

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review**  
**Meeting Agenda – Regular Meeting**

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*Kansas Historical Society - Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)*

*Saturday, November 13, 2021*

*9:00 am work session; 9:30 agenda items*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call/Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2021 meeting
- IV. Consideration of National Register Nominations  
(\* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
  1. Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Historic District - Wabaunsee County  
KHRI # 197-289, 197-285, 197-358, 197-0000-00069, 197-359
  2. Thomas L. & Anna B. Herbert House, Fort Scott, Bourbon County  
KHRI # 011-708
  3. Fox Theatre (Marquee Performing Arts) – Winfield, Cowley County  
KHRI # 035-5970-00076
  4. Pittsburg Foundry – Pittsburg, Crawford County  
KHRI # 037-365
  5. Price Oregon-California Trail Swales (boundary increase) – Lawrence, Douglas County\*  
KHRI # --
  6. Campbell Dome House – Shawnee, Johnson County  
KHRI # 091-3837
  7. Country Club Residential Historic District – Topeka, Shawnee County\*  
KHRI # *see nomination*
  8. Police Garage of Kansas City – Kansas City, Wyandotte County\*  
KHRI # 209-2652
- V. Consideration of State Register Nominations
  9. John Kelly Stone Building – Lawrence, Douglas County\*  
KHRI # 045-4566
  10. Cass Ranch – Plum Creek Rock Barn – Gove (vicinity), Gove County  
KHRI # 063-35
- VI. For the Good of the Order
  11. Next meetings: Feb 26, 2022; May 14, 2022; Aug 20, 2022; Nov 5, 2022
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Virtual Webinar Meeting  
November 13, 2021  
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS**

**Board Members**

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

*Absent:* Whitley Stephens.

A quorum was established.

**Staff**

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

**HSBR Work Session**

The HSBR held a work session led by Jamee Fiore (KSHS Staff), regarding the National Register and federal guidelines. The work session started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 9:32 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.

**Election of Officers and Meeting Dates for 2022**

The Board voted unanimously to elect Jean Schodorf to serve as vice-Chairman for the upcoming year. The meeting dates for 2022 will be February 26, May 14, August 20 and November 5.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 7, 2021.

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS**

***Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Historic District***

Wamego, Wabaunsee County

**Criterion A:** Exploration/Settlement, Agriculture

**Period of Significance:** 1856-1957

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** Contributing -- 5 buildings, 3 sites, 2 structures, 2 objects; Noncontributing -- 4 buildings, 1 structure

*Prepared by:* Dale Nimz

*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Historic District is locally significant under Criterion A for its associations with the exploration and settlement of Kansas as well as the development of agriculture in the state. The area of native prairie and the archaeological site included in the district are associated with the pre-history of the central Great Plains. The Fort Riley-Mount Mitchell Trail Segment and the Captain William Mitchell Farmstead are associated with the exploration and settlement of Kansas. The trail and Mitchell log house are associated with the Underground Railroad and free-state colonization of Kansas, which opposed pro-slavery settlers. Other buildings standing on the Mitchell farmstead are primarily associated with five of the nine historic contexts outlined in “Historic Agriculture-related Resources of Kansas” from the 1870s through 1941. The Mitchell and Fielding monuments are associated with commemorations that were popular in the period after World War II.

*Discussion:* There was discussion by the board about the significance of the burial mound and whether Criterion D was appropriate, to which all agreed it was. The board felt that the information about the archeological site was confusing. Jennie Chinn suggested that the Archeology staff review and revise this section of the nomination.

*Public Discussion:* Dale Nimz spoke regarding the research and writing of the nomination. Dr. Jackie Augustine, Executive Director of the Audubon Society, spoke in support of the nomination. Michael Stubbs with the Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Guards thanked SHPO staff and the board for considering this nomination and noted that it has been a long journey.

*Motion:* John Hoopes motioned 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 of the National Register with the following revisions: The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Exploration/Settlement, Agriculture and Criterion D for Archeology. Second: Mark Kelly.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention<sup>1</sup>

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***Thomas L. & Anna B. Herbert House***

Fort Scott, Bourbon County

**Criterion C:** Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1888

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 2 buildings

*Prepared by:* Susan Ford

*Presented by:* Bethany Falvey

**Summary:** The Herbert House is eligible for listing for its architectural design, as an excellent example of a Queen Anne house in Fort Scott. The design is very elaborate on the interior and exterior. The home

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<sup>1</sup> Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.

retains excellent integrity, as seen through its character-defining features. It also is a representation of the Herbert's business as a prominent paint and arts good store that sold glass, paint, wallpaper and decorative items.

*Discussion:* Jay Price remarked that this was a cool house and cool nomination.

*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; 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 for Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

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***Fox Theatre (Marquee Performing Arts)***

Winfield, Cowley County

**Criteria A & C:** Entertainment/Recreation, Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1950-1973

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Roger Moon

*Presented by:* Bethany Falvey

**Summary:** The Theatre is a great example of the Modern style movie palace. The Modern design and theme are reflected throughout the structure with features like: laminated marquee, signage, curvilinear walls, textured and concession stand.

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

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

*Motion:* Terry Marmet motioned 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 for Entertainment/Recreation and Criterion C for Architecture. Second: Mary McMurray.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

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***Pittsburg Foundry & Machine Company***

Pittsburg, Crawford County

**Criterion A:** Industry

**Period of Significance:** c 1889- c 1953

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 2 buildings

*Prepared by:* Haylee Rose (SHPO intern)  
and SHPO staff

*Presented by:* Rick Anderson

**Summary:** The Foundry complex is associated with the coal mining industry and foundry industry in the Pittsburg area. The buildings retain great integrity and character-defining features. The period of significance begins with the first building, continues through the subsequent additions and ends after the Foundry buildings were sold.

*Discussion:* John Hoopes remarked that this was a very nice property and noted that there appear to be other historic buildings in the neighboring blocks. Hoopes asked if there were enough properties to consider a possible historic district, to which Jamee Fiore responded the City of Pittsburg received a Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant to survey the downtown area and is interested in recognizing more of their history and context in the future. Fiore added that there is a lot of potential there.

*Public Discussion:* Amanda Minton, Director of the Crawford County Historical Museum, spoke in support of the nomination. KSHS Intern Haylee Rose remarked that it was an honor to work on this nomination. She enjoyed researching the history of this building and is happy it is finally getting recognition. Property owner Larry Fields also spoke in support of the nomination and reported that he recently purchased a building adjacent to this property (on the East side) and that he is also currently in negotiations to purchase the property on the South end of this building.

**Motion:** John Hoopes motioned to 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 for Industry.

**Second:** Jean Schodorf.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

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***Price Oregon-California Trail Segment (boundary increase)***

Lawrence, Douglas County

**Criteria A & D:** Exploration/Settlement, Transportation, Archaeology

**Period of Significance:** 1841-c 1860

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 site

*Prepared by:* Tim Weston & Rick Anderson

*Presented by:* Rick Anderson

**Summary:** The nominated boundary is a well-preserved set of Oregon-California trail swales. This nomination is submitted as a boundary increase which includes two archaeological sites: the Price OCT segment and the First United Methodist Church OCT segment (listed in 2016). The properties have the

same historic context and are part of the same trail network; however, they are separated by 1.5 miles of cultivated land and highway development. They are being submitted as a discontinuous district.

*Discussion:* Jamee Fiore presented information about discontinuous historic districts, as defined by the National Register. She clarified the National Register policies for evaluation and criteria considerations. John Hoopes stated that he is very enthusiastic about the quality of the LiDAR images and the role that they played in this nomination. He also wanted to draw attention to the appropriate designation of Criterion D in this case. Although archeological excavations have not been done, in this case the LiDAR data itself is sufficient to indicate the presence of archeological resources. Hoopes opined that LiDAR is a fantastically useful technology that we will be using even more in the future for identifying these types of properties. Jean Schodorf concurred and added that the LiDAR images made the swales readily apparent; she is very supportive of this technology.

*Public Discussion:* Property owner Gary Price spoke in support of the nomination and thanked SHPO staff for their assistance in preparing this nomination.

*Motion:* Jean Schodorf motioned 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 for Exploration/Settlement & Transportation and Criterion D for Archaeology. Second. Terry Marmet.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

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### ***Campbell Drome House***

Shawnee, Johnson County

**Criterion C:** Architecture, Engineering

**Period of Significance:** 1967-68

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Katherine Campbell & Jeffery Rhodes      *Presented by:* Robert McLaughlin

**Summary:** The house is an 80-foot diameter dome enclosing a courtyard and 2,500 square feet living space. It is a single-family dwelling constructed as a steel-framed Schwedler dome. The dome has many hallmarks of mid-century styles like an open floor plan, exposed beams, eaves extending over exterior walls, simple materials and blended interior and exterior spaces.

*Discussion:* Terry Marmet congratulated the author of the nomination, commenting that it is a real surprise and a real treat. Mary McMurray concurred with Marmet and commented that it is great to see more nominations from Johnson County. Jay Price also expressed enthusiastic support for this nomination.

*Public Discussion:* Keli Campbell and Mark Campbell spoke in support of the nomination and thanked SHPO staff for their assistance in preparing the nomination.

*Motion:* Jay Price motioned 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 for Architecture and Engineering. Second: Mary McMurray.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

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The board took a short break at 11:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m.

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***County Club Residential Historic District***

Topeka, Shawnee County

**Criterion C:** Architecture

**Period of Significance:** c 1890, 1926-1968

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 34 contributing buildings, 25 non-contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing structure

*Prepared by:* Cox/McLain Environmental  
Consulting, Inc.

*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The neighborhood is eligible as a cohesive collection of single-family residences reflecting architectural trends between 1926-1968.

*Discussion:* Jamee Fiore referred to 12 letters of support and 36 letters of objection (from property owners) received for this nomination, which were included in the board packets. Fiore stated that although there are only 56 properties within the historic district, there are 80 property owners. National Register regulations state that a majority (1 more than half) of objections are needed to stop this nomination from moving forward. Tim Paris, CLG liaison, spoke regarding the nomination process and answered questions from the board. Paris stated that the level of opposition to this nomination did not present itself until very recently; however, he felt that this nomination is clearly eligible and worthy of protection as a district. The board discussed this proposal at length and asked many questions.

*Public Discussion:* There was much discussion from the board and comments from the public. John Potter, Steven Vogel, Shayne Sawyer and Angela Turner spoke in support of the nomination. Carolyn Brock and Sharon Danek spoke in opposition to the nomination.

Board member Edna Wagner left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was maintained.

Jean Schodorf motioned that the board table this nomination. The district appears to be eligible; however, there is concern that the majority of property owners have not been properly informed about what is and what is not implied by a National Register listing. Second: John Hoopes.

3 votes yes, 5 votes no, 1 abstention. The motion was defeated.

Upon further discussion, Mary McMurray motioned 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. The district meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion C for architecture. Second: Kerry Wynn.

7 votes yes, 1 vote no, 1 abstention

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***Police Garage of Kansas City (boundary increase)***

Kansas City, Wyandotte County

**Criteria A & C:** Government and Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1961-1973 (1911-1973)

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Amanda Loughlin

*Presented by:* Bethany Falvey

**Summary:** This nomination is expanding the boundary of the previously listed Kansas City Hall & Fire Headquarters (April 25, 1986). The police garage is adjacent to the other buildings and was constructed in 1961. The garage was not included in the previous nomination due to its age. The concrete two-story Modern Movement building has a flat roof and two full levels of parking. It was constructed in a way that it could be converted into more offices for the Police Department, should it be needed. The Police Department remained headquartered in City Hall until 1973, and the garage alleviated overcrowding in the City Hall garage. The Police Garage housed vehicles for the Police Department, as well as providing a space for maintenance and vehicle servicing.

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

*Motion:* Terry Marmet motioned to 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 and C for Government and Architecture. Second: Dana Williamson.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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## STATE REGISTER NOMINATIONS

### ***John Kelly Stone Building***

Lawrence, Douglas County

**Criterion A:** Exploration/Settlement

**Period of Significance:** 1859-1960

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Gary Price, Rick Anderson, Jamee Fiore

*Presented by:* Rick Anderson

**Summary:** The building is associated with the early exploration/settlement of Douglas County, Kansas. It is a good example of an early settlement stone building.

*Discussion:* Jay Price asked about the rationale for listing on the state (vs. national) register, to which Jamee Fiore responded the building had fallen down and was reconstructed. Accurate historic drawings were not available; the reconstruction of buildings requires a bit more information to be eligible for listing on the National Register.

*Public Discussion:* Homeowner Gary Price thanked SHPO staff for their help in preparing the nomination and thanked the board for their consideration.

*Motion:* Kerry Wynn motioned to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for its association with the settlement of Douglas County, KS. Second: Terry Marmet.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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### ***Cass Ranch – Plum Creek Rock Barn***

Gove, Gove County

**Criterion A:** Agriculture

**Period of Significance:** c 1879-1971

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Jordan Dreiling

*Presented by:* Lauren Jones

**Summary:** The gable roof barn meets the requirements under the MPDF. There have been few alterations, but the building still retains good integrity. Since part of a main wall is missing and there is severe deterioration the building is not eligible for the National Register.

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

*Public Discussion:* Jordan Dreiling thanked SHPO staff for their help in preparing the nomination and thanked the board for their consideration.

*Motion:* Terry Marmet motioned to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places as prepared. The property meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Agriculture.  
Second: Dana Williamson.

8 votes yes, 1 abstention

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### **Other Business**

Jamee Fiore asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to review and update existing HSBR bylaws and policies; Terry Marmet, Jay Price and Jean Schodorf volunteered to do so. Jennie Chinn commented that an attorney from the Attorney General's office is available to advise the review committee if needed. Bethany Falvey reported that 35 applications were received for the 2022 Heritage Trust Fund grant round and asked for 3 volunteers to serve on the 2022 HTF Grant Review Committee. John Hoopes, Jean Schodorf and Kerry Wynn volunteered for this task. Terry Marmet asked about the timeline and Falvey responded the grant summaries will be available before the Christmas break and the grants will be reviewed and awarded in February 2022; the grant review committee will announce their recommendations at the February 2022 HSBR meeting.

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be on February 26, 2022. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.