

**STATE REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MAY 19, 2021**

The State Review Board for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, online via WebEx Video Teleconference. All votes were taken by roll call and unless otherwise noted in the minutes, decisions were unanimous.

Members attending were Michael Birdwell, Chair; Kevin Smith, Vice-Chair; Margot Payne; Jefferson Rogers; Amanda Rose; Juan Self; Jim Thompson; and Learotha Williams. Bennett Graham, Lee Ingram, Tara Mitchell Mielnik, and Beverly Robertson were unable to attend.

Patrick McIntyre, State Historic Preservation Officer and Claudette Stager, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer attended the meeting. Also present were Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) staff members Holly Barnett, Rebecca Schmitt, Chris Kinder, Peggy Nickell, Casey Lee, Kerri Ross, and Kelley Reid.

Consultants and representatives of nominated properties attended the meeting.

The first order of business was to approve the agenda. Dr. Rogers moved; Mr. Thompson seconded, that the agenda be approved. Voted and approved.

The next order of business was to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2021, meeting. Dr. Williams moved; Mr. Thompson seconded, that the minutes of the meeting be approved. Voted and approved.

The next meeting of the State Review Board was planned for September 29 but this conflicts with a conference that many staff members attend. The meeting was changed to September 20, 2021 and it will be held in Nashville. The January 2022 meeting will be held on January 26, 2022. Ms. Rose moved, Dr. Smith seconded, to approve the changes and dates. Voted and approved.

The State Review Board bylaws allow for each board member to attend one meeting a year by remote/electronic means. Staff proposed having a hybrid form of meetings, where meeting both in-person and electronic meeting would be allowed. The board asked staff to draft a revision and send it to the board by mid-June.

Mr. McIntyre introduced Kelley Reid, the new Section 106 reviewer. He then spoke about the Progress Report and pointed out what the staff has accomplished while working remote.

**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

Dr. Birdwell called on Ms. Schmitt to lead the discussion on the nominations. She showed a PowerPoint and presented information on the properties being reviewed.

### **T-201 Aircraft Hangar, Coffee County**

The property was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in military history. Ms. Schmitt prepared the nomination and noted that the owner would like to use the historic tax credits to rehabilitate the building.

Dr. Smith moved; Dr. Williams seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Twinton Fire Lookout Tower, Overton County**

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance in conservation and architecture. The nomination was deferred at the January meeting. The nomination was prepared by Tennessee Valley Archaeology Research (TVAR) in 2014 and Ms. Schmitt made the changes recommended by the board. This was part of a multiple property submission "Tennessee Division of Forest Fire Lookout Towers, 1933 - 1975."

Dr. Smith moved; Mr. Thompson seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved to defer.

### **Overton Park Court Apartments, Shelby County**

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance in community planning and development and architecture. The nomination was prepared by Judith Johnson of J. Johnson and Associates. Ms. Johnson attended the meeting in support of the nomination.

There was a discussion about editing and a change to a statement about Central Park and Memphis' Overton Park.

Dr. Rogers moved; Dr. Williams seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Beck Knob Cemetery, Hamilton County**

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance in African American ethnic heritage and landscape architecture. The nomination was prepared by the Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of the South at Sewanee. Savannah Grandey of the CHP attended the meeting in support of the nomination. Gary James and Melissa Mortimer, both from Chattanooga, attended the meeting in support of the nomination.

There was a discussion about what mapping had been done in the cemetery and edits needed in the nomination.

Dr. Williams moved; Ms. Rose seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Price-Evans Foundry, Hamilton County**

The property was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in industry. Ms. Mortimer prepared the nomination and attended the meeting in support of the nomination.

There was a discussion about how the redevelopment would alter the buildings, the use of the historic tax credits, and edits to the nomination.

Ms. Payne moved; Dr. Smith seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Big Hill Fire Lookout Tower, Marion County**

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance in conservation and architecture. The nomination was prepared by TVAR in 2014 and Ms. Schmitt updated the nomination. This was part of a multiple property submission "Tennessee Division of Forest Fire Lookout Towers, 1933 - 1975."

Dr. Smith moved; Dr. Williams seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Chuck Swan Fire Lookout Tower, Union County**

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance in conservation and architecture. The nomination was deferred at the January meeting. The nomination was prepared by TVAR in 2014 and Ms. Schmitt made the changes recommended by the board. While making the changes, staff determined that this property could not be nominated under the multiple property submission "Tennessee Division of Forest Fire Lookout Towers, 1933 - 1975" because it did not meet the registration requirements. As a result, additional context was added to the nomination.

Dr. Rogers moved; Ms. Rose seconded, to approve the nomination. Voted and approved to defer.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Birdwell noted that it was nice not to delist a property at this meeting. Ms. Schmitt stated that there will be delistings at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Thompson moved; Dr. Williams seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. No vote was taken, participants disconnected.

Approved,



Michael Birdwell, Chair