additional volunteers will be solicited, if necessary.

Kelley Circus: The Kelley Circus will be appearing in Richfield, OH on Saturday, July 31st. Set-up of the circus starts at 8:00 A.M. and there will be three performances throughout the day and evening. The Bicentennial Committee is trying to contract the circus for the Brecksville Bicentennial in August 2011. Co-Chairman Faulhaber stated that a tent circus was held in Broadview Heights during the 1950's and was sponsored by the American Legion.

Mayor's Comments

2010 Brecksville Home Days: Mayor Hruby said that the 2010 Brecksville Home Days should be quite interesting. Colonel Michael Good and his wife, both graduates of BBHHS, are in town to attend their class reunion and alumni events over Home Days weekend. Colonel Good will be making a presentation to the City of Brecksville of items he took into space with him on his last mission. Colonel Good has also been invited to participate in the 2011 Brecksville Bicentennial parade but it is not known at this time if his schedule will permit him to do so.

2010 Bicentennial Kick-off Christmas Parade: The City will be organizing the parade with the assistance of the Packard family. City officials met with Parades Committee member Neil Brennan to determine the parade route and other details. The Mayor said that it would be nice if the Bicentennial Committee was able to participate in the parade. The 2010 Christmas parade will step off at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 5th. The parade will start at SR-82 and SR-21 in the center of town and proceed to City Hall. A Christmas show and tree lighting ceremony are planned, as well as a fireworks display. Further details will be forthcoming.

Bicentennial Quilt: Mayor Hruby said that the City is excited about the Bicentennial quilt that will be donated by the Western Reserve Quilt Guild. He said that the Brecksville Women's Club gave a historic themed quilt to the City many years ago. The quilt was framed and still hangs in the lower level of City Hall. The Mayor said that the Brecksville Historical Association will be asked if they want to display the Bicentennial quilt or that it might be hung at a City building. In any event, the Bicentennial quilt will have a place of prominence in the City.

Brecksville Bicentennial: The Mayor said that the town is getting excited about Bicentennial events being planned and that more people are needed to volunteer on committees. He said that the City appreciates the hard work of the committee chairpersons and that it is a labor of love. He recognized Executive Committee Co-Chairmen Faulhaber and DeWolf and thanked them for their leadership.

Historic-Themed Deck of Playing Cards: Sylvia Fowler was welcomed back after being out of town and asked for the status of the project. Mrs. Fowler reported that she needs photos for the playing cards that have been purchased as soon as possible. Eleven people are on a waiting list to purchase playing cards.

Historic-Themed Deck of Playing Cards (continued): The question was raised whether a second deck of cards could be sold. The committee was advised that there is a lot of work yet to do on finishing the first deck and that the Projects Committee does not want to start a second deck until the first deck is completely finished. Co-Chairman DeWolf said that the Bicentennial Committee should take into consideration that this fundraiser involves more than selling playing cards to individuals that want to place a photo on a card: once the deck is complete, there will be 1000 decks of cards to sell. He said that selling 2000 decks of card would be much more difficult. If anyone knows of someone still interested in purchasing playing cards, let Sylvia Fowler know as this will help in making a decision on whether to sell a second deck.

Other matters: Colleen Powers asked whether the Bicentennial Committee has considered enlisting the help of students that need community service hours. Co-Chairman DeWolf responded that Kelly Lazaar mentioned the same idea and was to consult the high school guidance counselors. He will follow up with her.

Co-Chairman DeWolf said that more volunteers are needed and invited those interested to sign up to help with the Silent Auction or to work at the City's Home Days booth.

Motion by Frank Wilson, seconded by Nancy Borisz, and carried to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:10 P.M.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on July 14th at 7:00 P.M.

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Co-Chairman Frank DeWolf

Co-Chairman Donald Faulhaber