

Approved Minutes

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

9:30 a.m. September 20, 2018

At the Exchange Building, 15 W. Bank Street, Petersburg, VA 22558

Board of Historic Resources Members Present:

Dr. Ashley Atkins-Spivey, Chair
Clyde Paul Smith, Vice-Chair
Erin Ashwell
Fred Fisher
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax
Nosuk Pak Kim
David Ruth

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

None

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Staff Present:

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Jennifer Loux
Jennifer Pullen
David Edwards
Marc Wagner
Elizabeth Lipford
Aubrey Von Lindern
Michael Pulice
Lena McDonald
Brad McDonald
Casey DeHaven
Austin Walker

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Guests Present (from sign-in sheet):

Judy Ledbetter, Charles City County (Isaac Brandon Marker)
Edith Turner, Mathews County (Thomas Hunter)
Rosalind Knight, Mathews County (Thomas Hunter)

Chair Atkins-Spivey called the BHR meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. She explained the role of the BHR as an official policy-making Board of the Commonwealth, and asked each of the Board members to introduce themselves.

Chair Atkins-Spivey asked for a motion to adopt the September 20, 2018, meeting agenda. Ms. Ashwell made the motion. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Smith and passed unanimously with no discussion.

Chair Atkins-Spivey presented the June 2018 meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kim made the motion. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Smith and passed unanimously with no discussion.

Elections – Board of Historic Resources:

Chair Atkins-Spivey requested a nomination for Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Kim nominated Dr. Fairfax as Vice-Chair. Mr. Fisher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Atkins Spivey requested nomination for Board Chair. Ms. Kim nominated Clyde Smith as chair. Ms. Ashwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Fairfax thanked Dr. Atkins Spivey for her service as chair of the board during the past year.

Newly elected Board Chair Smith assumed management of the meeting and introduced Dr. Jennifer Loux to present highway markers.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Jennifer Loux, Highway Marker Program Manager, introduced herself and presented Sponsor Markers – Diversity 1, 2, 3, and 4 as a block.

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1.) Booker T. Washington High School

Sponsor: The Concerned Citizens of Booker T. Washington High

Locality: Norfolk

Proposed Location: 1111 Park Ave. (corner of U.S. 58 West and U.S. 166 South)

2.) Thomas Hunter (Rosenwald) School

Sponsor: Thomas Hunter Middle School/Mathews County Public Schools
Locality: Mathews County
Proposed Location: 387 Church St.

3.) Universal Lodge No. 1

Sponsor: Universal Lodge #1 Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall
Locality: Alexandria
Proposed Location: 112 East Oxford Ave.

4.) Isaac Brandon Lynched, 6 April 1892

Sponsor: Charles City County Richard M. Bowman Center for Local History; Charles City Chapter NAACP
Locality: Charles City County
Proposed Location: intersection of Courthouse Road and Courthouse Green at Charles City Court House

Comment Summary:

After Ms. Loux's presentation, Chair Smith asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Judy Ledbetter of Charles City County spoke briefly on behalf of the Isaac Brandon Marker, noting its importance as the first marker commemorating a site of lynching in Virginia and thanking the Boards for their consideration. An alumna of the Hunter School introduced a retired teacher who taught at the school, and thanked the BHR for considering the marker. She said students at the school had worked hard to learn about Thomas Hunter, with students who researched and made presentations about Hunter and the school's history. In February 2019, the school will be celebrating the marker's installation. She said that students were involved in fundraising to pay for the marker and most of the money was raised within the local community.

Chair Smith asked if the Thomas Hunter Rosenwald School is still extant and the highway marker sponsor said that it is not. The middle school that bears Hunter's name is still in use.

Chair Smith requested a motion to approve markers as presented. Ms. Fisher made the motion and Dr. Fairfax seconded. The motion passed unanimously..

Dr. Loux presented Sponsor Markers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as a block

Sponsor Markers

1.) The Academy of Music (1905-1958)

Sponsor: Academy Center of the Arts
Locality: Lynchburg
Proposed Location: 5th and Main Streets

2.) Donald Robertson's School

Sponsor: Mr. Peter Meyerhof
Locality: King and Queen County
Proposed Location: Spring Cottage Rd. (Route 628) at intersection with Gravel Pit Rd.

3.) Paul Mellon (1907-1999)

Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Conover Foundation
Locality: Fauquier County
Proposed Location: Intersection of John S. Mosby Highway and Rokeby Road, Upperville

4.) Rokeby Stables

Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Conover Foundation
Locality: Fauquier County
Proposed Location: Intersection of John Mosby Highway and Rokeby Road, Upperville

5.) Mary Elizabeth Conover Mellon (1904-1946)

Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Conover Foundation

Locality: Fauquier County

Proposed Location: 9108 John S. Mosby Highway, Upperville

6.) Bristol Union Railway Station

Sponsor: Bristol Train Station Foundation

Locality: City of Bristol

Proposed Location: 101 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Comment Summary:

Chair Smith asked for a motion to approve the markers as presented. Ms. Kim so moved and Mr. Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ruth thanked DHR staff for their work on researching and preparing marker texts in cooperation with marker sponsors.

Chair Smith adjourned the BHR at 10:00 a.m.

JOINT MEETING
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
10:00 a.m. September 20, 2018
At the Exchange Building, 15 W. Bank Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

State Review Board Members Present

Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Chair
Joseph D. Lahendro, Vice-Chair
Dr. Sara Bon-Harper
Dr. Gabrielle Lanier
Dr. Laurant Lee
Dr. Carl Lounsbury
John Salmon

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Clyde Paul Smith, Chair
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Vice-Chair
Dr. Ashley Atkins-Spivey
Frederick S. Fisher
Nosuk Pak Kim
Erin B. Ashwell
David Ruth

State Review Board Members Absent

None

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

None

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
Jennifer Pullen
Marc Wagner
Aubrey Von Lindern
Lena McDonald
Megan Melinat
Jennifer Loux
Austin Walker

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
David Edwards
Elizabeth Lipford
Michael Pulice
Brad McDonald
Joanna Wilson Green
Casey DeHaven

Guests present (from sign-in sheet) –

Sioux Craft Kimberling, Loudoun County (James Farm)
Marcus Pollard (Thompson's Mill/Amherst Mill Complex)
Kayla Halberg (Norfolk Auto Row Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase)
Steve Truitt, Carroll County (Woodlawn School)
Kiernan Ziletti (Richmond)

Staff from Other State Agencies Present –

Catherine Shankles (Office of the Attorney General)

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

Chair Smith called the BHR meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. He explained the role of the BHR as an official policy-making Board of the Commonwealth, and asked each of the Board members to introduce themselves.

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Elizabeth Moore called the SRB meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. and explained the role of the SRB and the process of Register designation. She invited the SRB members to introduce themselves, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chair Moore asked for a motion to adopt the September 20, 2018 meeting agenda. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Chair Moore presented the June 2018 meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. With a motion from Dr. Bon-Harper and a second from Dr. Lee, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the minutes with no discussion.

Chair Smith invited Mr. Samuel Parham, Mayor of Petersburg, to offer a brief welcome to those in attendance.

Welcome from Mayor Parham

Mayor Parham expressed his honor at hosting DHR and the Boards in the recently renamed and renovated Exchange Building. Mayor Parham stated his hopes that the Exchange Building, which aims to convey 400 years of the city's history, will help to promote tourism and economic development in the city's historic downtown. He then invited Ms. Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager of Petersburg, to speak. Ms. Ferrell-Benavides offered her thanks to members of the city management and preservation staff in attendance. Mayor Parham subsequently invited Mr. Chip Mann, president of the Petersburg Preservation Task Force, to speak. Mr. Mann explained that the

Exchange Building represents the embodiment of public-private partnership in historic preservation before offering a brief history of the building itself. Notably, he explained that a HABS survey of the 1841 merchant exchange building called it perhaps the only authentic Greek Revival merchant exchange still standing. Mr. Mann concluded by remarking that the renaming of the museum from the Siege Museum to the Exchange Building parallels the city's aspirational shift from a "siege mentality" to an "exchange mentality" with respect to historic preservation and cultural heritage work.

Following this welcome, Chair Smith introduced DHR Director Julie Langan, who proceeded to deliver the Director's Report.

Director's Report:

Director Langan began her report by providing a number of updates related to DHR staff and initiatives. She first noted Ms. Ethel Eaton's recent retirement from DHR, expressing gratitude for her years of distinguished service to the department as an archaeologist in the Review and Compliance division. Director Langan continued by noting the ongoing DHR archaeological field school at Eyreville being conducted by DHR staff Mr. Mike Barber, State Archaeologist for the Division of State Archaeology, and Mr. Mike Clem, Archaeologist for the Eastern Region Preservation Office among others.

Director Langan went on to state that DHR is continuing to move forward with its partnership with the Virginia Historical Society (Virginia Museum of History and Culture) regarding the management of mitigation funds from the ongoing Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley Pipeline projects. She noted that the \$8 million fund will go towards a grant program – the Commonwealth History Fund – to provide funding for preservation projects in counties affected by the pipelines, with the first announcement of awards currently planned for Spring 2019. She also expressed her hope that the fund will eventually be made available for mitigation projects throughout the state without the requirement of potential impacts from the two pipeline projects.

Director Langan proceeded to discuss DHR's current state budget requests to Secretary of Natural Resources Matt Strickler. She noted that DHR has been particularly aggressive with its latest requests given both Governor Northam's commitment to increase funding to the Secretary of Natural Resources as well as Secretary Strickler's willingness to increase funding to DHR. Director Langan noted that funding for additional collections storage space is a priority, given that DHR currently has only approximately two years' worth of storage space left. A space study has been conducted in anticipation of relocating collections resources, with the hope of finding a 20-year solution. Addressing a number of IT needs is also a priority, as is the continuation of the Eyreville research and field school programs. Finally, Director Langan noted the need for a new dedicated staff position with expertise in cemeteries.

Continuing with DHR's other main priorities moving forward, Director Langan stated that, given Governor Northam's focus on prioritizing climate change and the consequences of sea level rise, DHR can continue to provide predictive modeling for potentially impacted historic and cultural resources. Director Langan also stated that greater attention to Southwest Virginia is a priority for DHR, noting a number of scheduled DHR events in Marion, Appalachia, and Bristol during the first week of October in an effort to promote the survey and preservation of more historic resources, expanding Tax Credit opportunities, and exploring potential Highway Markers in the region. Director Langan stated that there had been 11 applications for the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Program; she hoped that the over \$1 million fund would be able to provide at least partial funding for all those who applied and noted that an awards announcement by Governor Northam was planned for October. Finally, Director Langan stated that Virginia had the second-most National Register listings in the country during 2017; she offered her sincere thanks to the Register staff at DHR, particularly National Register Historian Ms. Lena McDonald.

Director Langan then turned her attention to updating the Boards on the latest developments regarding the Blackwell Historic District (City of Richmond, VDHR No. 127-5817) and the Manchester Residential and Commercial Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase (City of Richmond, VDHR No. 127-7195). She noted that a special meeting of the Boards will take place on October 10, 2018, at which time the two nominations will be presented. In addition, the meeting will also address the potential for future collaboration between DHR and the Equal Justice Initiative on historic markers commemorating sites of lynchings in the state. Given the BHR's authority to approve the design and text of all highway markers in the state, the hope is that DHR will be able work with EJI's current initiative for lynching markers to come up with a marker design that frames individual lynching events in Virginia within the broader context of racial violence across the country.

Director Langan then offered a brief summary of the sequence of events surrounding the Blackwell Historic District nomination, noting that the situation had provided an opportunity to forge relationships with the Blackwell community and refine the department's approach to community outreach in what had ultimately been an overall positive experience for DHR staff. She explained that while the Blackwell district had been determined eligible by DHR's evaluation committee roughly twelve years ago, a nomination had not come forward until an application was received from a developer seeking tax credit opportunities in the area. Insufficient outreach during the initial survey and preparation of the nomination had left the community unprepared for the consequences of National Register listing, leading to skepticism among members of the community given previously unfulfilled promises related to government-driven redevelopment in the neighborhood. Coupled with the fact that the City of Richmond's most recent property tax assessment for the Blackwell neighborhood had seen a 19% increase on average, many residents feared that historic district designation would only further increase property taxes as well as rent, given the high percentage of absentee ownership in the area. Responding to these concerns, Director Langan stated that the three Richmond city councilors who represent parts of the Blackwell community as well as Mayor Levar Stoney have expressed support for the historic district. She further noted that the federal government's recent designation of the area as an "opportunity zone" that will provide additional tax credit incentives to invest in redeveloping the neighborhood means that capital will begin flowing into area

regardless, with historic district designation offering the only incentive to use and preserve historic building stock. Director Langan emphasized the importance of National Register listing and potential tax credit incentives as an opportunity to address several needs within the community, notably the absence of a grocery store and inadequate affordable housing. She noted that 400 units of affordable housing had been constructed in the original Manchester Residential and Commercial Historic District using tax credits made possible by Register listing.

Director Langan then offered a brief timeline chronicling the evolution of the Blackwell nomination as well as the various problems faced and solutions developed by DHR staff. She noted that a single nomination for the Manchester Residential and Commercial Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase had originally been scheduled for Board review at the June 2018 meeting, with ARB review completely successfully in May and the first public hearing for the district held that month. At that hearing, members of the community proposed changing the name of the nomination to the Blackwell Historic District, given the strong sense of self-identity in the neighborhood – a proposal that DHR staff accepted. In addition, skepticism expressed by residents at the hearing over the perceived lack of previous community outreach prompted DHR staff to attend several other regular community meetings, including those of the Blackwell Civic Association. At these meetings, resentment held by many in the community towards the developer funding the nomination became increasingly clear, ultimately leading DHR to postpone the nomination at the suggestion of the community to allow for more time for residents to be informed about National Register listing and its potential outcomes. The Blackwell Historic District was then placed on the agenda for the September 2018 meeting, with DHR staff continuing to attend community meetings and arrange additional outreach efforts in anticipation of this meeting. However, a mailing issue that occurred during DHR's legal notification process meant that the department could not meet notification regulations in time for the September meeting. As a result, a special meeting of the Boards was scheduled for October 10, 2018, with a new public hearing slated for September 27. During this period, DHR Register Historian Lena McDonald consulted with Jim Gabbert of the National Parks Service, who recommended that the single historic district be separated into a stand-alone Blackwell Historic District and a revised Manchester Residential and Commercial Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase, creating two nominations to be considered in October.

Director Langan concluded by noting that DHR's extensive outreach efforts over the past several months had generated increased interest in Highway Markers within the Blackwell neighborhood while also spawning conversations regarding community-driven oral history exhibits and other efforts at preserving history within the community. She then opened the floor to questions from members of the Boards. Dr. Bon-Harper sought clarification on whether two separate nominations were now being presented for Board review, which Director Langan confirmed. Dr. Lee noted the integral role of DHR's community outreach teams – particularly Community Outreach Liaison Preston Page – and recommended that the department seek to expand such efforts with dedicated staff if funding allowed. Mr. Fisher noted his hope that National Register listing would help promote a renewed sense of community in the Blackwell neighborhood, something that has been missed by many residents in recent years. Vice-Chair Fairfax reiterated that any attempt to express the anguish and difficulties faced by African-American communities in South Richmond would be an understatement and urged DHR to continue to focus community outreach efforts on those most affected by potential dislocation and displacement as a result of redevelopment efforts.

Mr. Fisher asked about low-income housing proposals in the district. Director Langan said some developers may use historic tax credits to create affordable housing units. Mr. Fisher said that rising property values might force some people out of the neighborhood. Director Langan responded that a local councilmember has proposed legislation to make some tax abatements, particularly for senior citizens, permanent.

Dr. Lee concurred with Vice-Chair Fairfax's comments, noted that DHR staff member Preston Page has done an excellent job at community engagement, and said she hopes similar work will continue in the future.

Vice-Chair Lahendro asked when the two nominations will be ready for review and Ms. McDonald said they will be ready to send to the City of Richmond's architectural review board next week, at which time they can be sent to all board members too.

Director Langan concluded her report, and invited DHR Deputy Director Stephanie Williams to present the 2018-2019 Work Plan Report and 2019 Meeting Schedule.

Work Plan Report:

Deputy Director Williams reminded Board members that she sent the Board members a draft of DHR's 2018-2019 work plan in advance of today's meeting. She explained that the Work Plan is driven in part by goals DHR sets concerning our agency's work with the National Park Service and those pertaining to our biennial state plan. She highlighted some areas of the Work Plan, including goals for the tax credit and easement programs, the Survey & Register Division, the Review & Compliance Division, the Community Services Division, which includes the Certified Local Government Program, and the State Archaeology Division. She asked the Boards to approve the Work Plan as presented.

Prior to the vote on approval, Ms. Ashwell offered her recusal given her previous involvement in litigation related to a matter presented in the Work Plan. Her recusal was acknowledged by the BHR.

Chair Smith then asked the BHR for a motion to approve the Work Plan as presented. With a motion from Ms. Kim and a second from Mr. Fisher, the BHR unanimously approved the Work Plan as presented.

Chair Moore asked the SRB for a motion to approve the Work Plan as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Dr. Lanier, the SRB unanimously approved the Work Plan as presented.

Approval of 2019 Meeting Schedule

Deputy Director Williams requested that the Boards approve the 2019 meeting schedule as follows: March 21, 2019 (third Thursday of the month); June 20, 2019 (third Thursday); September 19, 2019 (third Thursday); and December 12, 2019 (second Thursday).

Chair Smith asked the BHR for a motion to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as presented. With a motion from Ms. Ashwell and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, the BHR voted unanimously to approve the 2019 meeting schedule.

Chair Moore asked the SRB for a motion to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lanier and a second from Dr. Lee, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the 2019 meeting schedule.

Chair Smith invited Ms. Lipford to present the first of the nominations to be considered.

NOMINATIONS

The following Eastern Region nomination was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Lipford.

Eastern Region.....presented by Elizabeth Lipford

- 1. Bruntington Rural Historic District, King and Queen County, #049-5025, Criteria A, B, and C

Chair Smith asked if The Grange organization, which occupied a building (DHR Nos. 049-5027, 049-5025-0011) within the rural historic district for several decades during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, still exists. Ms. Lipford confirmed that it does, noting that a number of other resources in Virginia connected to the organization have previously been listed.

The following Eastern Region nominations were presented as a block by Mr. Marc Wagner.

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner

- 1. **Norfolk Auto Row Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase, City of Norfolk, #122-5797, Criteria A and C

Chair Smith invited property owners and representatives to speak about their properties; Mr. Wagner acknowledged Kayla Halberg, the author of the Norfolk Auto Row Historic District Boundary Increase nomination, who was in attendance. There were no further questions or comments.

Chair Smith requested a motion for the BHR to approve the two Eastern Region nominations as presented. With a motion from Mr. Fisher and a second from Vice-Chair Fairfax, the BHR voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Chair Moore requested a motion for the SRB to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Dr. Lounsbury, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

The following Northern Region nominations were presented as a block by Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern.

Northern Region.....presented by Aubrey Von Lindern

- 1. **Woodlawn Cultural Landscape Historic District, Fairfax County, #029-5181, Criteria A and C

Chair Moore asked why Criterion D was not applicable to the nomination, given the significant archaeological investigations that have taken place on properties within the district. Ms. Von Lindern responded that while Criterion D was applicable to individual properties within the district, the district as a whole had not been subject to sufficient archaeological testing to yield the level of significant information required to be eligible for its archaeological importance.

Vice-Chair Lahendro commended the nomination for presenting a broader social and cultural history that effectively ties together disparate individual properties with connections to the Quaker community, abolitionism, Frank Lloyd Wright, the National Trust, and numerous other periods and historical themes into a broader cultural landscape.

The following Northern Region nomination was presented by Ms. Casey DeHaven.

Northern Region.....presented by Casey DeHaven

- 1. **James Farm, Loudoun County, #053-0739, Criterion C

Chair Smith, noting that the primary stone dwelling on the property is not currently occupied, asked whether the secondary frame dwelling on the site is presently being used. Ms. DeHaven responded that the frame building is currently used by the property owners, and that they have plans to return the stone dwelling to use as well.

Chair Smith invited property owners and representatives to speak about their properties; there were no additional questions or comments.

Chair Smith requested a motion for the BHR to approve the Northern Region nominations as presented. With a motion from Mr. Fisher and a second from Vice-Chair Fairfax, the BHR voted unanimously to approve the two nomination as presented.

Chair Moore requested a motion for the SRB to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Prior to the presentation of the Western Region nominations, Chair Smith requested that the Boards discuss and vote on the nomination for Arrowhead separately before proceeding to the other nominations. The following nomination was presented by Mr. Michael Pulice.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. Arrowhead, Nelson County, #062-5135-0051, Criterion B

Following Mr. Pulice's presentation, Chair Smith noted concerns among the Board members related to the nomination and its relationship to Virginia's Native American communities, particularly the Monacan Nation. Dr. Atkins-Spivey expanded on these concerns, expressing her belief that Col. Robinson's work must be properly contextualized to reflect his lack of consultation with the Monacan people during his collection of Monacan artifacts. She noted that such work by Robinson and others resulted not only in fraught relationships with tribal communities, but that it is also responsible for the present need for extensive efforts toward the repatriation of Native American artifacts. Dr. Atkins-Spivey further noted that Robinson's work was not directly related to the Native American struggle against eugenics research and the discriminatory policies it spawned in Virginia, arguing that any such implication should be avoided in the historic context of the nomination.

Ultimately, Dr. Atkins-Spivey offered two recommendations for improving the nomination before it could be accepted by the BHR: 1) to consult the Monacan Nation in order to provide the tribal community's perspective on Robinson's scientific contributions and 2) to refine language in the nomination related to the issues previously explained. Chair Smith agreed, adding that our present historical perspective must speak clearly and comprehensively on such issues related to Native American communities and cultural resources. Dr. Lee offered further concurrence. Chair Moore also agreed, recommending outreach to the Monacan Nation as well as refinement of language in the nomination to more clearly reflect Robinson's work as a product of its own time to avoid the risk of tacit endorsement.

Following this discussion, Chair Smith requested a motion for the BHR to defer recommendation on the first Western Region nomination as presented until the December meeting of the two Boards. With a motion from Ms. Kim and a second from Mr. Fisher, the BHR voted unanimously to defer recommendation on the Arrowhead nomination until December.

Following additional discussion of the board's recommendation options, Chair Moore requested a motion for the SRB to approve the Arrowhead nomination as presented, with the stipulation that the SRB will review the nomination once the necessary consultation with the Monacan nation has taken place and subsequent revisions have been made. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Dr. Lounsbury, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination with the need for additional consultation and revisions.

The following Western Region nominations were presented as a block by Mr. Michael Pulice

2. Big Stone Gap Historic District, Wise County, #101-5002, Criteria A and C
3. Thompson's Mill/Amherst Mill Complex, Town of Amherst, Amherst County, #163-0007, Criteria A and C
4. Woodlawn School, Carroll County, #017-5160, Criterion A and Criteria Consideration G

Chair Smith asked if the Amherst Mill Complex is still being used as a mill and store. Mr. Pulice replied that the site is currently owned by a developer who plans to turn the complex into a brewery, with the possibility of either utilizing extant mill equipment to make the new operation water-powered or preserving the equipment as part of a museum.

Chair Smith invited property owners and representatives to speak about their properties. Steve Truitt, representing the Woodlawn School as County Administrator for Carroll County, thanked the Boards for their consideration and explained the current plans to restore the school building as affordable housing for the community. Mr. Truitt noted that the school had been the only high school in Carroll County until 1969, with many county residents hoping to see it preserved. Dr. Bon-Harper noted that the Boards had received two letters from adjacent property owners expressing interest in preserving the school as well as some concerns about its adaptive reuse; she asked whether there had been local efforts to engage with landowners and explain the affordable housing plan. Mr. Truitt responded that local efforts had been undertaken to mitigate such concerns and explained that the opportunity for future historic preservation tax credits would facilitate the preservation and restoration of the school in lieu of drastic alterations.

Chair Smith requested a motion for the BHR to approve the final three Western Region nominations as presented. With a motion from Ms. Ashwell and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, the BHR voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Chair Moore requested a motion for the SRB to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

The Joint Session of the Boards adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 6
Buildings: 2
Structures: 0
Sites: 0
Objects: 0
MPDs: 0

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Jennifer Pullen
Karri Richardson
Joanna Wilson Green

Board of Historic Resources Members Not Present:

Erin Ashwell

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Catherine Shankles (Office of the Attorney General)

Guests Present (from sign-in sheet):

Adam Gillenwater, State and Local Relations Manager, American Battlefield Trust

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

EASEMENTS

Easement Amendment for Consideration

Ms. Wilson Green presented the proposal for amendment of the easement:

1. Malvern Hill Farm, Malvern Hill, Glendale, and Deep Bottom II Battlefields, Henrico County

Property Owner: Henrico County
Acreage: 421.370 ± acres

The Capital Region Land Conservancy (“CRLC”) conveyed an easement over a 418 ± acre portion of the larger tract commonly known as Malvern Hill Farm in Henrico County (the “Easement”) to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources. The Easement was recorded in the Henrico County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office on June 15, 2018 as Instrument #201800018072 (Deed Book 5749, page 1467). The Deed of Easement stated that the *Plat Showing Virginia Board of Historic Resources Conservation Easement on Land Owned by Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc.* prepared by Timmons Group and dated May 24, 2018 was attached to the deed as Exhibit A. However a different plat was attached as Exhibit A and recorded with the Easement. In order to correct this error, the parties recorded a short form amendment with the correct plat attached as Exhibit A (the “First Amendment”). The First Amendment was recorded on July 13, 2018 as Instrument# 201800021379 (Deed Book 5759, page 827). After recordation of the First Amendment, CRLC transferred ownership of the property to Henrico County on July 13, 2018. Henrico County subsequently discovered an error on the plat recorded with the First Amendment that related to the acreage calculation and the total area subject to the Easement. A Second Deed of Amendment is proposed to correct the error.

The *Plat Showing Virginia Board of Historic Resources Conservation Easement on Land Owned by Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc.*, prepared by Timmons Group and dated May 24, 2018 was recorded with the First Amendment and attached as Exhibit A. Henrico County discovered an error in the acreage calculation on the plat. On Sheet 1, the surveyor omitted approximately 2.443 ± acres from the total acreage that was excluded from the easement area. The survey correctly showed the area excluded along New Market Road on Sheets 3 and 5, but failed to subtract this area in the summary on Sheet 1. Therefore, the total acreage subject to the Easement should be approximately 418.927 ± acres rather than the 421.370 ± acres that was used in the Easement and shown on the plat recorded with the First Amendment. The proposed Second Deed of Amendment will include the corrected acreage of 418.927 ± as applicable throughout the document and a revised, corrected plat (see attached) will be attached as Exhibit A.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to correct a scrivener's error. All of the recitals, restrictions, and provisions of the Easement will be carried forward in the Second Deed of Amendment. The acreage will be modified to 418.917 as necessary and the corrected plat attached to the deed. Staff recommends acceptance of the Second Deed of Amendment as proposed.

Comments Summary:

Ms. Shankles clarified the staff request was for an amendment.

Chair Clyde Paul Smith asked for a motion to approve the proposal for amendment of the easement as recommended by the Easement Acceptance Committee. Mr. Fisher made the motion. Dr. Atkins-Spivey seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment of the Malvern Hill Farm easement as presented.

Easement Offers

Ms. Richardson presented the following easement offers:

1. Lyon Tract, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek Battlefields, Shenandoah County

Property Owner: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Acreage: 63.36 ±

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program, Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

Lyon Tract is comprised of two tax parcels located just southwest of Strasburg in Shenandoah County. The property is located between Interstate 81 and the Valley Pike (U.S. Route 11) and is bounded on the north by Battlefield Road (State Route 601) and on the east by a railroad belonging to the Norfolk Southern Old Manassas Gap Railway. Currently used for agricultural (grazing) and residential purposes, the topography of the property is characterized by a gently rolling and sloping elevated hilltop. Approximately seven acres are comprised of mixed hardwood forest. Improvements include a 1989 ranch-style house and a circa 1913 frame farmhouse, bank barn and two sheds. SVBF purchased the property July 2017 and continues to lease the 1989 dwelling, land, and agricultural buildings to a tenant farmer. The 1989 dwelling and surrounding one-acre are subject to a lease agreement that provides for a life estate. The 1913 house is currently unoccupied and is described by SVBF as being watertight but "not quite habitable". SVBF indicated they may rehabilitate it in the future, however, there are no immediate plans at this time. Preservation of these parcels is essential to completing a "critical mass" of protected parcels in the Fisher's Hill Battlefield core area. After placing the property under easement, SVBF plans to use it for battlefield interpretation purposes and as part of the proposed Fisher's Hill trail system. With the exception of the one-acre area surrounding the 1989 house, Lyon Tract will be open to the public during daylight hours. SVBF was awarded a Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund grant in 2016 as well as a Virginia Land Conservation Fund grant to assist with acquisition of the property. SVBF has also applied for an American Battlefield Protection Program ("ABPP") grant.

Lyon Tract contains 48.29± acres of land that lie within the core area and 62.298± acres of land within the study area of the Fisher's Hill Battlefield. Fisher's Hill has been given a Preservation Priority Rating of I.3 Class B by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission ("CWSAC"). Sites with a priority rating of I are those that are in critical need of action. Lyon Tract is located near the center of the Confederate earthworks that spanned the battlefield. Lyon Tract also contains approximately 42.46± acres of land that lie within the study area of the Cedar Creek Battlefield. Cedar Creek Battlefield has been given a Preservation Priority Rating of I.1 Class A from the CWSAC. The property is within the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, an eight county region in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia designated by Congress in the 1996 "Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District and Commission Act". The property contains the surface features and archaeological remains of the 1864 Fisher's Hill Confederate earthwork complex, a line of fortifications that includes rifle pits and gun emplacements. According to Anderson & Associates' 1994 *Survey and Mapping of Fisher's Hill Battlefield Earthworks, Shenandoah County*, earthworks from the Battle of Fisher's Hill were found to bisect the large parcel (24-A-105). This resource, formally recorded in VDHR's permanent archives, is also significant for its potential to contain additional subsurface archaeological deposits or features which may be directly associated with the Battle of Fisher's Hill.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the easement subject to the following condition:

- Final review of all title work by the Office of the Attorney General, including the revised title commitment, ALTA survey, chain of title deeds, easements, and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property. Based on this

review of the title work, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action, including any potential corrections to the legal description.

2. McGeath Log Cabin, Waterford Historic District, Loudoun County

Property Owner: David Barr Crowe

Acreage: 0.1556 ± acres

The John McGeath Log Cabin occupies a 0.1556-acre parcel within the Village of Waterford in Loudoun County. This log house was built circa 1800 near the center of the village. The house is two stories over a full basement with a stone foundation. The property is adjacent to “The Forge”, a property subject to an easement held by the Board of Historic Resources (“VBHR” or “Board”). The John McGeath Log Cabin is a contributing resource to the Historic Waterford District, listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (“VLR”) and the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”) in 1969. The Waterford Historic District obtained National Historic Landmark status in April 1970. The cabin is currently unoccupied but was most recently used as a second home by the owner, Dr. David B. Crowe. Dr. Crowe is considering selling the property, and would like to put it under easement to protect it from insensitive rehabilitation. Dr. Crowe will be donating the easement and seeking Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credits as well as a federal income tax deduction.

The John McGeath Log Cabin was constructed circa 1800 presumably by Abner Williams, one of the first trustees of the newly established Village of Waterford. Williams conveyed the property to Josiah Craven, who in turn conveyed it to the building’s namesake, Revolutionary War veteran Captain John McGeath, in 1805. The two-story dwelling is built over a full basement with a stone and brick foundation. The three-bay log house is unusual in its construction in that no notching was used to secure the logs. The dwelling features a simple covered front porch and stone and brick chimneys at either end of the house. Inside, the first floor includes a living room and kitchen, and the second floor has two small bedrooms and a bathroom. A walk-up attic is accessible from the second floor. The basement includes living and utility spaces. The interior was remodeled in the 1930’s by the Chamberlin brothers who were responsible for rehabilitating many Waterford buildings. The original fireplaces, floors and some interior doors appear to have been retained.

The property lies within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area and the Mosby Heritage Area. The house and property front on Main Street (Route 785) near the center of the Village of Waterford. The property also has a small area of frontage (approximately 8 feet) on Route 662, a Virginia Scenic Byway.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the easement subject to the following conditions:

1. The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) is in the process of reviewing the boundary issue; counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.
2. Submission of a title insurance policy naming VBHR as the insured party.
3. Receipt of documents authorizing the current deeds of trust to be subordinated to the easement. These documents include:
 - a. Written documentation from lender(s) indicating their willingness to subordinate the lien to the easement.
 - b. Name and position of individual who will be signing on behalf of the lender(s) and document identifying that individual as authorized to sign on behalf of the lender(s).
 - c. Name of Trustee(s) who will be signing on behalf of the lender(s).
 - d. Recorded Appointment of Substitute Trustee document (as applicable).
 - e. The OAG is in the process of reviewing all title documents provided for the property, including chain of title deeds, easements and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property. Based on this review of the title work, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

3. Star Fort 2, Second Winchester and Opequon Battlefields, Frederick County

Property Owner: Seldon, Inc., Richard G. Hardison, Inc., and Richard & Byron, Inc. under contract to Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Acreage: 10.17 ± acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (“SVBF”) is proposing to grant VBHR a conservation easement for the 10.17-acre Star Fort 2 property located just north of Winchester. The property is currently owned by Seldon, Inc., Richard G. Hardison, Inc. and Richard & Byron, Inc., but is under contract to SVBF with an anticipated closing date later this fall. Star Fort 2 is comprised of unimproved, open-space land primarily under wooded cover. The property is adjacent to SVBF’s eight-acre Star Fort property that includes an intact earthwork fort. Star Fort is one of three defensive forts constructed along the ridgelines surrounding Winchester during the Civil War, and is the only ridgeline fort that has been preserved. The Star Fort 2 property is the only remaining open land surrounding Star Fort. SVBF will use the Star Fort 2 property primarily to support the interpretation of the Star Fort historic site, but also for open space and public recreation. The properties will be connected with trails and interpretative signage. Like SVBF’s Star Fort, this property will be open to the public during daylight hours. SVBF has been awarded grant funding in the amount of half of the property value from the American Battlefield Protection Program (“ABPP”) to acquire the property, and the current owners will donate the remaining half to SVBF to match ABPP’s grant. Conveyance of a conservation easement is a requirement of the grant.

Star Fort 2 is located entirely within the core and study areas of the Second Winchester Battlefield. Second Winchester has a Preservation Priority Rating of IV.1 Class B by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (“CWSAC”). Sites with a Priority Rating of IV are considered

fragmented with poor integrity. Battlefield sites rated Class B are those that had a direct and decisive influence on their campaign, in this case the Gettysburg Campaign from June to August 1863. Star Fort 2 is also located entirely within the core and study areas of the Third Winchester (Opequon) Battlefield. Third Winchester has a Preservation Priority Rating of IV.1 Class A by the CWSAC. Battlefields with a Priority Rating of IV are considered fragmented with poor integrity. Battlefield sites rated Class A are those that had a decisive influence on a campaign, in this case the Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign from August-December 1864, and a direct impact on the course of the war. Originally constructed by Confederate forces during the early months of 1862 and improved upon by Union forces, Star Fort was one of three defensive forts positioned on the ridgelines to the west and north of Winchester. By virtue of its location adjacent to, and downhill from, Star Fort, the Star Fort 2 tract occupied an important position in both Second and Third Winchester battles.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the easement subject to the following conditions:

1. Receipt of letters of containment and revisions to the title commitment and survey.
2. Final review of the title work and survey by the Office of the Attorney General.

Comments Summary:

There was no discussion on the easement offers for consideration.

Ms. Kim made a motion that the Board accept the three easement offers, subject to all conditions identified by staff. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the easement offers as presented.

Easement Program Update

Ms. Wilson Green presented the following Easement Program update:

1. Easement Program staff has completed revisions to the new battlefield easement template for nonprofit projects. The new template will make the easement more user-friendly and easier for applicants to understand. The template was also reorganized to include specific sections on landscape and archaeology. Comments on the proposed revisions were addressed and staff will begin using the template. No action required of the Board.

Easement Violation

Ms. Wilson Green notified the Board of a technical violation of the easement, as required by Easement Program Policy #7:

1. Menokin, Richmond County

Property Owner: The Menokin Foundation

Failure to request prior approval of new construction.

Constructed in 1767, Menokin was the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, colonial period political figure and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Although the main house was abandoned over forty years ago and now in ruins, the remains of Menokin continue to be a focal point for on-going research in the disciplines of historic architecture and archaeology. The house ruin is situated on the western edge of a high terrace overlooking the Cat Point Creek drainage in east-central Richmond County. Other structures on the property include the ruins of an office dependency, a visitor's center, and three storage structures. The property is currently open to the public as a museum.

On July 23, 2018, DHR received a letter from Sam McKelvey, the Director of the Menokin Foundation informing Easement Program staff of the construction of an interpretive "ghost structure" on a portion of the property which, through previous archaeological investigation, is known to have contained the location of an 18th century dwelling occupied by enslaved persons. Although the structure was built without the review and approval of DHR's easement program, Menokin Foundation staff took proactive steps to acknowledge the violation and take responsibility for the oversight. In the letter from the Menokin Foundation, McKelvey stated that he was not aware that there were two separate easement documents for the Menokin property, one covering a two-acre area immediately surrounding the house ruin (recorded in 1997) and another (recorded in 2008) comprising approximately 172 acres of open space known as the "Menokin Core Area". McKelvey continued that given the lack of knowledge of the existence of the separate Menokin Core Area easement, the decision to construct the ghost building was made without notifying DHR of the action.

Although this action occurred, the wood frame structure is set on wooden blocks or piers and the project required no ground disturbance. During a site visit on July 24, 2018, DHR staff verified that this temporary structure appeared to be sited in such a way that no archaeological deposits or features were compromised as a result of the construction effort. After consultation with the property owner as well as the Director of Preservation Incentives, on July 31, 2018 DHR issued a formal letter informing the property owner that these incidents conformed to the definition of "technical violation" as provided in Easement Program Policy #7.

For the Technical Violation of the unauthorized construction of a new structure within the Menokin Core Area, DHR is reporting the incident to the Board and the Office of the Attorney General. Because the property owner self-reported the action and thoughtfully provided photographs and a map indicating the location of the structure in their July 23, 2018 notification letter, DHR is not requesting

any additional action on the matter. The property owner is now fully aware of the easement protecting the Menokin Core Area and will consult with DHR regarding any future activities.

Comments Summary:

Dr. Atkins-Spivey asked if the Menokin Foundation removed the ghost building. Ms. Wilson Green responded that the Foundation had not, but noted it was not a permanent structure. Dr. Atkins-Spivey clarified the “Laboratory” use mentioned in the description and noted that this is the second easement violation on this property.

No action required of the Board.

Easement Stewardship Introduction and Update

Mr. McDonald provided a brief overview of stewardship efforts by DHR easement staff and presented quarterly stewardship metrics. This stewardship information will routinely be provided to the Board.

Comments Summary:

Chair Smith asked if easement staff always makes an appointment with the property owner. Mr. McDonald responded affirmatively and noted that staff cannot be on private property without the permission of the landowner. Chair Smith asked if the DHR easement program ever utilized unpaid interns. Mr. McDonald answered that all easement program interns are paid. Mr. Ruth asked how many individual owners are involved with the easement program. Staff estimated five hundred property owners own the approximately 650 easements administered by DHR.

New Easements Recorded Since the June 2018 HRB Meeting

Ms. Wilson Green then briefed the Board about the following recently recorded easements.

- 1. Malvern Hill Farm, Malvern Hill, Glendale, and Deep Bottom II Battlefields, Henrico County**
Easement Donor: Capital Region Land Conservancy
Acreage: 421.370 acres
Date Recorded: June 15, 2018
Grant Funding: Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, American Battlefield Protection Program
- 2. Malvern Hill Farm, Malvern Hill and Glendale Battlefields, Charles City County**
Easement Donor: Capital Region Land Conservancy
Acreage: 51.888 acres
Date Recorded: June 26, 2018
Grant Funding: Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, American Battlefield Protection Program
- 3. Courtland Realty Tracts, Appomattox Court House Battlefield, Appomattox County**
Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage: 201.72 acres
Date Recorded: June 28, 2018
Grant Funding: Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, American Battlefield Protection Program
- 4. Eagle-Bisgyer Tract, Appomattox Court House Battlefield, Appomattox County**
Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage: 0.57 acres
Date Recorded: June 28, 2018
Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program
- 5. Raybourne Tract, Gaines Mill and Cold Harbor Battlefields, Hanover County**
Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage: 1.936 acres
Date Recorded: August 21, 2018
Grant Funding: Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, American Battlefield Protection Program
- 6. Boxerwood, Rockbridge County**
Easement Donor: Boxerwood Education Association, Incorporated
Acreage: 15.46 acres

Date Recorded: August 23, 2018
Grant Funding: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

Ms. Wilson Green congratulated the Board on the recordation of the above easements and stated that this concluded the presentation.

Chair Smith adjourned the Board of Historic Resources meeting at 3:25 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

At the Appomattox Iron Works, Conference Room, 20-28 W. Old Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

State Review Board Members Present

- Elizabeth Moore, Chair
- Joseph D. Lahendro, Vice-Chair
- Dr. Sara Bon-Harper
- Dr. Gabrielle Lanier
- Dr. Laurant Lee
- Dr. Carl Lounsbury
- John Salmon

State Review Board Members Absent

None

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

- Casey DeHaven
- David Edwards
- Lena McDonald
- Elizabeth Lipford
- Mike Pulice
- Aubrey Von Lindern
- Marc Wagner
- Austin Walker

Guests (from sign-in sheet):

- Kayla Halberg, Commonwealth Preservation Group (Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center, Hargrave Military Academy)
- Marcus Pollard, Commonwealth Preservation Group (Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center, Hargrave Military Academy)
- Eileen Barrett Brown, owner (Frederick “Bud” Hyland House)
- Kiernan Ziletti, Dutton and Associates (Bellevue Neighborhood MPD, Monticello Place Historic District)

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. for discussion and consideration of the proposed relocation of the Preliminary Information Applications (informal guidance session).

Preliminary Information Forms

The following proposals were *endorsed*, unless otherwise noted, with the following comments:

(Public comment was invited after presentation of each region’s PIFs.)

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. Gravel Hill Christian Church, Craig County, #022-5048, Criterion C and Criteria Consideration A
Chair Moore asked if the church still supported an active congregation; Mr. Pulice replied that it does. Chair Moore then enquired about the closest community to the church. Mr. Pulice responded that the small community of Simmonsville is closest, though it is dwindling. He noted that Blacksburg is likely the largest nearby town. Vice-Chair Lahendro asked if there was interior access to the church’s bell tower, to which Mr. Pulice responded that he had not been able to locate one.
2. Hargrave Military Academy, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County, #187-5004, Criterion A
Ms. Kayla Halberg, author of the PIF, noted that additional information regarding the integration of the school had been included in the most recent revision of the PIF. Vice-Chair Lahendro asked if there had ever been a masterplan for the design of the campus by someone such as Stanhope Johnson, and if a parade ground had been a central element of the grounds. Ms. Halberg replied that there was a parade ground toward the school entrance, but that she was not aware of any masterplan for the school campus. She noted that a fire during the mid-20th century had destroyed a significant part of the campus, with renovations and new construction typically undertaken as needed after that point. Vice-Chair Lahendro noted the relative lack of information regarding interiors of different buildings on the campus; Mr. Pulice responded that, given the typical practice of recording campuses as historic districts, such information on interiors is not usually required.
3. Lester-Marshall Tobacco Farm, Pittsylvania County, #071-5397, Criteria A and C
Vice-Chair Lahendro sought clarification on whether the large packhouse served a single farm. Mr. Pulice clarified that it had been a public packhouse serving a number of farms in the community. Vice-Chair Lahendro then stated that a potential nomination should include as much information as possible about the functioning of the tobacco processing facilities and the community packhouse. Dr. Lounsbury added that a nomination should also include specific information relevant to brightleaf

tobacco processing. Mr. Wagner asked how long the farm had remained active; Mr. Pulice replied that it continued processing tobacco until the 1970s.

4. Myers House, Amherst County, #005-0159, Criterion C
Dr. Lounsbury enquired about the number of two-pen log houses still extant in the region. Mr. Pulice replied that the Myers House is possibly one of the last in Amherst County. Dr. Lounsbury then asked about the brick bonding pattern on the 1817 section of the house; Mr. Pulice stated that it is 1-to-3 common bond.

Northern Region.....presented by Aubrey Von Lindern

1. **George Washington High School, City of Alexandria, #100-0160, Criterion C
Chair Moore asked whether George Washington High School had been the sole high school in the city of Alexandria at any point. Ms. Von Lindern replied that the school had been built primarily to serve the Del Ray neighborhood of the city and had done so from its beginnings.

Northern Region.....presented by Casey DeHaven

1. **Sligo, City of Fredericksburg, #111-0097, Criterion C
Dr. Lounsbury stated that the period of significance for the property was likely earlier than that provided in the PIF, noting that the Italianate features of the house likely point to a date of construction during the 1880s. Ms. DeHaven noted that the date of 1890 given by the owners/authors in the PIF had been taken from local tax records and may not be precise.

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner and Elizabeth Lipford

1. **Bellevue Neighborhood MPD, City of Richmond, #127-7194, Criteria A and C
Vice-Chair Lahendro asked about the overarching themes of the MPD, with a particular eye towards the potential for more information regarding the means and parties involved in the broader coordination of infrastructure (utilities, sidewalks, street trees, etc.) as well as architecture across the different neighborhoods of Bellevue. Mr. Wagner replied that such information should be explored in the final MPD, building upon the stated areas of significance (Architecture, Community Planning and Development).
2. **Frederick “Bud” Hyland House, City of Richmond, #127-6149, Criterion C
Vice-Chair Lahendro offered his recusal from the Board’s recommendation on the PIF, given his previous ownership of the house and relationship with its current owner. The other Board members acknowledged his recusal. Following the PIF presentation, Mr. Wagner, Vice-Chair Lahendro, and Ms. Eileen Barrett Brown (current owner of the house) offered an informative discussion on the career of “Bud” Hyland and his architectural legacy in the Richmond area.
3. **Monticello Place Historic District, City of Richmond, #127-7193, Criteria A and C
Dr. Lee asked if the neighborhood had been segregated; Mr. Wagner replied that it was likely. Chair Moore asked for clarification regarding whether a survey marker included in the presentation slides was part of the original platting of the neighborhood. Mr. Wagner replied that he wasn’t certain on whether it was part of the platting or from a later period. Vice-Chair Lahendro echoed his previous comments from the Bellevue Neighborhood MPD about the possibility of more information regarding the coordination of infrastructure and utilities as well as overarching architectural design strategies in the neighborhood.
4. **Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center, City of Norfolk, #122-5968, Criteria A and C
Vice-Chair Lahendro asked about what architectural fabric was in the neighborhood that was torn down for redevelopment into the Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center complex. Ms. Lipford replied that it had been largely residential fabric. Ms. Kayla Halberg, author of the PIF, added that some commercial property and a school had also been demolished. She noted that much of the demolition in the neighborhood had begun taking place before plans for the SCOPE complex were fully developed. Vice-Chair Lahendro argued that it is difficult to celebrate the design of the complex when urban renewal and the destruction of exiting urban fabric are such an integral part of its history, adding that there is a vital need for a future nomination to provide the proper context surrounding the consequences of such redevelopment policies in Norfolk. Ms. Lipford noted the integral role of urban renewal in the eventual creation of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, citing it as an example of the complex narratives that often surround historic preservation and 20th century redevelopment.

Ms. Halberg clarified whether the Board was requesting additional context about the impacts of urban renewal on Norfolk for a future nomination. Dr. Lounsbury confirmed, stating that such destruction is the necessary preface to the design narrative presented. Dr. Lee asked whether the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority records could provide information on the urban fabric that existed prior to large-scale urban renewal. Ms. Halberg noted the possibility, stating that much of the redevelopment surrounding the Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center was driven by the NHRA. Vice-Chair Lahendro recommended outreach to communities affected by mid-20th century urban renewal in the city. Dr. Lee further recommended reaching out to the local chapter of the NAACP for information on contemporary reactions to Norfolk’s urban renewal policies during the period.

Chair Moore adjourned the State Review Board meeting at 4:45 p.m.

- * Cost Share Sponsored Project
- ** Certified Local Government
- *** Certified Local Government Sponsored Project
- § Rosenwald School – National Parks Service Underrepresented Communities Grant Project