

**Policy Statement**

**Indian Hill Historical Museum Association  
d.b.a.  
The Indian Hill Historical Society**

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**Subject: Bonnell House / Buckingham Lodge**

See minutes for 1987 re: saving Bonnell House.

6/23/1987: Resolution proposed and sent to Council to ask Village to suspend razing the building.

9/1/1987: Voted to exert whatever effort necessary to save house.

9/28/1987: See Statement in Opposition to destruction of Bonnell House. (within minutes 10/6/87)

10/6/1987: Investigated leasing house and obtained estimates for repairs to roof, etc.

1/5/1988: Village Council Grounds Committee considering what to do with Bonnell House.

3/1/1988: Meeting with Village Council re: Bonnell House.

5/3/1988: Village Council states it would be willing to provide the money earmarked for razing and proposed pavilion to be used toward renovation of Bonnell House.

6/27/1988: Voted to raise funds to renovate and maintain Bonnell House / Buckingham Lodge. Village requires that these funds be obtained by 12/19/88.

8/22/1988: Decided Buckingham Lodge to be used as offices for IHHS. Village to provide \$35,000 to repair the outside, and IHHS to raise additional funds to repair interior.

9/6/1988: Plans for 9/18/88 Lawn Party at Buckingham Lodge – a fund raiser for renovating the Lodge. Fund raising continuing.

10/3/1988: Lease being negotiated with Village for Buckingham Lodge.  
Estimate cost of renovation: \$60,000 - \$66,000.

11/1/1988: Fund raising reaches total of \$28,890.  
Tall Stacks profits used to purchase large historic market for front lawn of

## Buckingham Lodge

2/7/1989: Decision to move only office and library of IHHS to Buckingham Lodge

6/6/1989: Indian Hill Garden Club offered to start landscaping of Lodge.  
Building permit applied for on May 11. Approval expected soon.

4/10/1990: Buckingham Lodge ready for painting.

7/1990: Move completed to Buckingham Lodge.

*Ed. Note: Bonnell Fund I raised \$32,092.50 by 8/27/90*

9/4/1990: Bonnell House Fund II instituted to cover balance of money needed to complete Buckingham Lodge project.  
Executive Committee recommended that Buckingham Lodge should not be rented, and suggested the décor to be 19<sup>th</sup> century.

9/16/1990: Buckingham Lodge Dedication.

11/13/1990: Bonnell Fund II letters to members soliciting the \$5,000 needed to complete the project.

12/11/1990: Bonnell Fund II has reached \$7,700.  
IHHS received award for Buckingham Lodge renovation.  
Rental of Buckingham Lodge approved by Board, but with reservations.

2/21/1991: Bonnell Fund II at \$10,500, with almost all donations coming from members (one non-member).

*Ed. Note: Bonnell Fund II raised about \$13,075.*

4/28/1991: IH Village contributed \$35,000 and IHHS Raised \$46,000 for project.

8/13/1991: Discussion re: renting Buckingham Lodge for overnight guests of members.  
Deferred decision. (Approved in 1995 with adoption of amended rental policy.)  
(See Building Rental Policy Statement)

9/10/1991: Back porch decision was to “resurface” the concrete porch with wooden deck with railing. Cistern to be removed.

1/14/1992: Voted to use \$4,000 balance in Bonnell Fund II to finish Lodge and for landscaping, and also use funds for maintenance

4/7/1992: Landscaping plan drawn up for Bonnell House by Len Thomas, and approval was given to use funds from Bonnell Fund II.

10/13/1992: Balance of Bonnell Fund II put into general checking account since project construction completed.