

A G E N D A

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review  
Memorial Building, Topeka  
May 16, 1974 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Report on survey progress and National Register listings.
3. Discussion and request for approval of Historic Preservation in Kansas, Volume III, the annual program for fiscal year 1975, and the projects therein detailed.
4. Discussion of impending changes in National Register program requirements.
5. Explanation of problems confronting certain National Register properties.
6. Nominations to the National Register.
7. Other business.
8. Adjournment.

KANSAS HISTORIC SITES BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting of May 16, 1974

The meeting was called to order by chairman W. J. van Wormer at 1:30 p.m. in the GAR room of the Memorial Building. The following board members were in attendance: Curtis Besinger, Lynn Burris, James Bibb, Nyle Miller, A. Bower Sageser, and Carlyle Smith. Others present were Charles Hall, architectural consultant, and Edgar Langsdorf, Tom Witty, John Reynolds, Richard Pankratz and Ramona Fitzgerald of the Historical Society staff.

Mr. Burris moved that the minutes of the November 1, 1973 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

In reporting on survey progress, Mr. Pankratz said that 2777 places were now included in the state-wide inventory, 334 having been added during the past year. Survey work being done at the present time in Topeka should add 40 to 50 commercial buildings to the inventory. For the 1974 summer survey 1200 archeological sites should be added to the inventory through transfer of paper information from archeology files to survey forms.

Kansas now has 151 places on the National Register; seven were added since the November 1 meeting. Only three places approved at that meeting have been entered on the National Register: B. P. Waggener house, Atchison; Warkentin Homestead, Halstead; and Cooper Hall, Sterling.

Mr. Pankratz said that of the 500 printed copies of Historic Preservation in Kansas, Vol. III, nearly all have been distributed. They were supplied to state and federal agencies, county and local historical societies; city and regional planners, libraries and private planning companies. He explained that a supplement would be printed this summer.

In considering the FY 1975 edition of Historic Preservation in Kansas, Vol. III, the annual preservation work program, a brief discussion centered on the use of the phrase "state-imposed hiring freeze" on page two. It was decided that a more fortunate choice of words could be made. The motion was made by Mr. Bibb and seconded by Mr. Sageser that the annual preservation program be approved; the motion carried.

Mr. Pankratz discussed pending changes in the National Register program: in order for a nomination to be sent to Washington the board member representing the particular discipline relative to the nomination will have to be present at the meeting at which it is considered and will have to vote "yes" for its approval. Also the nomination forms must be completed in substance before the meeting so that board members may inspect them if they wish. Mr. Pankratz also said that the curriculum vita for each board and survey staff member must be re-submitted each year as part of volume III. Survey staff will simply copy this information and condense it for volume III. Mr. Pankratz said that National Register properties which are re-located are automatically removed from the Register and new nominations must be submitted if a state wants it put back on the Register.

Mr. Pankratz said that the National Register has said each state must have qualified full-time survey staff in the areas of history, archeology and architecture by 1976 to receive federal funding. Kansas is not now in compliance with this requirement. Mr. Langsdorf said that in the next budget request the Historical Society would ask for a full-time archeologist and perhaps a part-time architectural historian for the survey staff to show an attempt to comply with the federal ruling. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Besinger if there were any professional architectural historians in Kansas; Mr. Besinger said there were such professionals on the faculties of Kansas State University and Kansas University. Mr. Langsdorf asked if one of these could work part-time for the Historic Sites Survey; Mr. Besinger said that could probably be arranged.

Threats being posed to a number of National Register sites were discussed. Mr. Witty demonstrated with aerial slides how old Fort Hays is threatened by the encroachment of a city golf course. Mr. Pankratz said the Southeast Kansas Turnpike would have an adverse effect on the Magnolia Ranch in Cowley county and also referred to the upcoming dismantling and relocation of the Union Pacific Depot at Solomon. Mr. Pankratz showed slides of the improvements made in the Downtown Ottawa Historic District within the past year. Mr. Hall spoke of the preservation work going on at the Warkentin Mill at Newton, Harvey county. He cited it as an example of private enterprise using historic buildings to an advantage.

The twenty places presented for National Register consideration are listed on the final page of the minutes. Fourteen were approved, one disapproved and five were tabled.

Mr. Pankratz asked the board members to study the copy of the preservation bill given them and to write back with comments on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, May 16, 1974:

<u>County</u>	<u>Place &amp; City</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disapproved</u>	<u>Tabled</u>
Atchison	McInteer Villa, Atchison	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Cowley	Old Arkansas City High School, Arkansas City	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Douglas	Charles Pilla House, Eudora	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	John Palmer Usher House, Lawrence	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	S. T. Zimmerman House, Lawrence	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Ellsworth	Arthur Larkin House, Ellsworth vicinity	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
	Fort Harker Officers' Quarters, Kanopolis	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Franklin	James Ransom House, Ottawa	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Greenwood	14GR314, archeological site at Fall River Reservoir	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Leavenworth	Sen. William A. Harris House, Linwood vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Pottawatomie	Onaga Reservoir Archeological District	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Louis Vieux Ford and Cemetery, Louisville vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rice	Little River Archeological District, Geneseo vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Saxman Archeological Site (14RC301), Saxman vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Additional buildings which the review board has been requested to evaluate for Register nomination by local groups and/or individuals:				
Chase	Lower Fox Creek School, Strong City vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Decatur	Oberlin Opera House, Oberlin	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Greenwood	Frazer House, Madison	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Marshall	Marshall County Courthouse, Marysville	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Norton	Old Norton Post Office, Norton	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Sedgwick	Calvary Baptist Church, Wichita	_____	<u>X</u>	_____

AGENDA  
for  
Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review  
Memorial Building, Topeka  
November 15, 1974 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Report on survey progress and National Register listings.
3. Explanation of 1974 Supplement to the Inventory of Historic Sites.
4. Current historic preservation projects.
5. Discussion of proposed Kansas historic preservation legislation.
6. Nominations to the National Register.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Other business.
9. Adjournment.

KANSAS HISTORIC SITES BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting of November 15, 1974

The meeting was called to order by chairman W. J. van Wormer at 10:00 a.m. in the GAR room of the Memorial Building. The other board members in attendance were Curtis Besinger, Lynn Burris, Donald Danker, Nyle Miller, A. Bower Sageser, Carlyle Smith and Paul Wilson. Others present were Charles Hall, architectural consultant, and Edgar Langsdorf, Tom Witty, Richard Pankratz and Ramona Fitzgerald of the Historical Society staff.

Mr. Sageser moved that the minutes of the May 16, 1974, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Danker and carried.

In reporting on survey progress, Mr. Pankratz said that in addition to the 2,777 places now included in the state-wide inventory, 1,717 archeological sites will be added as a result of the transfer of paper information from archeology files during the past summer. Approximately 100 commercial and industrial buildings in Topeka will be added from staff survey work done this past summer. Also, approximately 300-400 buildings in Topeka and Shawnee county will be added from survey work funded by the Shawnee County Planning Commission. Plans for 1975 summer field survey work are not definite, but Mr. Pankratz said that more work is needed in the Wichita and Flint Hills areas.

Mr. Pankratz said that the budget proposal for fiscal 1976 included a request for an archeologist and an architect, personnel necessary to meet the National Register requirements for state staffs.

Kansas now had 166 places on the National Register; fifteen were added since the May 16 meeting. (Word was received subsequent to the board meeting that two additional entries had been made: The Sen. William A. Harris house near Linwood in Leavenworth county and the Marshall county courthouse at Marysville.)

Mr. Pankratz reported that the Union Pacific depot at Solomon, which had been sold by the railroad and scheduled for dismantling and removal, was still at its original location in late summer. (A visit on November 17, 1974, detected no visible evidence of dismantling.) Concerning the Magnolia Ranch in Cowley county, correspondence with the Kansas Turnpike Authority and others indicated no federal involvement in the matter, and therefore no National Register protection for the ranch from the project. Also, the two women who were seeking the nomination of the Calvary Baptist church in Wichita are still writing letters to further their cause.

Mr. Pankratz said that the 1974 Supplement to the 1973 Inventory of Historic Sites included information on 334 places. Of the 700 copies printed, approximately 500 have been distributed to interested planners, state agencies, schools, libraries and county historical societies. Mr. Besinger moved that the board approve the 1974 Supplement. Mr. Burris seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Langsdorf reported that the Fort Hays project work had twice been put out for bid, but because each time the single bid received exceeded the project funds, the project would be done piece meal. The money is available for the Goodnow barn project at Manhattan, but approval of the plans has not yet been received from Washington. Federal funds are available to begin the renovation of the Pottawatomie Baptist Mission located west of Topeka. Archeological work will first be done to determine if possible the original roof structure and to collect additional data on the building. The legislature appropriated \$50,000 to purchase the Battle of Mine Creek site in Linn county, but since one of the owners is not presently willing to accept the appraised value of the land, an agreement must first be reached before the acquisition can be completed.

In discussing possible future projects, Mr. Pankratz said that the Miami county courthouse is to be restored, and a project application may be forthcoming. He said that Kansas needs more local projects to increase its matching capability, and for that legislation is needed giving the Historical Society the necessary powers to confer grants and make agreements for maintenance.

Mr. Wilson presented the historic preservation bill which he had drafted and explained each section. The purpose of the bill is to stabilize the preservation program and to qualify the Historical Society as the state preservation agency to receive federal funds in the future. A question was raised whether in Sec. 4 another sentence should be inserted requiring the governor to appoint the director of the agency as State Historic Preservation Officer, but this matter was left open. In Sec. 6 the phrase "or his designee" was inserted at the end of sub-sections b, c, and d; the word "professionally" was inserted before the word "qualified" in sub-section e; and a provision for reimbursing board members who are not state employees for their expenses is to be added. There was considerable exchange of views on Sec. 8, sub-section d, but it was not changed at this time, except for the insertion of the word "may" prior to the word "charge" in the last phrase; in sub-section i the words "and individuals" were inserted after "agencies" in line 2; the original sub-section k was deleted and original sub-sections l, m and n were designated as k, l and m. In the new sub-section k the word "commissions" in line 3 was changed to "organizations;" the first phrase in sub-section l was changed to read "assist where possible in developing public interest..." In Sec. 16, line 4, the phrase "and its environs" was inserted after "historic property."

The twenty places presented for National Register consideration are listed on the final page of the minutes. Eighteen were approved and two were tabled.

Mr. Wilson moved that the present board officers succeed themselves. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried. Officers are W. J. van Wormer, chairman, A. Bower Sageser, vice-chairman, and Nyle Miller, secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, November 15, 1974

<u>County</u>		<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disapproved</u>	<u>Tabled</u>
Anderson	Samuel Tipton House, Harris vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Atchison	Atchison County Courthouse, Atchison	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	J. P. "Paddy" Brown House, Atchison	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	A. J. Harwi House, Atchison	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	McInteer Villa, Atchison	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Douglas	Douglas County Courthouse, Lawrence	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Old Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Elk	Archeological Site, 14EK331	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Ellsworth	Arthur Larkin House, Ellsworth vicinity	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Labette	Big Hill Archeological District	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Marion	Burns Union School, Burns	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Marshall	Koester House, Marysville	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Missouri Pacific Depot, Vermillion	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
	Weaver Hotel, Waterville	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Mitchell	St. John the Baptist Church, Beloit	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Osage	Cow-Killer Archeological Site (14OS347)	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Shawnee	Memorial Building, Topeka	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Menninger Clinic, Topeka	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Thacher Building, Topeka	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wyandotte		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Westheight Manor District, Kansas City	<u>X</u>	_____	_____