

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review

Meeting Agenda – Regular Meeting

Kansas Historical Society

Virtual Zoom Meeting

May 14, 2022 9:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Historic Preservation Fund grant report
- IV. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2022 meeting
- V. Consideration of National Register Nominations
(* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
 1. Great Bend Historic District – Great Bend, Barton County
KHRI # --
 2. William & Minnie Liggett Residence – Herington, Dickinson County
KHRI # [041-358](#)
 3. Chestnut Street Historic District Expansion – Hays, Ellis County
KHRI # --
 4. Sawyer City Jail – Sawyer, Pratt County
KHRI # [151-157](#)
 5. Paxico Rural High School – Paxico, Wabaunsee County
KHRI # [197-229](#)
- VI. Consideration of State Register Nominations
 6. Frank & Anna Felceman Homestead – Sylvan Grove, Lincoln County
KHRI # [105-263](#)
 7. Grace Bedell House – Delphos, Ottawa County
KHRI # [143-86](#)
 8. Genn Hospital – Wamego, Pottawatomie County
KHRI # [149-413](#)
- VII. Other Business
 1. Meetings: August 20, November 5
- VIII. Adjournment

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Virtual Webinar Meeting
May 14, 2022
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Terry Marmet, Mary McMurray, Jay Price, Jean Schodorf, Whitley Stephens, Dana Williamson, Edna Wagner and Kerry Wynn

Absent: John Hoopes and Mark Kelly

A quorum was established.

Staff

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

HSBR Work Session

The HSBR held a work session led by Jamee Fiore (KSHS Staff), regarding the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program. The work session started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 9:21 a.m.

Proceedings

Chairman Jay Price called the virtual HSBR meeting to order at 9:32 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 February 26, 2022.

Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner announced that SHPO staff were devastated by the unexpected death of Jennie Chinn on April 23, 2022. She was the Executive Director of Kansas State Historical Society since 2004. Currently the Governor's office is reviewing potential candidates for an interim director, which will be announced sometime next week. The role of this interim director will be to continue our current mission and vision of the agency. Zollner noted staff changes since the last meeting. Senior Administrative Assistant Marsha Longofono will be retiring in July. SHPO Archaeologist Tim Weston retired in March after 30 years with KSHS. Archaeologist Austin Main was hired to replace him. Tax Credit Reviewer Robert McLaughlin left to take a position with the Kansas Main Street program. We have hired a replacement – Mallory Aye – who will

start in June. We have also hired a Historic Sites Supervisor – Tiffany Grassmuck, who will also start in June. Contract archaeologist Barbara Crable was recently hired to assist with KDOT projects.

Report of the 2022 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Review Committee

The recommendations of the HPF grant review committee (Attachment 1) were read by Patrick Zollner. The board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Great Bend Central Business District

Great Bend, Barton County

Criteria A & C: Community Planning and Development, Politics and Government, Commerce and Architecture

Period of Significance: 1871-1975 **Level of Significance:** Local

Resource Count: 64 contributing buildings, 1 contributing object, 27 non-contributing buildings, 3 previously listed buildings

Prepared & presented by: Jaime Destefano on behalf of Great Bend Economic Development

Summary: The Great Bend Central Business District includes a densely populated commercial hub for the City. Also, the development of City politics and government are another aspect that is important to the district’s history. With various development periods over the years, the architectural styles have changed and evolved, and are still present across the district.

Discussion: There was discussion about why some buildings are non-contributing, to which Destefano replied that buildings with modifications to the upper façade and/or storefront were considered to be contributing if the changes were made post-WWII; however, changes made after the period of significance were classified as non-contributing. Jay Price asked what would happen if an owner wanted to remove the slipcover on the upper façade, to which Patrick Zollner responded that in general it is desirable to go back to the original architecture and commented that changes to buildings within a district are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Kerry Wynn suggested amending the nomination to strengthen and clarify the historical context regarding indigenous people. SHPO staff will work with all parties to ensure the historical context is revised.

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 Community Planning & Development and Architecture. Second: Terry Marmet.

8 votes yes

William & Minnie Liggett Residence

Lawrence, Douglas County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1906-1908

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Prepared by: Dan McDonald

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Summary: The building is locally eligible as a great example of a Queen Anne painted lady. The property was listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places in 2021.

Discussion: The Board discussed this nomination at length. This house was listed on the state register only because of the addition of secondary metal siding. The owner has submitted this as an appeal and requests reevaluation. The Board felt it was important to be fully informed of the reasons for the current HSBR policy regarding secondary siding before making a decision and recommended that they revisit the policy and this nomination at the August 2022 HSBR meeting.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Dan McDonald spoke in support of the nomination. Jay Price asked if there were plans to remove the secondary siding, to which McDonald replied no, it would be cost prohibitive.

Motion: Kerry Wynn moved that the Board not forward this nomination at this time to the Keeper for listing in the National Register because it is against our current policy. The Board will reconsider this nomination in August 2022. Second: Jean Schodorf.

8 votes yes

Chestnut Street Historic District (update and expansion)

Hays, Ellis County

Criterion A: Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance: 1874-1972

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 61 contributing buildings, 18 non-contributing buildings

Prepared by: Spencer Preservation

Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Summary: The Chestnut Street Historic District is an existing district listed in the state and national registers. The update and expansion include mid-century buildings that retain integrity and expand the period of significance and boundary to capture those buildings that contribute to the district.

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

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

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: Kerry Wynn.

8 votes yes

Sawyer City Jail

Sawyer, Pratt County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1917

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Prepared by: Haylee Rose (KSHS Intern)

Presented by: Rick Anderson

Summary: The jail is a unique construction for a one-room jail during this period in Kansas history.

Discussion: There were no questions or comments 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 for Education and Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner.

8 votes yes

The Board took a short break at 11:01 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Paxico Rural High School

Paxico, Wabaunsee County

Criteria A & C: Education, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1922-1958 **Level of Significance:** Local

Resource Count: 1 building, 1 site, 9 structures

Prepared by: Wendi Bevitt *Presented by:* Bethany Falvey

Summary: The school is a great example of school consolidation in Kansas and is also noteworthy for its architecture.

Discussion: Jean Schodorf asked was this a public or parochial school, to which Deanna Pierson replied it was a public school, but the only way they could raise the bond money for the school was if they merged and kept the Catholics happy with the Protestants. Newbury, which is 1 mile down the road, had a Catholic school and Paxico had a public school. They needed a high school but they knew they could not get enough students unless they merged the two together.

Public Discussion: Deanna Pierson 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: Mary McMurray.

8 votes yes

STATE REGISTER NOMINATIONS

Frank & Anna Felceman Homestead

Sylvan Grove, Lincoln County

Criteria A & C: Exploration/Settlement, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1885-1925

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Prepared by: Terry Lilak

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Summary: The building is in disrepair but a great example of this post rock type of home in the area. Due to the deterioration, it is likely not eligible for the National Register.

Discussion: Jay Price commented that this is a very striking structure.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Lori Reeves spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion: Jay Price 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: Mary McMurray.

8 votes yes

Grace Bedell House

Delphos, Ottawa County

Criterion A: Politics

Period of Significance: 1880-1936

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 buildings

Prepared by: Haylee Rose (KSHS Intern)

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Summary: This house is associated with Grace Bedell Billings. As a young girl, age 9, Grace wrote a letter to Abraham Lincoln and asked him to grow a beard (this was in New Jersey). When Grace was older, she moved to Delphos, Kansas; this is her home.

Discussion: Fiore explained that SHPO staff determined that this property is not eligible for either the state or national registers due to lack of significance and integrity. The house is significantly altered and the importance and association with Grace is tied to her history in New Jersey. The owner requested an appeal and reevaluation from the HSBR. The Board asked staff about their evaluation. Zollner and Fiore explained that other states have qualifiers like “geography” or “local lore” in account for properties like this. However, Kansas does not have an policy in place for a property like this and therefore it is up to the HSBR to decide.

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

Motion: Terry Marmet 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. Second: Jean Schodorf.

7 votes yes, 1 vote no

Genn Hospital

Wamego, Pottawatomie County

Criterion A: Health and Medicine

Period of Significance: 1921-1926

Resource Count: 1 building

Prepared by: Spencer Preservation

Level of Significance: Local

Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Summary: The hospital is a good example of a progressive era building. It is important for its tie to the health and well-being of the community.

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

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

Motion: Kerry Wynn 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

Other Business

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be on August 20, 2022. This will be an in-person meeting; however, there will be provisions for those who want to Zoom in as well. Patrick Zollner stated that he hopes all of our board members can attend in person.

Zollner announced that HSBR officers will be elected at the next meeting and meeting dates for 2023 will be selected. Zollner suggested that the Board may want to discuss whether to continue meeting quarterly versus meeting 3 times per year. There are pros and cons for each option. Zollner reported that the state tax credit program has been increased to tiered increments of 25, 30 and 40% in tax credits. The last time we had something like this, our nominations skyrocketed. Currently, our quarterly meetings finish up around noon; however, if we switch to meeting 3 times per year, we can expect that we will have longer meetings.

Jamee Fiore announced that the work session in August will discuss the Board's policy on secondary siding. She reminded Board members to turn in time sheets and financial information (forms W9 and DA-184) which are required for travel reimbursements.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

**Historic Preservation Fund
Report to the Historic Sites Board of Review
May 14, 2022**

On Friday, May 13, 2022, a virtual meeting was hosted by the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), pursuant to notice given to all applicants. Meeting attendees were given an opportunity to ask questions of SHPO staff and answer questions posed by staff. Due to the expected availability of federal Historic Preservation Funds this year, a grant review committee was not formed. Three members of the public were in attendance for the meeting.

Nine applications were submitted for this year's Historic Preservation Fund grant round requesting \$139,134 in total. Five of those applications were from Certified Local Governments (CLGs) requesting \$100,660. SHPO staff recommend funding the following projects pending allocation of funding by the National Park Service for federal fiscal year 2022. The projects are listed alphabetically.

City of Hutchinson (CLG) – Memorial Hall Preservation Plan – \$25,000

City of Pittsburg – Off Broadway Downtown Survey - \$16,000

City of Topeka (CLG) – African American Historic Resources Multiple Property Document – \$25,000

Douglas County (CLG) – Douglas County Preservation Conference – \$8,160

Douglas County (CLG) – Baldwin City Downtown Survey – \$9,500

Kansas Anthropological Association – Production of the Kansas Anthropologist Volume 44 – \$4,500

The Other Roads Consulting, Inc. – Tennessee Town Tour (Topeka) - \$9,500

Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS (CLG) – Community Preservation Plan – \$33,000

SHPO staff has determined that these 8 projects are deserving and will meet the funding requirements issued by the National Park Service. One application from the Marquette Fine Arts Council, Inc. for masonry repair of two properties in downtown Marquette was unfortunately found not to meet the grant program requirements. SHPO staff will work with this applicant to direct them to other funding resources.

I submit this report and recommend approval by the Historic Sites Board of Review of the 8 projects listed above pending approval by the National Park Service and the availability of funds.

Sincerely,

Patrick Zollner
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Kansas Historical Society