# SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING 

## SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

FACILITATOR -
CYNTHIA ELMORE, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
PRESENTERS -
LAURA KINSELL-BAER/ASHLEY FOELL, MCCORMACK, BARON, SALAZAR
DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM
ANNE BADER, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY
KATHLEEN O'NEILIPAM BISCHOFF, LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Vision Russell Project Overview

- People
- Housing
- Education
- Neighborhood



## Area of

 Potential Effect

## Beecher Terrace Historic District



Public Residential Units


Baxter Community Center

## Project Time Line

## Stage I

Section 106 Compliance Phase 1-3

Demolition Phase 1-3

Construction Phase 1-7

Relocation Phase 1-3

## Stage I: Demolition Update

Beecher Terrace Demolition Plan - Revised 4-2-2019


## 450 Roy Wilkins Ave. Update



# Construction Progress 

Feb- 2020



Phase 3
Phase 1
Senior Building


## Beecher 3 Rendering

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## Beecher Phasing Site Plan



BEECHER TERRACE SITE PLAN - PHASING

## WESTERN ARCHIVES

Natalie Woods - Branch Manager



## THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY



## THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY: LOUISVILLE METRO TV

- The Beecher Terrace Story: Program Schedule with airdates.
- https://louisvilleky.gov/government /metrotv/metrotv-programschedule
- The Beecher Terrace Story: Preview Interview
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v
metro ${ }^{\text {tv }}$

MetroTV Program Schedule



## THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY: KET



The documentary examines the history of the Beecher Terrace public housing community and the role it played in the development of the Russell neighborhood in Louisville.
https://www.ket.org/program/beecher-terrace-story/the-beecher-terrace-story/

Airdates:

Monday September 7, 2020 9:00 pm ET on KETKY Thursday September 10, 2020 7:30 pm ET on KETKY Friday September 25, 2020 8:00 pm ET on KETKY
https://www.leoweekly.com/event/beecher-terrace-story/

## The Beecher Terrace Story: Phase 2

- Things are moving quickly in the new Beecher Terrace community.
- There is a lot conversation surrounding the Russell neighborhood and the revitalization efforts - both positive and negative, and potential unintended consequences.
- I would like to host community events and conversations when the COVID-19 pandemic subsides to inform the community.
- I have received a lot of interest in continuing the Beecher Terrace Story and discussing the Gentrification vs. Revitalization efforts since the Breonna Taylor case has come to light.


# THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY 

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## LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

# Cornerstones of Russell 

Progress Report for
June 2020 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting


Rev. A.D. King, brother of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking at a rally for open housing. Rev. King was pastor of Zion Baptist Church at 2200 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. from 1965 to 1968.


American Baptist newspaper grand opening of new offices at 1715 W . Chestnut St., Oct. 1964.


A gathering of beauticians and barbers.



The authors of The Fights We Fought Have Brought Us Here-all are Central High students or recent graduates (classes of 2020 \& 2021). Publication date: Nov. 2020.

## Work completed this past quarter

- Continued outreach to current Russell residents and people with deep historic ties to Russell
- Resumed photo scanning process after having to put that on hold for a few months
- Russell residents generated 55 pages of new writing
- Ready to launch social media project that will reunite some families with longlost photographs and make meaningful connections and generate rich narratives from people who are not the "usual suspects" - still determining the timing, but soon
- The young authors in our Central High School class completed their book, The Fights We Fought Have Brought Us Here. Though their book does not focus on Russell history, it's a compelling record of the lives of present-day Central students. This was our top priority during this past quarter and we spent a lot of time working with them to get to the finish line. Book design process has begun and we will publish in November.


## Work slated for the upcoming quarter

- Much heavier outreach via phone and video than we have been doing over the past five months.
- Begin piloting and refining approaches to developing new content remotely - recording video interviews, soliciting input using social media and other technological tools, etc.
- Turn more attention to working with contributors to edit/shape more polished material from the material that has been generated so far.
- Conduct more historical/archival research.
- Launch social media photo-reunion project.
- Publish book by Central High School students in November.


## Data Recovery / Public Participation

## Anne Bader

## BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

Corn Island Archaeology LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm in Jeffersontown, is currently conducting archaeological investigations at Beecher Terrace. Their work is a necessary part of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant that was awarded to Louisville in December 2016. Grant dollars, along with additional funding, will be used to relocate Beecher households, raze the
existing buildings and redevelop the site into a new energ--fficient, mixed-income housing communty existing buildings and redevelop the site into a new energ-efficient, mixed-income housing community Archeological work first began in January 2017 when preeiminary excavations were done across the
site. The buried objects (artifacts) found during Corn Island's initial work demonstrated that Beecher is eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. After a year- long consultation process, further study was approved for the site.

Before Beecher Terrace was developed in 1939, the 31.4 acre site contained more than 380 historic lots on its 12 blocks. A sample of these lots have been selected for further excavation. The majority of the work will occur within the archaeological site designated "15JF923". Numerous buried structures, commercial buildings, are located within this area.
Lots were chosen to sample segments of the population that once lived in the area. deed records have provided the names, occupations, and ethnicities of the former occupants, with included both eastern and western European immigrants, African American professionals, and native-bor ericans.

A major objective of the current archaeological project is to tell the story of specific individuals and families, especially of the multiple educated professional
 African Americans who contributed to this

ommunity. The stories of eastern European immigrants will also be examined
Together, information on these two groups will fill a gap in the data on Louisville's historic population.
The artifacts recovered during this project will be washed, labeled, and stored at the University of Louissille to be available for future study. Some of the artifacts will go on display here at Beecher Terrace.
To learn more about this project, please go to uwv.VisionRiussell. org where regular updates will be provided. Information on when you can visit the site to learn more from the archaeelogists' work will be posted on website. You can also watch for updates and news on the Facebook page for Corn Island Archaeology.


Corn sland Archeologists
at worki in an excavation trench
Recovered antifictst ready
for washing and catologuing


## LOT 12

| Lot Number/ Historic Address | Privies Identified | Privies excavated | Other features | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lot 8/ <br> 1225 W Walnut | 2 (1 W-L, 1 Brick) | 1 (W-L) | 20 | Brick privy destroyed, Euro-American |
| Lot 9/ <br> 1209 W. Walnut | 0 | 0 | 11 | Heavily disturbed, Euro-American |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Lot } 10 / \\ 714-716 \text { S } 12^{\text {th }} \text { St } \end{gathered}$ | 4 (1 W-L, 3 Brick) | 4 | 19 | Immigrant |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Lot 11/ } \\ 712 \text { S 12 }{ }^{\text {th }} \text { St } \end{gathered}$ | 2 (Brick) | 2 | 4 | Black Professional |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Lot 12/ } \\ 708 \text { S 12th St } \end{gathered}$ | 7 (6 W-L, 1 Brick) | 7 (WL)/1 (Brick) | 63 | Black Professional |
| Lot 13/ <br> 604 Clean Alley | 4 (2 W-L, 2 Brick) | 3 | 0 | Black working Class - One privy destroyed (Brick) |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Lot } 14 / \\ 619 \text { S. } 13^{\text {th }} \text { St } \end{gathered}$ | 3 (1 W-L, 2 Brick) | 3 | 10 | Black Professional |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Lot 15/ } \\ 627 \text { S. } 13^{\text {th }} \text { St } \end{gathered}$ | 4 (3 W-L, 1 Brick) | 4 | 117 | Euro-American alternate for Lot 9 |
| Lot 16/ <br> 1204 W Jefferson St | 2 (1 W-L, 1 Brick) | 0 | 71 (Still counting...) | Euro-American |

## Summary of Findings to Date

- 28 privies found; 25 privies excavated
- 15 were older wood-lined vaults
- Two are in Block 10
- 244 other features photographed and mapped
- Cisterns, sidewalks, posts, foundations, etc.
- 71+ are in Block 10
- Of the 8 lots examined, 5 were related to the Black occupation
- 3 professional African Americans
- 2 working class Black
- 4 European immigrant lots





## Reverend Anora Martin - 419 (formerly 619) 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street

Anora/Annora/Anna or Ellenor Martin lived in the project area from 19101922. An African American woman, Anora was born in 1864 in Louisville to John and Davella (Ormsby) Ward. No record of her marriage could be located; she was widowed and without children by the time she lived on the $13^{\text {th }}$ Street lot. According to the Christian Faith Band Tabernacle Church (http://elderckeene.tripod.com/), Ellenor Martin founded the parish in 1889.

The earliest census record located for Reverend Martin is in 1910, where she is listed at 419 (formerly 619) $13^{\text {th }}$ Street as a 45 -year-old minister. Though she had no biological children, she had adopted at least three who were living with her at that time. Charles Curl, 30, is listed as Anora's son, and worked as an embalmer. His wife, Elizabeth, was two years his elder and did the family's housekeeping. The two youngest adoptees were Corine and Gertrude Simpson, ages ten and five, respectively. The household in 1920 consisted of Anora, Corine, and Gertrude (all under the last name Martin at that time), and a 35 -year-old widow named Lilly Smith who roomed with the family and worked as a laundress.

At the time of her death in 1933, Anora was living on the 2100 block of Walnut Street. She died at the age of 69 of acute apoplexy contributed to by chronic nephritis. She was buried in Louisville Cemetery.



Ben Nitzken was the second of three John Bernard Nitzkens in his family. The first was his father and the third, his son. Ben I was a wood sawyer born in 1794. The family came from the Hanover region of Germany in 1859 and were living in Louisville Ward 2 by 1860. Although Ben Nitzken II registered for the Civil War draft in 1863 as "married", his marriage record dates to the following year. He married Mary Mathes/Mathais. The family moved to the lot on $13^{\text {th }}$ Street between 1870 and 1880. In 1880, Ben II worked as a laborer. The family lived at the site for over 20 years.

John Nitzken (b. 1960), grandson of Sylvester, great-grandson of Henry Sr., and great-great-grandson of Ben and Teresa Nitzken - St. Xavier High School yearbook photo, 1976 (Junior year)


We are currently working with the University of Louisville Department of Anthropology and the Department of Pan African Studies. We have a 400-level course offered this semester for college credit. We have invited students of Black and other cultural backgrounds to become involved in our research through this internship. They will be visiting the excavations, and viewing the artifacts at our offices, as well as preparing a story of the residents assigned to them to research.


## KENTUCKY ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- Inviting folks, by appointment, to come out to the excavations on Fridays in September. CDC guidelines will be followed, and the numbers limited.
- Inviting people to visit, by appointment, Corn Island's office on Wednesdays in September, to look at some of the artifacts recovered from the investigations.
- YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO COME!


Frazier
> Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum

- Elementary, Middle, High School
> Artifact Learning Kits
$>$ Exhibit at Frazier History Museum
> Permanent Installation at new Beecher Terrace
$>$ Summer Archaeology Camp at Frazier Museum


## Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings
First Thursday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

- Early December 2020 - Thursday, December 3, 2020
- Early March 2021 - Thursday, March 4, 2021
- Early June 2020 - Thursday, June 3, 2021
- Early September 2020 - Thursday, September 2, 2020


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