Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Meeting Agenda – Regular Meeting

Kansas Historical Society
Virtual Zoom Meeting
February 26, 2022 9:30 AM

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Heritage Trust Fund report
IV. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2021 meeting
V. Consideration of National Register Nominations
(* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)

1. Central School – Atchison, Atchison County
   KHRI # 005-1790

2. Roberts/Luther/Mitchell House – Lawrence, Douglas County*
   KHRI # 045-3010-00370

3. Elmwood Stock Farm Barn – Baldwin City, Douglas County*
   KHRI # 045-6156

4. Louis & Rachel Hammer Barn – Gardner, Johnson County
   KHRI # 091-3775

5. Greenwood Cemetery – Leavenworth, Leavenworth County*
   KHRI # 103-780

6. Shannon Brown House – Topeka, Shawnee County*
   KHRI # 177-5058

7. Sump Barn – Alma, Wabaunsee County
   KHRI # 197-288

VI. Consideration of State Register Nominations

8. Cimarron Opera House – Cimarron, Gray County
   KHRI # 069-25

VII. Other Business
    1. Meetings: May 14, August 20, November 5

VIII. Adjournment
Board Members


Absent: Mary McMurray and Edna Wagner.

A quorum was established.

Staff

Present: Rick Anderson, Bethany Falvey, Jamee Fiore, Kristen Johnston, Marsha Longofono, Robert McLaughlin, Katrina Ringler and Patrick Zollner.

HSBR Work Session

The HSBR held a work session led by Bethany Falvey (KSHS Staff), regarding the Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) grant program. Jamee Fiore briefly provided an update from the latest National Register e-newletter regarding diversity in National Register nominations and the importance of being more inclusive of underrepresented populations. The work session started at 9:04 a.m. and ended at 9:21 a.m.

Proceedings

Chairman Jay Price called the virtual HSBR meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Price asked KSHS staff member Jamee Fiore to provide instructions on navigating the Zoom Webinar menu and participating in the meeting. Price asked for introductions from Board members and KSHS staff members.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of November 13, 2021.

Report of the Executive Director

Jennie Chinn thanked Terry Marmet, Jay Price and Kerry Wynn who worked with her to review and update existing HSBR bylaws and policies. The bylaws were originally written years ago and must be updated to include current state statute changes under which the HSBR operates. The committee expects to present a report at the August 2022 HSBR meeting.
Cultural Resources Division Director’s Report
Patrick Zollner reported that since the last meeting, the National Park Service has added 6 properties to the National Register of Historic Places. Zollner also gave an update on the Kansas State Office Building (aka Docking Building) in Topeka KS, which was listed in January 2022. In 2016 the Kansas Preservation Association hired a consultant to prepare a National Register nomination and it was presented to the HSBR Board. Then Secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration – Sarah Shipman – met with the Board at the meeting and asked them to table the nomination because a future use study was being prepared. In October 2021, a member of the public filed an appeal with the Keeper of the National Register to review the nomination at the federal level. The Keeper approved the appeal and the building was listed in January 2022.

Report of the 2022 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee
The recommendations of the HTF grant review committee (Attachment 1) were read by committee chairman Kerry Wynn. The board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

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Central School
Atchison, Atchison County

Criteria A & C: Education, Architecture
Period of Significance: 1938 Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 1 Contributing building, 1 contributing site, 1 non-contributing structure
Prepared by: Rosin Preservation Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Summary: The school is a “City Graded School” subtype and follows the progressive era designs. It was constructed as a PWA project and designed by Atchison architect Ralph Scamell. The playground is considered a contributing site to the property because it was historically associated and constructed with the school. The parking lot is a non-contributing structure.

Discussion: Dana Williamson asked for clarity regarding the area shown in the lower right portion of the photograph of a typical classroom, to which Loughlin replied that was a cloakroom for the students’ coats. Jean Schodorf remarked that this is an amazing intact building which brought back many memories of the school that she attended as a child. John Hoopes commented that the plan for this property is to develop it as apartments and expressed concerns that the planned interior alterations will compromise the integrity of the building. Loughlin stated that she is confident that the SHPO Tax Credit reviewers will work closely with the developer to maintain the building’s historic materials and integrity appropriately. Kristen Johnston (KSHS Staff) spoke to historical standards and noted that the projected renovations will
be reviewed by both SHPO staff and the National Park Service. Hoopes also commented that one of our criterions has to do with the association of a property with historic people and asked if there any significant persons who attended this elementary school, to which Loughlin replied I did not come across any of that in my research. Jay Price noted that the nomination mentioned an African American School – the Lincoln School – and asked if the Central School was predominantly a white segregated school, to which Loughlin replied yes. Price suggested including a note in the nomination to acknowledge that fact, to which Loughlin remarked that a footnote to that effect was included in the nomination.

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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Dana Williamson.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Roberts/Luther/Mitchell House
Lawrence, Douglas County

**Criterion C:** Architecture  
**Period of Significance:** 1870-1921  
**Level of Significance:** Local  
**Resource Count:** 2 buildings  
**Prepared by:** Hernly Associates Inc  
**Presented by:** Stan Hernly

**Summary:** The building is locally eligible for its architecture and meets the MPDF requirements for the “national folk” style property type. Some historic alterations include Craftsman style elements. Even with a combination of multiple designs, the house is a great example of this style of house constructed during this period of growth in Lawrence.

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

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

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1 Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.
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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Whitley Stephens.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Elmwood Stock Farm Barn
Baldwin City, Douglas County

Criteria A & C: Agriculture, Architecture
Period of Significance: c1898-c1940   Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 1 building
Prepared by: Robert Elder   Presented by: Bethany Falvey

Summary: The barn is a good example of a “Midwest prairie barn” type included in the MPDF. Though in poor condition, the barn retains good integrity.

Discussion: Jean Schodorf noted that there were no close-up photographs of the hay trolley and asked where it was in the barn and if it was operational, to which Falvey responded the hay trolley was located inside the barn.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Robert Elder remarked that he does have close-up photos of the hay trolley, which he can share with SHPO staff. The hay trolley is intact but not currently operational. It appears to be a Louden Rail Runner Junior style.

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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Terry Marmet.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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Louis & Rachel Hammer Barn
Gardner, Johnson County

Criteria A & C: Agriculture, Architecture
**Summary:** The barn is a good example of a “bank barn” in the Johnson County area. It meets the registration requirements of the MPDF. Though in poor condition, the barn retains good historic integrity.

**Discussion:** There were no questions or comments 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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: John Hoopes.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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**Greenwood Cemetery**
Leavenworth, Leavenworth County

**Criterion A:** Exploration/Settlement

**Summary:** The cemetery is an early intact example of a rural or garden cemetery design. It is connected and part of the early history in Leavenworth. Many notable persons from the community are buried there as well, including early German and Black settlers who were influential during the Civil War.

**Discussion:** Jamee Fiore reported that this property is owned by the City of Leavenworth and read a letter of support from the Mayor. John Hoopes congratulated the author(s) of the nomination, remarking that it was well done and he appreciated the inclusion of the history of the cemetery.

**Public Discussion:** MaryAnn Brown spoke in support of the nomination and stated that she helped research and write this document.
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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Terry Marmet.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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Shannon Brown House
Topeka, Shawnee County

Criteria A & C: Community Development, Architecture
Period of Significance: 1929-1962 Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 2 buildings
Prepared by: Spencer Preservation Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Summary: The Shannon Brown House is a great example of a home in the Westboro Neighborhood and the development of that area. There are currently no properties listed in the Westboro Neighborhood. This building is an excellent example of the Dutch Colonial subtype and representative of the other homes in the area.

Discussion: Jamee Fiore reported that the CLG did review and are supportive of this nomination. Jay Price commented that this house looks remarkably similar to a few structures he has seen in Wichita and asked if this was a common design used across Kansas, to which Spencer replied I don’t know. Walter Glover was a fairly prominent architect. Several of the Garlinghouse catalogs incorporated designs from the Westboro neighborhood, but this house was clearly architect-designed for a specific homeowner and not a Garlinghouse design.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Terry Humphrey thanked SHPO staff and Brenda Spencer for their help in preparing this nomination.

Motion: Jay Price 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 for Education and Architecture. Second: Jean Schodorf.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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**Sump Barn**
Alma, Wabaunsee County

**Criteria A & C:** Agriculture, Architecture  
**Period of Significance:** 1913-1972  
**Level of Significance:** Local  
**Resource Count:** 1 Contributing building  

*Prepared by:* Spencer Preservation  
*Presented by:* Brenda Spencer

**Summary:** The Sump Barn is a great example of a “bank barn” type in Wabaunsee County and contributes to the early agricultural history in the area.

*Discussion:* Jay Price remarked that this is a fascinating structure with a lot of unique features.

*Public Discussion:* Homeowner Amanda Gnadt spoke in support of the nomination.

*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 Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Kerry Wynn.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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**STATE REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

**Cimarron Opera House**
Cimarron, Gray County

**Criteria A:** Commerce  
**Period of Significance:** 1910-1975  
**Level of Significance:** Local  
**Resource Count:** 1 building  

*Prepared by:* Beverly Benton  
*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** This building is a good example of an early commercial building in Cimarron. The building has been in continuous use and is a prominent structure in the community. Originally an opera house, the building has also been used as an Odd Fellows hall, Masons hall, drug store and antiques shop.
Discussion: Jay Price remarked that this building is definitely a presence in the community. He suggested the addition of historic photographs to the nomination.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Beverly Benton spoke in support of the nomination and briefly spoke about renovation efforts and some of the unique features of the property.

Motion: Dana Williamson motioned that the Board approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Commerce. Second: Jean Schodorf.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Other Business
The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be on May 14, 2022. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.
Report of the 2022 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee

On February 25, 2021, the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee met to discuss its final selection of the 2022 Heritage Trust Fund grant applications and to prepare a list of recommendations to this board. The members of the committee are Jean Schodorf and Kerry Wynn. The committee reviewed 34 applications requesting a total of $2,559,648 in grant funds.

The committee evaluated the applications, employing the criteria stated in the legislation that created the grant program in 1990. The criteria include the property’s level of historic significance, condition of the property, urgency of the work proposed, level of endangerment, administrative ability of the applicant, potential benefit to the community and state, community support for the project, and the property owner’s financial need.

Following is the list of properties recommended for funding in the 2022 round of Heritage Trust Fund grants. They are listed alphabetically by county.

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These 17 awards total $1,237,321 in proposed grant funding. The selected projects include many significant properties drawn from locations across the state. We believe the recommended projects will benefit these historic resources and the communities in which they are found. We hope these projects meet with your approval and that you will choose to endorse our recommendations. I therefore move that this report be accepted by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, pending the availability of funds.

Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee
Jean Schodorf & Kerry Wynn