

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

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Virtual Webinar Meeting
February 26, 2022
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Jennie Chinn -- State Historic Sites Preservation Officer (SHPO), John Hoopes, Mark Kelly, Terry Marmet, Jay Price, Jean Schodorf, Whitley Stephens, Dana Williamson and Kerry Wynn.

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-newsletter 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

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 criteria 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 abstention¹

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.

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 Loudon 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

Louis & Rachel Hammer Barn

Gardner, Johnson County

Criteria A & C: Agriculture, Architecture

Period of Significance: c1874-1920

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Prepared by: Haylee Rose (KSHS Intern)

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

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

Greenwood Cemetery

Leavenworth, Leavenworth County

Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance: 1850-1920

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 site

Prepared by: Greenwood Cemetery Preservation Committee

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

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

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

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

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.

City	County	Property	Award
Augusta	Butler	C. N. James Cabin	\$31,552
Chapman	Dickinson	Prospect Park Farm	\$90,000
Eudora	Douglas	Cohn-Gardner Hill Department Store	\$63,000
Lawrence	Douglas	Douglas County Courthouse	\$90,000
Junction City	Geary	Junction City High School (Old)	\$39,062
Eureka	Greenwood	Eureka's Memorial Hall	\$90,000
Mankato	Jewell	First National Bank of Mankato	\$12,990
Kingman	Kingman	Kingman City Building	\$87,293
Leavenworth	Leavenworth	519 Marshall Street	\$90,000
Peabody	Marion	The Sunflower Theatre	\$85,656
Frankfort	Marshall	Historic Frankfort School	\$81,990
Westmoreland	Pottawatomie	German Evangelical Church	\$46,320
Stockton	Rooks	Rooks County Courthouse	\$81,746
Wichita	Sedgwick	The Sternberg Mansion	\$85,800
Liberal	Seward	Rock Island Depot – Grier House	\$90,000
Stafford	Stafford	Nora E. Larabee Memorial Library	\$90,000
Alma	Wabaunsee	Farmers Union Coop	\$81,912

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