

**STATE REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2022**

The State Review Board for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at the Tennessee Historical Commission's (THC) offices at Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, and online via WebEx video conference. All votes were taken by roll call and unless otherwise noted in the minutes, decisions were unanimous.

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

THC staff members attending the meeting were Rebecca Schmitt, Casey Lee, J. Ethan Holden, and Kelley Reid. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Holly Barnett, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, also attended the meeting.

Members of the public also attended the meeting, in-person and virtually.

The first order of business was to approve the agenda. Mr. Self moved, Dr. Maher seconded, to approve the agenda. Voted and approved.

The second order of business was to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021, meeting. Ms. Rose moved, Mr. Ingram seconded, to approve the minutes. Voted and approved.

The next meeting of the State Review Board will be held on May 11, 2022, in Nashville, in person, by WebEx, or both. The board determined that the September 2022 meeting will be held on September 14, 2022.

The next order of business was to introduce new staff members. Mr. McIntyre noted that Holly Barnett has begun her new role as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, succeeding Claudette Stager, who retired in November. Mr. McIntyre introduced new staff member Joshua Ethan Holden as the new National Register co-coordinator.

Mr. McIntyre presented the "Progress Report on the National Historic Preservation Act (PL 89-665) Activities". The report is a summary of the federal staff activities since the last meeting. Mr. McIntyre also introduced Dr. Tom Maher as a new State Review Board Member. Dr. Maher currently serves as Senior Archaeologist with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He has served as a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission in the past.

National Register Nominations

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

Emory Place Historic District (Boundary Increase & Additional Documentation), Knox County

This is an updated and expanded nomination for the Emory Place Historic District, originally listed in 1994. The expanded district was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in Commerce, Transportation, and Community Planning and Development, as well as under Criterion C for Architecture. Ms. Hollie Cook, Director of Education and Technical Services for Knox Heritage, Inc. prepared the nomination. The Knoxville Certified Local Government submitted comments in support of the nomination.

Mr. Self moved, Dr. Maher seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Howell Nurseries, Knox County

The property was nominated under criterion A for local significance in Agriculture and Commerce and under Criterion C for local significance in Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Ms. Nissa Dahlin-Brown prepared the nomination and attended the meeting in support of the property. The Knoxville Certified Local Government submitted comments in support of the nomination.

Ms. Payne requested that the photographs be numbered in the nomination for better clarity. Ms. Schmitt explained that staff illness prevented completing the photograph sheets before the meeting. Ms. Schmitt noted that staff would ensure the nomination met all National Park Service requirements before formal submittal.

Mr. Self moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Georgetown Road (Trail of Tears Segment), Meigs County

The property was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in Ethnic Heritage: Native American. Amy Kostine and Victoria Peck of the Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University, prepared the nomination. Savannah Grandey-Knies and Dr. Carroll Van West, also of the Center for Historic Preservation, attended the meeting and spoke in support of the nomination.

Dr. Maher moved, Dr. Mielnik seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Benevolent Cemetery, Rutherford County

The property was nominated under Criterion A for its local significance in African American heritage as it relates to Social History. The nomination was prepared by John Lodi and Savannah Grandey Knies from the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. Ms. Knies attended the meeting in support of the nomination. Dr. Carrol Van West, center director and state historian, spoke in support of the nomination. The Murfreesboro Certified Local Government submitted comments in support of the nomination.

Ms. Rose moved, Mr. Self seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Removals and Reassessments

Three National Register-listed properties had been demolished and the board reviewed these nominations for removing them from the National Register. Ms. Schmitt noted that the board chose to consider the removals all at once the last meeting. Mr. Self moved, Dr. Maher seconded, that the removals be considered at once. Voted and approved.

The properties reviewed were:

The Hibbetteage – Davidson County
Sevierville Masonic Lodge – Sevier County
Newton Copeland Richards House – Shelby County

Dr. Mielnik moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, that the removals be approved. Voted and approved.

Other Business

There being no further business, Mr. Thompson moved, Mr. Ingram seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Approved,

Michael Birdwell, Chair