

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Meeting Agenda – Hybrid Meeting

*Kansas Historical Society, Museum Classrooms
6425 SW 6th Ave, Topeka & Zoom*

August 20, 2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2022 meeting
- IV. Consideration of National Register Nominations
(* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
 1. Claude & Alberta Brant House – Fort Scott, Bourbon County
KHRI # 011-712
 2. East Lawrence Industrial Historic District Expansion – Lawrence, Douglas County*
KHRI # --
 3. Shawnee Indian Cemetery – Shawnee, Johnson County
KHRI # 091-5090-00165
 4. Viking Manufacturing Company Building – Manhattan, Riley County*
KHRI # 161-3002
 5. Kress Building – Iola, Allen County
KHRI # 001-238
 6. Post Rock Multiple Property Documentation Form – statewide
 7. Behrhorst Hardware – Sylvan Grove, Lincoln County
KHRI # 105-5310-0004
 8. Nicholas Gernon House – Russell, Russell County
KHRI # 167-202
 9. Lucas School Gymnasium – Lucas, Russell County
KHRI # 167-231
- V. Consideration of State Register Nominations – None
- VI. Other Business
 1. Meetings: November 5; Dates for 2023
 2. Election of Officers
 3. Secondary Siding Discussion
- VII. Adjournment

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August 20, 2022

Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS

Board Members

Present: Patrick Zollner – Acting State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), John Hoopes, Mark Kelly, Terry Marmet, Mary McMurray, Jay Price, Jean Schodorf (9:32 am), Whitley Stephens (9:24 am), Edna Wagner, Dana Williamson, and Kerry Wynn.

A quorum was established.

Staff

Present: Mallory Aye, Bethany Falvey, Jamee Fiore, Kristen Johnston, Lauren Jones, Rick Anderson, and Katrina Ringler.

HSBR Work Session

HSBR held a work session led by Kristen Johnston (KSHS staff) regarding historic rehabilitation tax credits. The work session started at 9:01 am and ended at 9:28 am.

Proceedings

Chairman Jay Price called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. He asked KSHS staff member Jamee Fiore to provide instructions on navigating the Webinar menu and participating in the meeting. Price asked for introductions from Board members.

Approval of Minutes

Jean Schodorf made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared; Edna Wagner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 14, 2022.

Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner reported about the items happening at the historical society. He mentioned the museum redesign and closure including the lobby, new staff that have started in the Historic Preservation Office, and Bob Hoard's (State Archaeologist) retirement.

National Register of Historic Places nominations:

Claude & Alberta Brant House – Fort Scott, Bourbon County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1906-1936

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building

Prepared & presented by: Susan Jezak Ford

Summary: The eclectic house is significant for its Queen Anne and Neoclassical styles in Fort Scott. The Brants house has always been owner-occupied single-family use (with occasional boarders) and is one of the most intact historic residences in the area.

Discussion: Board member John Hoopes asked the consultant about Criterion B.

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

Motion: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended 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: Terry Marmet. 10 votes yes

East Lawrence Industrial Historic District Expansion – Lawrence, Douglas County*

Criterion A: Commerce, Industry, Community Planning/Development

Period of Significance: 1883-1971

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Prepared by: Amy Van de Riet

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Summary: The historic district was originally listed in the National Register on December 11, 2007. However, at the time, the property owners (for this property) did not want their building included within the boundary. The SHPO removed the property from the nominated boundary as it was across the street. The nomination is to now extend the boundary and include the Quonset hut within the district.

Discussion: Terry Marmet asked for clarification about the subsequent additions.

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

Motion: Jean Schoforf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended 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, Industry, Community Planning/Development. Second: Jay Price. 10 votes yes

Shawnee Indian Cemetery – Shawnee, Johnson County

Criteria A & B: Ethnic Heritage/Native American, Social History/Traditional Cultural History (Chief Joseph Parks)

Period of Significance: 1837- 1870

Level of Significance: Local & State

Resource Count: 1 site

Prepared & presented by: Susan Jezak Ford & Brian Byrd

Summary: The cemetery is significant for its association with the Shawnee Tribe's Traditional Cultural History. It is also the last extant property associated with Shawnee Tribe Chief Joseph Parks, his wife and his daughter, and Julia Ann Bluejacket, wife of prominent Shawnee leader Charles Bluejacket, their son, and daughter.

Discussion: Mark Kelly asked about potential unidentified plots beyond the boundaries of the cemetery. Mary McMurray read a comment from the Johnson County Museum's curator commending the nomination of early Johnson County

history and of the Shawnee Tribe. Brian Byrd of the Shawnee Tribe and co-author of the nomination spoke in support of the nomination and thanked SHPO staff, Susan Jezak Ford, and the City of Shawnee. Terry Marmet commended the transfer of the property back to the Shawnee Tribe.

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

Motion: Mary McMurray moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & B: Ethnic Heritage/Native American, Social History/Traditional Cultural History (Chief Joseph Parks). Second: Terry Marmet. 10 votes yes

Viking Manufacturing Company Building – Manhattan, Riley County

Criteria A & C: Industry, Architecture

Period of significance: 1946-1971

Level of significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building

Prepared & presented by: Spencer Preservation – Michelle Spencer

Summary: Important for industry and architecture, the building is an excellent mid-century modern building.

Discussion: There was no discussion from the board.

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

Motion: Terry Marmet moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C: Industry, Architecture. Second: Kerry Wynn. 10 votes yes

Kress Building – Iola, Allen County

Criteria A & C: Commerce, Architecture

Period of significance: 1909-1972

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 contributing building

Prepared & presented by: Spencer Preservation – Michelle Spencer

Summary: Designed and purpose-built by the Kress Company, Iola's Kress Building is an early example of corporate commercial architecture.

Discussion: There was no discussion from the board.

Public Discussion: Kate Schroeder, Thrive Allen County (property owner), spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion: Whitley Stephens moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper for listing in the National Register as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C: Commerce, Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner. 10 votes yes

There was a 10-minute break.

Post Rock Limestone Construction in Kansas: 1870-1948

Prepared and presented by: Urbana Preservation (Doug Kupel and Alex Baker)

Summary: Post rock limestone construction was a common building material during early settlement in Kansas. It is found in the Greenhorn Formation from northeast to southwest Kansas.

Discussion: Jean Schodorf asked for further clarification on how the MPDF differs from an individual nomination. Jamee Fiore provided clarification and gave examples of other MPDFs within the state. John Hoopes commended the document on differing the material as “post rock” versus just limestone. Jay Price suggested adding in other property types into the document, such as railroads and root cellars. He also suggested exploring adding a section on the techniques of quarrying and construction techniques of the post rock.

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

Motion: Jay Price moved that the Board accept the multiple property documentation form for Post Rock Limestone Properties in Kansas: 1870-1948 as a historic context for evaluating properties. Second: Dana Williamson. 10 votes yes

Behrhorst Brothers Hardware – Sylvan Grove, Lincoln County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of significance: 1905-1906

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 contributing building

Prepared & presented by: Urbana Preservation (Doug Kupel and Alex Baker)

Summary: Significant as a commercial building constructed from post rock limestone.

Discussion: There was no discussion from the board.

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

Motion: Jean Schodorf moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended 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: Whitley Stephens. 10 votes yes

Nicholas Gernon House – Russell, Russell County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of significance: 1872-1923

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 contributing building, 1 contributing object

Prepared & presented by: Urbana Preservation (Doug Kupel and Alex Baker)

Summary: Significant as a domestic building constructed from post rock limestone.

Discussion: There was no discussion from the board.

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

Motion: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended 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: Terry Marmet. 10 votes yes

Lucas School Gymnasium – Lucas, Russell County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of significance: 1948-1949, 1966

Level of significance: Local

Resource count: 1 contributing building

Prepared & presented by: Urbana Preservation (Doug Kupel and Alex Baker)

Summary: Significant as a commercial building constructed from post rock limestone.

Discussion: John Hoopes recommended including this property under the WPA MPDF too. Terry Marmet asked about registration requirements.

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

Motion: John Hoopes moved that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places; and recommended 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: Edna Wagner 10 votes yes

Other Business:

Meetings/Schedule for 2023:

February 4, 2023 (virtual); May 6, 2023 (in Independence, Kansas, as part of the 2023 Kansas Historic Preservation Conference); August 5, 2023 (virtual); November 4, 2023 (virtual)

Motioned: Jean Schodorf; Seconded: John Hoopes. 10 votes yes

Election of Officers:

Jay Price, Chair; Jean Schodorf, Vice Chair

Motioned: Mary McMurray; Seconded: Edna Wagner. 10 votes yes

Secondary Siding Discussion:

Jamee Fiore provided board members with the current secondary siding policy and a nomination example from the Houston Whiteside Historic District in Reno County, Kansas. Jamee Fiore gave an introduction about the current secondary siding policy (updated last in 2008) and provided examples from throughout the state. Alexis Abernathy with the National Park Service – National Register program provided context from the NPS perspective. Several examples of unlisted and listed properties with secondary siding from around the state were used as case studies. Alexis Abernathy suggests creating a methodology for determining the significance or lack thereof the secondary siding. There was

discussion about individual listing versus listing within a district. Staff is asking the board to provide guidance to staff for future reviews, specifically for the State tax credit program. Jay Price discussed that the listing Criterion should be considered, for example, a Criterion C for architecture listing would be held to a higher level. The board acknowledged the comments provided by the NPS and SHPO staff and suggests further discussion at a future meeting, including potentially having staff provide suggested changes to existing policy based on today's discussions.

Motioned by Jean Schodorf to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by: Edna Wagner. Adjourned at 1:15 pm.