

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
MEETING AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

Kansas Historical Society
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Kansas Historical Society - Virtual Meeting

February 3, 2024 9:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Heritage Trust Fund report
- IV. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2023 meeting
- V. Consideration of Nominations to both the National & State Register
(* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
 1. Guild, William R, House – Hiawatha, Brown County
KHRI # 013-2450-00045
 2. Matfield Green High School Gym – Matfield Green, Chase County
KHRI # 017-453
 3. Carver Social League – Pittsburg, Crawford County
KHRI # 037-535
 4. Hotel Josephine – Holton, Jackson County
KHRI # 085-168
 5. Oakwood Cemetery – Parsons, Labette County
KHRI # 099-246
 6. Vermillion United Methodist Church – Vermillion, Marshall County
KHRI # 117-320
 7. Stamey Hotel – Hutchinson, Reno County*
KHRI # 155-2660-00162
 8. Downtown Kansas City Commercial District – Kansas City, Wyandotte County*
KHRI # --
 9. Schmotz, Frank & Agnes, Farmstead – Bonner Springs, Wyandotte County
KHRI # 209-2655
- VI. Consideration of Nominations to the State Register
 1. Madam C.J. Walker School – Merriam, Johnson County
KHRI # 091-3645-00135
 2. Del Monte Apartments – Topeka, Shawnee County*
KHRI # 177-5110
- VII. Other Business
 1. Meetings: June 1, 2024, October 5, 2024
- VIII. Adjournment

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting

February 3, 2024

Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS

Board Members

Present: Patrick Zollner – State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Mary McMurray, Laura Murphy, Jean Schodorf (Vice-Chair), Whitley Stephens, Dana Williamson, and Kerry Wynn.

Absent: Terry Marmet, Jay Price (Chair), Mark Kelly

A quorum was established.

Staff

Present: Patrick Zollner – Executive Director, Katrina Ringler – CRD Director, Lauren Jones, Mallory Aye, Robert Elder, Kristen Johnston, Christopher Leitch, and Ron VanBuskirk.

HSBR Work Session

HSBR held a work session led by Katrina Ringler (KSHS staff) regarding Heritage Trust Fund grants. The work session started at 9:01 am and ended at 9:28 am.

Proceedings

Vice Chair Jean Schodorf called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. She asked KSHS staff member Katrina to provide instructions on navigating the Webinar menu and participating in the meeting. Schodorf asked for introductions from Board members.

Approval of Minutes

Patrick Zollner made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared; Kerry Wynn seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of November 4, 2023.

KHS & Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner reported about items happening at the historical society.

Katrina Ringler reported about the Cultural Resources Division.

William and Augusta Guild House – Hiawatha, Brown County

Criteria A & C: Social History, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1915-1957

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 C buildings

Prepared & presented by: Dale Nimz

Summary: The property is eligible for its history and architecture.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Mary McMurray moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Kerry Wynn. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Mary McMurray moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register with revisions. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C: Social History & Architecture. Second: Kerry Wynn. 7 votes yes

Matfield Green High School Gymnasium – Matfield Green, Chase County

Criteria A & C: Education, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1929-1967

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 C building

Prepared by: SHPO Staff and Presented by: Kristen Johnston (SHPO Staff)

Summary: A good example of an education related gym.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Dana Williamson. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register with revisions. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A & C: Education and Architecture. Second: Jean Schodorf. 7 votes yes

Carver Social League – Pittsburg, Crawford County

Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage: Black, Social History

Period of Significance: 1951-1974

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 C building

Prepared by: Anna Anderson (SHPO Intern) Presented by: Kristen Johnston (SHPO Staff)

Summary: Great representative for African American social history in Pittsburg and Crawford County.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Laura Murphy. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register with revisions. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage: Black, Social History. Second: Laura Murphy. 7 votes yes

Hotel Josephine – Holton, Jackson County

Criterion A: Commerce

Period of significance: 1889-1923

Level of significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 C buildings

Prepared & presented by: John Sampson, Falk Architects

Summary: The building is a great example of a commercial building in Holton.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A: Commerce. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Oakwood Cemetery – Parsons, Labette County

Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement

Period of significance: 1872-1924

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 site

Prepared by: David Mattox, Historic Oakwood Presented by: Christopher Leitch (SHPO Staff)

Summary: The property is important for its association with early Parsons history.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Laura Murphy moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Laura Murphy moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Vermillion United Methodist Church – Vermillion, Marshall County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of significance: 1892, c1950-1965

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 C building

Prepared by: Mary Schafer, Audrey Broxterman and Presented by: Christopher Leitch (SHPO Staff)

Summary: Eligible for its Carpenter Gothic architectural style.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. Second: Kerry Wynn. 6 votes yes, Dana Williamson Absent

Motion 2: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion C: Architecture. Second: Kerry Wynn. 6 votes yes, Dana Williamson Absent

Hotel Stamey – Hutchinson, Reno County*

Criteria A & C: Commerce, Architecture

Period of significance: 1922-1963

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 C buildings

Prepared & presented by Spencer Preservation

Summary: Eligible for its design as a WWII Chapel. Though relocated off base, the historic purpose and design of the building is why it is eligible.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Dana Williamson moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Dana Williamson moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A and C: Commerce and Architecture. Second: Mary McMurray. 7 votes yes

Downtown Kansas City Kansas Historic District – Kansas City, Wyandotte County*

Criterion A: Commerce, Community Planning & Development

Period of significance: 1843-1980

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 85 C buildings, 26 NC buildings, 1 C site, 5 C structures, 1 C object, 10 previously listed

Prepared by: Cyanthia Ammerman, Randy Greeves (City of Kansas City)

Summary: The district is eligible for its community development and planning as it encompasses a large portion of the historic growth of the community including, education, commerce, religious, and government facilities.

Discussion: Kerry Wynn asked about the letter of objection from the Wyandotte Nation that is on file to see if there was any update. Randy Greeves said that they made attempts to reach out but have received no response. Randy said that they would continue to make efforts to engage with people who have any doubts or concerns. Kerry Wynn wondered from staff if they had any guidance on moving forward with an objection on file. Katrina said that they are considered as a property owner, so the nation would count as one vote. Laura Murphy asked Randy why he changed it from commercial district to historic district. Randy said calling it commercial would leave out many buildings that weren't commercial buildings.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Mary McMurray moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Whitley Stephens. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Mary McMurray moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register with revisions. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A: Community Planning Development. Second: Whitley Stephens. 7 votes yes

Frank and Agnes Schmotz Farmstead – Bonner Springs, Wyandotte County

Criteria A & C: Agriculture, Architecture

Period of significance: 1906-1970s

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 4 C buildings, 1 NC building, 1 C site, 2 C structures

Prepared by: Polis Cultural Planning, Cynthia Ammerman, Mariana Ruiz

Summary: The farmstead is representative of Kansas agricultural life in the area. Eligible under the [Historic Agriculture-Related Resource of Kansas MPDF](#).

Discussion: Cynthia Ammerman stated that the acres need to be updated on the nomination to include both parcels of land, so it would include the farm structures and the land. Patrick Zollner stated that we can only approve what is in the nomination and any update would have to be approved by the board at a later time.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Dana Williamson. 7 votes yes

Motion 2: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register with revisions. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A & C: Agriculture and Architecture. Second: Dana Williamson. 7 votes yes

Register of Historic Kansas Places nominations:

Walker School – Merriam, Johnson County

Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage: Black, Social History: Civil Rights

Period of Significance: 1947-1949

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 C building

Prepared & presented by: Rosin Preservation

Summary: The building is representative of early desegregation efforts in Kansas.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Mary McMurray moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with revisions. Second: Whitley Stephens. 7 votes yes

Del Monte Apartments – Topeka, Shawnee County*

Criteria A & C: Community Planning / Development, Architecture

Period of significance: 1922-1923

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 C building

Prepared and presented by: Spencer Preservation

Summary: The property is representative of the growth of Topeka and development of multi-family housing in the downtown area. It is also a unique property as it was built by the L.F. Garlinghouse Company.

SHPO Comment: Prepared by a consultant on behalf of the owner.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the board.

Public Discussion: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion 1: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board recommend the SHPO forward this removal request to the Keeper for delisting in the National Register. The property no longer meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A & C for Community Development and Architecture. Second: . 7 votes yes

Board Updates

- Terry Marmot is looking for his replacement.
- October 5, 2024 meeting will be in person in Topeka.

Next meeting: scheduled for June 1, 2024, on zoom.

Meeting Adjourned 12:17 pm.



APPROVED – June 1, 2024

Date Minutes were Approved

National Register Coordinator Signature