

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting
May 13, 2017
Museum Classrooms
Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Jennie Chinn, Eric Engstrom, Timothy Hersh, John Hoopes, Joseph Johnson, David Sachs and Gregory Schneider.

Absent: Sharron Hamilton, Kathryn Herzog and Toni Stewart.

Staff

Present: Rick Anderson, Kristen Johnston, Lauren Jones, Marsha Longofono, Amanda Loughlin, Jillian Love, Katrina Ringler and Patrick Zollner.

Proceedings

Eric Engstrom called the meeting to order at 8:57 A.M. and asked for introductions from the board members and staff.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the meeting minutes of February 4, 2017.

Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner reported that there are now 1,434 Kansas listings in the National Register of Historic Places and 173 listings in the Kansas Register. Since the last meeting, there have been 4 new Kansas listings to the National Register of Historic Places, 1 delisting and 2 additional documentations. Zollner announced that Archeological staff members are well underway with preparations for the 2017 Kansas Archeology Training Program field school in Valley Falls, KS. Zollner also announced the resignation of SHPO staff architect Ken Price.

Report of the 2017 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Review Committee

The recommendations of the Historic Preservation Fund grant review committee (Attachment 1) were read by committee chair John Hoopes. Joseph Johnson asked if the committee felt very confident about the ranking of the applicants, to which Hoopes responded yes. Jennie Chinn remarked that the grant funds have not yet been allocated to the Kansas Historical Society, however, there is no reason to think that these funds will not be forthcoming. The board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Oak Hill Cemetery

1605 Oak Hill Avenue, Lawrence, Douglas County
KHRI #045-5925

Criteria A & C: Exploration/Settlement; Landscape Architecture

Period of Significance: 1865-1921

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing site; 5 contributing and 1 non-contributing structures; 5 contributing and 1 non-contributing objects

Summary: Oak Hill Cemetery was incorporated during a critical moment of identity for the City of Lawrence, Kansas. Still reeling from Quantrill’s Raid, which destroyed much of the fledgling city in 1863, Oak Hill was founded in part to act as a memorial to the citizens killed in the Raid and in part to establish Lawrence as a settled and sophisticated city on the edge of America’s frontier. Oak Hill is significant both for its connection to the Civil War, Bleeding Kansas, and Quantrill’s Raid and for its place in the urban development of Lawrence, Kansas. Furthermore, as a designed public landscape, majorly attributable to the single hand of Holland Wheeler, an important figure in the development of Lawrence, Oak Hill is a masterful example of Rural Cemetery design in the Midwest.

Presented by: Julia Manglitz

Discussion: John Hoopes asked for clarification regarding the integrity and potential issues of the cemetery, to which Manglitz replied overall it is in good condition, however, some of the older markers require cleaning and repair. Hoopes asked if another section of the cemetery contained African American burials, to which Manglitz responded we do not find segregation within the cemetery. Manglitz stated that a Potters’ Field area with unmarked graves and handmade folk-style African American markers does exist and opined that there may be some segregation and a lack of marking, but the history is convoluted in this area.

Public Discussion: Lynne Braddock Zollner spoke in support of the nomination. She remarked that this nomination came about as a result of a CLG grant which was approved last year.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: John Hoopes
6 votes yes, 1 absention¹

Keystone Ranch

2910 47th Terrace, Burns vicinity, Marion County
KHRI #155-901

Criteria A & C: Agriculture; Architecture

Period of Significance: 1881-1960

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 6 contributing & 4 non-contributing buildings; 1 contributing site; 7 contributing & 1 non-contributing structures

MPS: Historic Ag-related Resource of Kansas

Summary: Established in the early 1880s Keystone Ranch is nominated for its association with Marion County’s ranching history. From 1881 to 1902 German immigrant Frank A. Wells acquired 1,800 acres in the southeastern portion of the county where he established a sheep ranch. During his tenure, Wells constructed most of the extant structures at the ranch. After

¹Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.

Wells' death in 1913 the ranch was sold to T.J. Grace, whose family continues to own the entire 1,800 acres. Although the focus shifted from sheep to hogs, cattle, and horses, the ranch buildings continued to support the agricultural functions first established by Wells. Grace constructed a number of additional outbuildings, which were in place by 1960. Today Keystone Ranch is an excellent example of the evolution of ranching in this part of Kansas.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Tim Hersh remarked that the hydraulic ram used to transport water to various outbuildings was quite innovative, to which Loughlin agreed and added that he was an engineer and machinist. Gregory Schneider asked if the interior was in good shape, to which Loughlin responded it needs help, especially in the older sections of the building. Loughlin remarked that the property owner wanted to be here today, but had to deal with cattle at the ranch.

Motion to approve: Gregory Schneider Second: David Sachs
6 votes yes

Harper Standpipe

1012 Ash Street, Harper, Harper County
KHRI #077-50

Criteria A & C: Community Development; Engineering

Period of Significance: 1886-1913

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing structure

Summary: The Harper Standpipe, started in 1886 and finished in 1887, is nominated for its association with community planning and development and for its engineering method of construction. It is a unique example of a late 19th century standpipe with a base constructed of local materials and a standpipe constructed of riveted iron plates. The fish wind direction indicator on top still moves, and the standpipe is in current use as a part of the city water system.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Eric Engstrom asked how many standpipes are currently listed, to which Loughlin replied 1. Engstrom asked if we thought there are others, to which Loughlin responded the standpipes in Harper and Florence are the only known historic Kansas standpipes still in use. She added that the SHPO will know more after an upcoming survey.

Public Discussion: Clayton Snyder, City Councilman, spoke in favor of the nomination.

Motion to approve: John Hoopes Second: Gregory Schneider
6 votes yes

Frisco Freight Depot

210 East 4th Street, Pittsburg, Crawford County
KHRI #037-355

Criteria A & C: Transportation; Architecture

Period of Significance: 1928-1958

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

MPS: Historic Railroad Resources of Kansas

Summary: The 1928 Frisco Freight Depot sits on property formerly owned by the Frisco Railroad and its subsidiaries since 1877. The nominated building is the third—and only remaining—depot constructed at this location in Pittsburg. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Pittsburg was a hub for rail traffic, mostly due to the proliferation of the region’s coal mining production. During the town’s railroad heyday, Pittsburg was served by at least five railroads, each with their own local depot (freight, passenger, or combination). Frisco’s 1928 freight depot is the only extant depot in town and only one of a few freight-only depots left in the state of Kansas. Although in use in the waning years of rail traffic, this building is significant for its association with Pittsburg’s railroad history from its construction in 1928 to 1958 when the depot ceased to be used for freight transfer. This building is also significant as a rare and highly intact example of its type.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Gregory Schneider asked if the building was always called the “Depot,” to which Loughlin replied yes, according to the Sanborn maps. Joseph Johnson asked if blueprints/floor plans were available, to which Loughlin responded there are no architectural plans, just Sanborns.

Public Discussion: Homeowners Larry and Sooki Fields spoke in support of the nomination. Eric Engstrom asked about the planned use of the building, to which Larry Fields replied it will be an event center; there is good onsite parking and it is located right in the center of the downtown area. Rick Anderson shared a photo with the board members which showed the building being “soda” blasted in April 2017.

Motion to approve: Gregory Schneider Second: Joseph Johnson
6 votes yes

Newell-Johnson-Searle House

609 Walnut Street, Oskaloosa, Jefferson County
KHRI #087-460 & 087-4240-00015

Criteria A & B: Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance: 1858-1918

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 contributing buildings; 1 non-contributing building; 1 contributing site

Summary: The Newell-Johnson-Searle House is associated with the establishment and early development of Oskaloosa. Named for those who owned it during the period of significance (1858-1918), the property reflects layers of occupation, beginning with the ownership of Newell. Although the property has changed since Newell's occupation, this is the only documented resource associated with this locally significant person. Newell was a co-founder of Oskaloosa and a key figure in the area's Bleeding Kansas period. After Newell, local banker Francis M. Johnson lived here from 1874 to 1905, renovating the dilapidated frame residence in 1877. Johnson's grandson, stockman and breeder Francis J. Searle, lived here from 1905 to 1918. He is responsible for the appearance of the homestead as it is today, as he rebuilt much of the house after a fire in 1913.

Presented by: Katrina Ringler

Discussion: Gregory Schneider asked for clarification regarding the location of the wrap-around porch, to which Ringler responded on the front and south sides.

Public Discussion: Elizabeth Leech provided additional historical information about the property. Homeowner James Newell spoke in support of the nomination. Ron Ellis, a student who lived in the house with the Baker family for 2 years during the 1970s, also spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion to approve: David Sachs Second: John Hoopes
6 votes yes

The board took a 15-minute break at 10:15 A.M. The meeting resumed at 10:27 A.M.

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES NOMINATIONS

Wellman School

703 Walnut Street, Oskaloosa, Jefferson County
KHRI #087-430

Criterion A: Education

Period of Significance: 1887-1951

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Summary: The Wellman Schoolhouse served the students of District #79 in Jefferson County's Sarcoxie Township from the time of its construction in 1887, on land owned by stockman Harrison Wellman, until 1951 when the school closed. In 1970 the building was relocated to Old Jefferson Town to be part of the building collection established in Oskaloosa to showcase the built history of the county.

SHPO Note: The building is ineligible for the National Register due to its relocation.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Joseph Johnson asked if the bell tower was rebuilt, to which Loughlin responded not that she was not aware of it being rebuilt. Gregory Schneider asked the date of the last year of the school, to which Loughlin replied 1951.

Motion to approve: Gregory Schneider Second: John Hoopes
6 votes yes

Riley County Fair's Floral Hall

1101 Fremont Street, Manhattan, Riley County
KHRI #161-3490-00040

Criterion A: Entertainment/Recreation
Period of Significance: 1875-1887
Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Summary: Located at the northeastern corner of Manhattan's City Park, the 1875 Floral Hall was the second such building on the county fairgrounds, replacing an earlier structure destroyed by a storm. The stone building served as an exhibition hall for the Riley County Fair from 1875 to 1887. After 1888 the county's annual fairs were held at new fairgrounds outside of Manhattan. Although the building has been repurposed throughout the decades, Floral Hall is significant for its association with Kansas County Fair heritage; it is also the only extant fair structure in City Park.

SHPO Note: The building was determined by SHPO staff to lack sufficient integrity to be listed in the National Register.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: David Sachs
6 votes yes

REMOVALS – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Naomi & Leona Apartment Buildings

507 & 509 South Market Street, Wichita, Sedgwick County
KHRI #173-11083 & 173-10965

Criteria A & C: Architecture; Community Planning & Development
Period of Significance: 1927-1963
Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 2 contributing buildings
Date of Listing: June 25, 2013

Summary: The Naomi and Leona Apartment Buildings were built in 1926 and 1927, respectively, by property developer and contractor Oliver J. Mourning. The buildings featured the same design and appearance. The identical brick buildings reflected the Neoclassical style.

Located just five blocks south of Douglas Avenue, tenants were mostly single women, with some single men and married couples. The buildings were nominated as part of the "Residential Resources of Wichita" multiple property nomination.

SHPO Note: The building was approved for demolition after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #15-02-037).

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Eric Engstrom remarked that the building was in decent shape and asked what happened, to which Loughlin responded it was part of the Wichita redevelopment process. Joseph Johnson remarked that it was probably done for a better use of the land.

Motion to approve: John Hoopes Second: Eric Engstrom
6 votes yes

Ellington Apartment Building

514 South Main Street, Wichita, Sedgwick County
KHRI #173-11264

Criteria A & C: Architecture; Community Planning & Development

Period of Significance: 1927-1963

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Date of Listing: June 25, 2013

Summary: The Ellington Apartment Building was demolished in October 2016. Wichita developer and contractor John Wenzel built the apartment building at the height of an apartment construction boom in 1927. Architect Walter V. Street designed the two-story brick building, which exhibited restrained elements of the Neoclassical style. Located just five blocks south of Douglas Avenue, a main thoroughfare through Wichita's central business district, the building featured 20 units each with private bath and kitchen amenities. Tenants generally included a mix of couples and singles, with single women generally outnumbering single men. It was nominated as part of the "Residential Resources of Wichita" multiple property nomination.

SHPO Note: The building was approved for demolition after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #15-02-037).

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Gregory Schneider asked if these homeowners also owned the Naomi & Leona Apartment Buildings, to which Loughlin replied yes.

Motion to approve: Gregory Schneider Second: John Hoopes
6 votes yes

REMOVALS – REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES

Michigan Building

206 East Douglas Street, Wichita, Sedgwick County
KHRI #173-11252

Criterion A: Commerce

Period of Significance: 1909-1956

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Date of Listing: August 26, 2006

Summary: The Michigan Building was demolished in 2015. Built in 1909 by Wichita's first druggist, Oscar Barns, the Michigan Building housed important music stores for decades that drew customers from the entire region. The lot now contains new construction.

SHPO Note: The building was approved for demolition after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #15-02-037).

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Eric Engstrom remarked that he was sorry to see this building go, but it had to be done as part of the downtown Wichita development project in order to create desperately needed additional parking.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: Gregory Schneider
6 votes yes

Evangelical Covenant Mission Church

256 Lakin Street, Osage City, Osage County
KHRI #139-4210-00011

Date of Listing: July 13, 1979

Summary: The Evangelical Covenant Mission Church was demolished sometime between 2012 & 2014. Built in the late 19th century, this building was significant for its association with the early Swedish community of Osage City and as an excellent example of Gothic architecture. The building's lot is now vacant.

SHPO Note: No state law review was undertaken on this building before its demise.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Eric Engstrom asked if we had any knowledge of why this was done, to which Loughlin responded no. Tim Hersh remarked that it was all up to local jurisdiction. Patrick Zollner stated that Osage City did not reply to SHPO inquiries. Zollner noted that it's a shame

that it happened and opined that Osage City may not require demolition permits. He added that it's an issue of making people aware of the proper procedures.

Motion to approve: Gregory Schneider Second: Eric Engstrom
6 votes yes

Other Business

There was no further business to discuss. Joseph Johnson asked if a public building has to be nominated by the public entity that owns it, to which Patrick Zollner responded that a public building can be nominated by anyone. Amanda Loughlin stated that a public entity cannot object to a nomination.

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be August 12, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Kansas Museum of History in the Museum Classrooms. On the agenda will be the election of officers and scheduling of next year's calendar. The meet adjourned at 11:00 PM.

**Historic Preservation Fund
Report of the Grants Review Committee to the Kansas
Historic Sites Board of Review
May 13, 2017**

On Friday May 12, 2017, a public hearing was held at the Kansas Historical Society, pursuant to published notice, allowing all interested parties an opportunity to address the applications received for the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Historic Preservation Fund grant program. Nineteen members of the public were in attendance and four spoke in favor of their grant applications.

I, John Hoopes, and the other members of the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Review Committee, including David Sachs and Gregory Schneider, met with SHPO staff immediately following the hearing to go over application ratings and committee comments

The committee reviewed 8 grant requests totaling \$113,407. To the Historic Sites Board of Review, the committee recommends funding the following projects as they were proposed pending allocation of funding by the National Park Service for federal fiscal year 2017. The projects are listed in the order recommended for funding should sufficient funds not become available.

- Unified Government of Wyandotte County, KCK – Elevating Quindaro: The Application for National Historic Landmark Status -- \$20,000
- City of Manhattan – Sunset Area Intensive Historic Resources Survey and PSIQ -- \$14,700
- City of Topeka – Auburndale Neighborhood Intensive Historic Resources Survey, Area #2 -- \$16,000
- City of Topeka – Collins Park Intensive Historic Resources Survey -- \$17,000
- City of Arkansas City – Resurvey of Downtown Commercial Historic District -- \$13,000
- Greenwood Preservation Society – Eureka’s Central Business District Survey -- \$14,500
- Douglas County – Tombstones on the Kansas Prairie: A Cemetery Conservation Workshop -- \$12,207.12
- City of Topeka – Country Club Addition Intensive Historic Resources Survey -- \$6,000

As stated earlier, the grant requests totaled approximately \$113,407. The award recommends funding all 8 applications submitted this year pending availability of funding from the National Park Service.

The HPF Grant Review Committee respectfully submits this report to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. I move that the Board approve this report for funding. The committee members will stand for questions.

Historic Preservation Grant Review Committee

David Sachs
John Hoopes
Gregory Schneider