

Draft Minutes

JOINT MEETING

STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

9:30 a.m. December 9th, 2021

At Halsey Lecture Hall, Virginia Museum of History and Culture and online.

State Review Board Members Present

Chair Jody Lahendro
Vice-Chair Sara Bon-Harper
Dr. Jody L. Allen
Dr. Carl Lounsbury
John Mullen
John Salmon
Carol Shull

Historic Resources Board Members Present

W. Tucker Lemon, Chair
Jeffrey "Free" A. Harris, Vice-Chair
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Dr. Ashley Atkins-Spivey
Trip Pollard
David Ruth

State Review Board Members Absent

None

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

None

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
David Edwards
Barbara Buchanan
Jim Hare Randy Jones
Karri Richardson
Ivy Tan
Marc Wagner
Aubrey Von Lindern
Megan Melinat
Elizabeth Lipford
Joanna McKnight
Jennifer Loux
Wendy Musumeci

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Jennifer Pullen

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

Guests Present (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets):

Bruce Gee	W. Leon Simmons
Kayla Halberg	Freddie C. Rainey
Debra McClane	Ruben Valdes
Ashlen Stump	Nancy Valdes
Mark Reed	
John Dorman	

State Review Board (SRB)

At about 9:36 a.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call to establish a quorum of members. Chair Jody Lahendro introduced himself and called the meeting to order. Deputy Director Williams took a roll call of SRB members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Chair Lahendro, Vice-Chair Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull are present. Chair Lahendro asked for a motion to approve the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Salmon made the motion and Dr. Allen seconded.

Chair Lahendro next explained the purpose and duties of the SRB and the process of Register designation. He then asked the board members to introduce themselves. Chair Lahendro asked for a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Dr. Lounsbury made the motion and Dr. Bon-Harper seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Chair Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted in the affirmative.

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

BHR Chair Tucker Lemon introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. Chair Lemon, Vice Chair Harris, Dr. Fairfax, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, and Mr. Pollard. Deputy Director Williams confirmed the presence of a quorum. Chair Lemon explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. He invited BHR members to introduce themselves. He requested a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Ms. Luck-Brimmer so moved and Dr. Atkins-Spivey seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Vice Chair Harris, Dr. Fairfax, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Pollard and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Ruth made the motion and Dr. Fairfax seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Fairfax, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

At 9:54 a.m., Chair Lemon introduced DHR Director Julie Langan.

Director's Report:

Director Langan thanked DHR staff who organized the meeting, handled logistics, and facilitated the WebEx broadcast of the meeting for online attendees. Director Langan thanked the Board for perfect attendance at this meeting; she mentioned the ongoing construction work at VMHC and gave instructions on how to access spaces that were to be used during the day. She noted the VMHC construction work will be completed late April-early May 2022. She talked about the new spaces and the planned charges for parking. Chair Langan noted that there are new staff and some would be participating in the meeting. She announced that hybrid in-person-virtual meetings will continue as a feature to be more available to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Director noted that SRB members Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Lounsbury and Salmon were stepping off this meeting. She noted that DHR staff Randy Jones and Jim Hare were retiring and she gave some details about their accomplishments over time. She asked the Board to thank the staff for their service. She noted that Catherine Shankles was leaving the Attorney General's Office to join the Nature Conservancy and welcomed Andrew Tarne, the AG's Office staff present. She thanked Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Lemon and Ms. Luck-Brimmer for representing DHR at Highway Marker dedications. Dr. Fairfax was singled out and thanked for her frequency of attending ceremonies and it was noted that she traveled across the state to Bristol—a recent distance record for a Board member attending an event.

Director Langan noted that the Contextualization Regulations are still working their way through the official state review process. There is hope that these can be finalized before Governor Northam's term ends.

She noted that the Lee Monument pedestal is in the news and it will be moved. DHR has been advising on the documentation. DHR is on call for technical advice to make sure that the pedestal is deconstructed in a manner that will allow reconstruction in the future, if desired. DHR is working with Department of General Services. She noted about DHR's conservation staff readiness to receive the historic time capsule.

Director Langan spoke generally about DHR's budget requests and the anticipated Governor's Budget announcement on December 16th. She was hopeful that DHR's requests will stay in the Budget.

She spoke about an afternoon presentation by Joanna Green to the BHR about Burial Permits. She noted that permits are increasing.

Director Langan gave an overview of the SRB and HRB logistics for the day. She announced the DHR 5pm event to celebrate retiring staff and SRB members leaving. If meeting time permits, Conservation staff have offered a presentation of the Conservation Laboratory. She noted that the March Board meeting will likely take place in Halsey Lecture Hall. She alerted the Board that the March meeting will include Wednesday training, the day before the Board meeting. FOIA training is planned. Director Langan asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Director Langan read a Resolution to honor Chairman Jody Lahendro, Vice Chairman Dr. Sara Bon-Harper, Dr. Carl Lounsbury and John Salmon. Director Langan asked for a motion. Carol Shull made the motion to support the resolution and Dr. Allen seconded. Chair Lahendro asked for a roll call and Deputy Director Williams took the vote. Chair Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted in the affirmative.

At 10:15, Chair Lemon introduced the Public Comment period and prompted Deputy Director Williams to begin.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Deputy Director Williams explained that DHR receives public comment through two means: written and oral. DHR received no written comments in advance of the meeting.

Chair Lemon read aloud the Statement Regarding Public Participation at Virginia BHR Meetings.

The online WebEx system was not functioning so no comment could be taken and there were no persons in the room who wanted to comment. Deputy Director Williams worked with DHR IT Technician to resolve the issue and ultimately recommended to the Chair Lemon to go forward with the consideration of nominations, hoping to return to Public Comment later.

NOMINATIONS

Ms. Joanna McKnight presented Clovelly and Ms. Elizabeth Lipford presented WSVS Radio Station and Transmitter.

Eastern Region

1. Clovelly, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7767, Criterion C
2. WSVS Radio Station and Transmitter, Nottoway County, DHR No. 067-5058, Criteria A and B

Comment Summary:

Chair Lemon asked whether the Board could hear Public Comment, but there were still technical issues so nomination comment went forward.

Station President Bruce Gee addressed the Boards and attendees thanking all for the consideration of the station. He noted that the station is celebrating 75 years in the business in April 2022. He also noted that it will be the first radio station listed in Virginia (as he understood it). He noted that they have strived to keep the station intact to the early days of Flatt and Scruggs and the Grand Old Opry broadcasts [1940s-50s]. He thanked the Boards.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1-2 as presented. Mr. Pollard made the motion and Ms. Luck-Bimmer seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Vice Chair

Harris, Dr. Fairfax, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Pollard and Chair Lemon voted in the voted unanimously to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1-2 as presented.

Chair Lahendro asked for a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1-2 as presented. Dr. Bon-Harper made the motion and Dr. Lounsbury seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote Chair Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1-2 as presented.

Aubrey Von Lindern presented the following nominations as a block.

Northern Region

1. Annaburg, City of Manassas, DHR No. 155-0021, Criterion C
2. Koontz-Cave House, Page County, DHR No. 069-0101, Criterion C
3. Mount Vernon Enterprise Lodge #3488/ Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298, Fairfax County, DHR No. 029-6069, Criterion A
4. Upperville Colt and Horse Show Grounds, Fauquier County, DHR No. 030-5917, Criteria A and C
5. Van Deventer House, Loudoun County, DHR No. 053-0415, Criterion C

Chair Lemon noted that technical issues had been resolved with the WebEx, but that speakers for the Public Comment period had left. He asked that Deputy Director Williams invite individuals wanted to speak on the Northern Region nominations, on the WebEx go first and then anyone in the Halsey Lecture Hall would follow.

Comment Summary:

Williams called on Ms. Tammy Manarino to speak through the WebEx interface. Ms. Manarino introduced herself as a member of the Fairfax County Historical Commission, the member representing the Mount Vernon District. She gave more local detail about African American heritage in the area, noting Gum Spring and Woodlawn communities. The Mount Vernon Enterprise Lodge started in the Woodlawn area and moved to Gum Spring later. She talked about the community benefits of the Lodge and she expressed strong support for the listing.

Chair Lemon asked that since the WebEx communication issue had been addressed, he wanted to go ahead and take any other comment that had been missed earlier. Deputy Williams called on Ms. Gloston to speak. Ms. Gloston wanted to comment on the United Order of Tents Marker, City of Norfolk, an agenda item that would be considered later in the meeting. Ms. Gloston talked about the founders of the organization, Annetta M. Lane and Harriett R. Taylor, and the ongoing work of the organization. She noted that she is President of the group. She talked about the current work, including scholarships. The organization supports nursing. She thanks Charles Johnson and Kayla. She noted the headquarters in Norfolk. She also talked about HUD relationship and projects around the state. She told the Board that she was attending from San Francisco.

Deputy Williams tried to find a Ms. Dressel from the Public Comment period, but she was not on WebEx any longer.

Chair Lemon asked the audience and HRB for questions and comments. Dr. Fairfax asked Aubrey whether any cemeteries had been located at Page House of Van Deventer properties. Von Lindern replied that none were found.

Dr. Fairfax noted that she was happy to hear from Ms. Gloston. She noted that she drives by their headquarters on the way to work. Dr. Fairfax related that the Tents are a secret society associated with Masonic traditions. She mention that founders Lane and Taylor helped to also founded churches in Hampton and other Hampton Roads communities, starting their work in 1867. Dr. Fairfax thanked Ms. Gloston for commenting.

Chair Lemon asked staff about how common it was to find the four-pane sash as seen on the Cave House. Staff was not able to answer.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1-5 as presented. Dr. Fairfax made the motion and Dr. Atkins-Spivey seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Vice Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Northern Region nominations 1-5 as presented.

Chair Lahendro asked question and comments and if none, for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1-5 as presented. Dr. Lounsbury made the motion and Dr. Bon-Harper seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Chair Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1-2 as presented.

Standing in for Western Region Architectural Historian, Community Services Division Director David Edwards presented the following nominations as a block.

Western Region

1. Calfee Training School, Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, DHR No. 125-0034, Criteria A and C
2. Craghead, John, House, Franklin County, DHR No. 033-5449, Criterion C
3. Green Pastures, Alleghany County, DHR No. 003-5109, Criteria A and C
4. Greenfield Kitchen and Quarters, Botetourt County, DHR No. 011-5700, Criterion C and Criteria Consideration B
5. Quarles-Walker Farm, Bedford County, DHR No. 009-5466, Criterion C
6. Scott Zion Baptist Church and Cemetery, Amherst County, DHR No. 005-5439, Criterion A and Criteria Considerations A and D

Comment Summary:

Chair Lemon asked if there were any attendees wishing to speak on the WebEx. There were none.

Chair Lemon asked for comments and questions from Board and attendees in the Hall.

Dr. Fairfax commented that the Green Pastures park differed from local community sponsored parks, and though the nomination state that segregation was not mandated in period park policy, it was effectively segregated under state law and cultural practice of the period. She remarked that is was a great nomination.

Mr. Ruth asked about how a move affects the eligibility of a resource. This is in regards to the move of the Greenfield Kitchen and Quarters. Director Langan spoke on the matter and described the official process for considering the move of listed and eligible resources; assuring that there is a thorough protocol, when DHR is involved. She noted that there is NPS guidance that DHR follows.

Dr. Bon-Harper also commented that she had been involved at various points with the Greenfield Kitchen and Quarters and that the buildings were moved within the historic area of the plantation. The spacing and setting were maintained in an appropriate manner. She also acknowledged the NPS guidance. She noted that this was a separate nomination from the plantation site and she thanked DHR staff for working through all of the considerations. She expressed support for the nomination.

Chair Lemon asked whether there was different criteria for moved building under a National Historic Landmark listing. He addressed the question to SRB member Shull, who had served as the NPS Keeper of the National Register for many years.

Member Shull did note that there was a separate criterion, but that for both National Register and National Historic Landmark; the key for eligibility for both lists was the manner of the move and setting of the final site.

Chair Lemon thanked Shull and noted that as a resident in the area the move and the development of the parcel did result in some local controversy. He noted the care that the County took in preserving the surviving buildings. He noted that the plantation house had burned.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1-6 as presented. Ms. Luck-Brimmer made the motion and Dr. Atkins-Spivey seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Fairfax, Vice Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Pollard and Chair Lemon voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Western Region nominations 1-6 as presented.

Chair Lahendro asked for questions and comments from Board and attendees in the Hall.

Dr. Lounsbury commented that moving buildings has been a common practice throughout recorded history. He related a story about Southport, a town he had surveyed, that they wanted to call it "The History of Southport: A Moving Story." He noted that buildings were moved in Williamsburg in the 18th century. It was common practice.

Chair Lahendro asked about the loss of archaeology at the original site of a moved building, whether there was any requirement for archaeology work before a site is destroyed. Dr. Bon-Harper noted that for this particular case, the building at Greenfield, there was work at the sites. Director Langan added that the project was completed under Section 106 so DHR had a close role of stewardship and the work was carried out at a higher level of documentation.

Chair Lahendro thanked Dr. Bon-Harper and Director Langan for their answers. He noted that it would be great if archaeology could be done in every case of a move of a significant historic resource.

Chair Lahendro asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1-6 as presented. Dr. Lounsbury made the motion and Ms. Shull seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Chair Lahendro, Dr. Bon-Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Western Region nominations 1-6 as presented.

Chair Lemon and Chair Lahendro asked for any further questions or comments. There were none.

Chair Lahendro reminded the SRB that they would reconvene at 12:30 p.m. in the Collections Room for the PIF session.

Director Langan gave directions to the Boards on the location of the Collections Laboratory and where to find and have lunch at the DHR Office. She gave instructions on how to walk through construction areas. Chair Lemon asked about reconvening time. Chair Lemon set the time for 12:45 p.m.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to adjourn the joint meeting. Dr. Fairfax made the motion and Dr. Atkins-Spivey seconded. Deputy Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Fairfax, Vice Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Pollard and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lahendro asked for a motion to adjourn the joint meeting. Dr. Allen made the motion and Dr. Bon-Harper seconded. Deputy Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Chair Lahendro, Vice Chair Harper, Dr. Allen, Dr. Lounsbury, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Salmon, and Ms. Shull voted in the affirmative.
The Joint Session of the Boards adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 2
Buildings: 11
Structures: 0
Sites: 0
Objects: 0
MPDs: 0

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Individuals with an asterisk by their name appeared virtually via Webex.

Board of Historic Resources Members Present:

W. Tucker Lemon, Chair
Jeffrey “Free” A. Harris, Vice Chair
Dr. Ashley Atkins-Spivey
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Trip Pollard
David Ruth

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Staff Present:

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Kyle Edwards*
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Randy Jones*
Megan Melinat
Wendy Musumeci
Jennifer Pullen
Karri Richardson
Ivy Tan*
Joanna Wilson Green

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

None

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne (Office of the Attorney General)

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

John Dorman
W. Leon Simmons
Freddie C. Rainey

Guests Present from Attendees List in Webex:

Toya Adams	Adrienne Cook	Lodies Gloston	Tammy Mannarino
Jennifer Bowles	David Forsyth	Max Hokit	Terry Rensel
La Dora Carter			

Chair Lemon called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Chair Lemon requested a roll call of the Board members and read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order.

Chair Lemon invited those Board members present to introduce themselves: Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Ruth, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon.

Chair Lemon stated that this is a hybrid meeting of the Board of Historic Resources, with Board members meeting in person, some DHR staff members on-site and the rest participating virtually. Chair Lemon stated that those present at the meeting are required to follow mask and social distancing protocols.

Chair Lemon read the following Land Acknowledgment Statement:

The Department of Historic Resources/Board of Historic Resources/State Review Board acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Virginia and expresses its gratitude for their continued stewardship of her lands and waterways over many generations. We also acknowledge the free and enslaved Africans and their descendants whose labors and contributions on behalf of the Commonwealth have long been overlooked. We commit ourselves to meaningful engagement with all Virginians, past and present, as we strive to fulfill our charge as stewards of Virginia's long and rich history.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following seven (7) Diversity Markers as a block and read the accompanying statements of support from the marker applicants.

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1.) Samuel F. Kelso (ca. 1825-1880)

Sponsor: Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation
Locality: Lynchburg
Proposed Location: 915 Court Street

2.) Union Run Baptist Church

Sponsor: Albemarle County Office of Equity and Inclusion
Locality: Albemarle County
Proposed Location: 3220 Keswick Road

3.) Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church

Sponsor: Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church
Locality: Buckingham County
Proposed Location: 4002 Bell Road, Dillwyn

4.) William H. Trusty House

Sponsor: Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau
Locality: Hampton
Proposed Location: 76 West County St.

5.) Martinsville Seven

Sponsor: Eric Helms Monday
Locality: Martinsville
Proposed Location: 1 East Main St.

6.) Norvel LaFalette Ray Lee (1924-1992)

Sponsor: Nelson Harris
Locality: Botetourt County
Proposed Location: east side of Route 220 near intersection with Route 622

7.) East End High School

Sponsor: East End High School Historical Highway Marker Committee

Locality: Mecklenburg County

Proposed Location: Intersection of SR 650 (Dockery Rd.) and Highways 1 and 58

Public Comments Summary: Mr. John Dorman, member of Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church, recounted his childhood experiences attending the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church and stated that he continues to attend church there from time to time despite living a distance from the Church. He thanked the Board for its approval of this historic highway marker.

Dr. Loux read written comments about the following highway markers: Union Run Baptist Church, William H. Trusty House and East End High School.

Board Comments Summary: Ms. Luck-Brimmer commented on the Martinsville Seven marker stating that her husband's great uncle, John Claybon Taylor, was one of the Martinsville Seven. She recounted the trauma that her husband's family has had to endure over the years, especially during the holiday season. Ms. Luck-Brimmer appreciates the Governor's recent posthumous pardon of the Martinsville Seven, and hopes that the pardon, along with the highway marker and the work of the Martinsville Seven Initiative will help the families heal. Dr. Fairfax recognized the two guests from East End High School (Leon Simmons and Freddie Rainey). As a graduate of Howard University, Dr. Fairfax was pleased to see the Norvel LaFayette Ray Lee marker. She was also pleased to see the Trusty House as this is a significant African American site. Mr. Harris was also pleased to see the Trusty House marker as he knew that the property had been listed on the National Register and drives past it frequently.

With a motion to approve by Dr. Fairfax, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following four (4) Sponsor Markers as a block.

Sponsor Markers

1.) Layton's Landing Wharf and Ferry

Sponsor: Essex County Conservation Alliance

Locality: Essex County

Proposed Location: Intersection of Laytons Landing Road (Rte. 637) and Tidewater Trail (US 17)

2.) Saunders' Wharf

Sponsor: Essex County Conservation Alliance

Locality: Essex County

Proposed Location: Intersection of Wheatland Road (Rte. 638) and Tidewater Trail (US 17)

3.) Rapidan Baptist Church

Sponsor: Rapidan Baptist Church

Locality: Madison County

Proposed Location: 150 Rapidan Church Lane

4.) Carl Porter Cato (1913-1996)

Sponsor: Bruce Christian

Locality: Lynchburg

Proposed Location: 402 Wise St.

Comments Summary: Dr. Fairfax applauds Essex County for these two great markers. Mr. Harris asked if enslaved African Americans were bought and sold at the Essex County wharf sites. Dr. Loux stated that they have no documentation of the use of slave labor at these sites. However since the sites were in active use during the antebellum period, it is more than likely that slaves could have been sold at these sites.

With a motion to approve by Dr. Atkins-Spivey and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following three (3) DHR-Initiated Markers:

DHR-Initiated Markers

1.) John C. Underwood (1809-1873)

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Clarke County

Proposed Location: on U.S. Route 50 near intersection with Mt. Carmel Road

2.) United Order of Tents

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: City of Norfolk

Proposed Location: 1620 Church St.

3.) Sullivan v. Little Hunting Park, Inc.

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Fairfax County

Proposed Location: TBD

Comments Summary: Dr. Fairfax was pleased to see the United Order of Tents marker. She informed the Board that the Tents were originally part of the Underground Railroad network as tents were often used to conceal escaped slaves along railroad tracks and near seaports. Mr. Harris commented on the Sullivan v. Little Hunting Park, Inc. marker stating that this particular case likely led to a number of neighborhood associations closing as a result of the Supreme Court verdict requiring that they integrate. Ms. Luck-Bimmer commented that her grandmother was a Tent. She also noted that Harriett Taylor's granddaughter Maryann Tucker, while a student at Hampton Institute, met professor William F. Grasty from Danville who was one of Danville's first African American educators and the first African American library in Danville was named after Dr. Grasty, hence the Yancey-Grasty highway marker the Board voted on months ago. Dr. Fairfax added that Harriett Taylor was married to Billy Taylor, an early minister of First Baptist Church Hampton

With a motion to approve by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following seven (7) Replacement Markers:

Replacement Markers

1.) Neavil's Ordinary BX-7

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Fauquier County

Proposed Location: Old Dumfries Road (Route 667) at intersection with Taylor Road/Old Auburn Road (Route 670)

2.) Ampthill SA-30

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Richmond

Proposed Location: Cary Street at intersection with Ampthill Road

3.) White Hall W-27

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: James City County

Proposed Location: Route 30 (Rochambeau Dr.), just east of Route 60

4.) Waterloo Bridge C-8

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Culpeper County

Proposed Location: Old Bridge Road (Route 622) at intersection with Waterloo Road (Route 613)

5.) Grace Evelyn Arents (1848-1926) SA-80

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: City of Richmond

Proposed Location: Idlewood Ave. at intersection with S. Cherry St.

6.) Randolph-Macon Academy/Liberty Academy K-133

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Town of Bedford

Proposed Location: College Street west of Mountain Avenue

7.) Susie G. Gibson High School KM-8

Sponsor: Susie G. Gibson Legacy, Inc.

Locality: Bedford County

Proposed Location: Rt. 122 at Bedford Area Welcome Center

Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve by Mr. Pollard and a second from Mr. Harris, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following two (2) Marker Policy requests for approval:

Highway Marker Policies

1.) Request for approval of Highway Marker Program Policy #5: Marker Application Approval Procedures

2.) Request for approval of Highway Marker Program Policy Packet

Comments Summary: Chair Lemon asked for more details on the internal process used to formulate the scoring criteria for Highway Marker Policy #5. Dr. Loux stated that staff (Loux, M. Gottlieb and J. Hare) drew up the draft criteria and then consulted with Director Langan and Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Josh Saks to finalize the scoring criteria. Mr. Pollard commended staff for their work on establishing these criteria. Mr. Pollard asked for clarification on Criterion #2 (proposed marker fills a gap in the historical marker program) vs. Criterion #5 (proposed marker contributes to a more equitable geographic distribution of markers). Mr. Pollard asked if it would be possible that a proposed marker could receive points for both criteria if it only fills a geographic gap in the distribution of markers. Dr. Loux responded that the intent of Criterion #2 is to address gaps in the highway marker content, especially diversity gaps, not geographic distribution gaps. Mr. Pollard suggested that Criterion #2 be reworded as follows:

25 points Fills a gap in the historical marker program in order to address a topic that the program has not extensively covered

Mr. Harris agreed that the proposed amended version clarifies Criterion #2. Chair Lemon agreed and stated that Marker Policy #5 is a good way to address the challenges facing the Highway Marker Program. Dr. Loux stated that staff will continue to monitor the Highway Marker application process and make adjustments as necessary.

With a motion to approve Policy #5 as amended by Mr. Harris and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

With a motion to approve the Highway Marker Policy Packet including Policy #5 as amended by Mr. Harris and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

The Marker portion of the agenda ended at 1:38 p.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Ms. Wilson Green gave a short presentation on the origins and history of DHR's Burial Permit Program. Ms. Wilson Green briefed the Board on 2021 statistics for the Burial Permit Program and stated that she will be presenting quarterly program updates to the Board going forward.

Comments Summary: Chair Lemon asked if DHR has ever denied any burial permits. Ms. Wilson Green stated that permits have been denied for a variety of reasons, including curiosity-based requests and objections by descendant communities. Chair Lemon asked who is typically applying for burial permits. Ms. Wilson Green stated that the typical applicant is a property developer. Chair Lemon asked if DHR has ever stopped a development project. Ms. Wilson Green stated that the burial permit process has definitely delayed a development project but the permitting process often cannot stop the development as graves are usually found late in the development process. DHR tries to engage and work with the people most affected by the exhumation of graves to reach a level of consensus so that everyone can move forward. Dr. Atkins-Spivey commented on the Executive order for state agencies to establish policies and procedures for consultation with tribal communities and wanted to make sure that the tribal communities have a part to play in the burial permit process. Dr. Atkins-Spivey further stated that the application of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) also affects burial permits. Director Langan stated that some of these burial permit projects can be very complicated and/or contentious, and that Ms. Wilson Green is very diplomatic and patient in all of her dealings with the affected parties. Mr. Harris asked if DHR is making an effort to educate potential parties about not leaving the burial permit process until the late stages of development. Ms. Wilson Green stated that staff is trying to maintain transparency and educate localities and developers about this process. Chair Lemon asked if Ms. Wilson Green interfaces with the new online cemetery recording efforts on DHR's website, and if anyone can enter cemetery information into

this new system. Ms. Wilson Green said that she does work closely on this program and confirmed that any member of the public can enter new information into the system. Director Langan commented that there are literally thousands of unrecorded cemeteries in Virginia, and DHR is committed to trying to make it easier for the general public to provide information about these cemeteries.

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 1:57 p.m.

EASEMENTS

Easement Offers for Consideration

Ms. Musumeci presented the following easement offer for reconsideration:

1. Bowyer Tract, Deep Bottom II Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for 35.9 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program and Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends the Board reapprove the Bowyer Tract easement offer, subject to the following revised conditions:

1. Negotiation of the final Conservation Plan for the utility corridor on the Property to DHR's satisfaction. The Conservation Plan will be executed prior to recordation of the easement.
2. Demolition and removal of existing non-historic buildings and structures shall be completed within three (3) years of the date of easement recordation.
3. Rehabilitation or restoration of the landscape shall be conducted according to a written management plan negotiated jointly by the Trust and DHR, and such plan shall be incorporated into the easement either directly or by reference.
4. If ownership of 15' wide Old Farm Road used to access the Property remains undetermined, the Trust shall ask the title company to insure access over the road to the Property.
5. Final review of title work, title commitment, survey, draft easement, and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the Property by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

Bowyer Tract Comments Summary: Mr. Ruth asked if the Conservation Plan would be executed and implemented after the easement is recorded. Ms. Musumeci confirmed that the Conservation Plan will be signed by the parties prior to easement recordation but implemented following easement recordation.

Mr. Edwards presented the following two (2) easement offers for reconsideration:

2. Vaughan Tract, Appomattox Court House Battlefield, Appomattox County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for 8.1 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program and Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends the Board reapprove the Vaughan Tract easement offer, subject to the following revised condition:

1. Final review of title work, survey, title commitment, and draft easement by the Office of the Attorney General.

3. Sandy Ridge Tract, First Kernstown Battlefield, Frederick County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for 37.4 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program and Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends reapproval of the Sandy Ridge Tract easement subject to the following revised condition:

1. Final review of title work, survey, title commitment, and draft easement by the Office of the Attorney General.

Comments Summary: No comments.

With a motion to approve by Mr. Harris and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Violation Update

Director Langan presented the following violation update:

1. Belgian Building, Virginia Union University, City of Richmond

Director Langan briefed the Board on the status of the VUU mitigation agreement. She stated that following numerous discussions with A. Tarne and Chair Lemon, DHR is very close to executing an agreement with VUU. The agreement will require approval of the Office of the Attorney General as well as Governor Northam. Both DHR and VUU are working to get these approvals before the administration transition in January. Director Langan thanked Chair Lemon for all of his work on this agreement and stated that it has been very helpful to have his legal expertise in reviewing drafts and offering suggestions.

Comments Summary: Chair Lemon stated that he is concerned about the timing of the required approvals given the impending administration transition and the holiday season.

[No action required]

New Easements Recorded Since the September 2021 BHR Meeting

Ms. Musumeci briefed the Board about the following recently recorded easements:

1. Colonial Williamsburg Tract, Williamsburg Battlefield, City of Williamsburg and James City County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: 28.7606

Date Recorded: September 30, 2021

Grants: American Battlefield Protection Program, Surry-Skiffes-Creek-Wheaton Transmission Line Mitigation Fund

2. Fairfield Plantation, Gloucester County

Property Owner: Fairfield Foundation

Acreage: 225.739 acres

Date Recorded: October 20, 2021

Comments Summary: Mr. Ruth asked about the proximity of Fairfield Plantation to Werowocomoco. Director Langan stated that they are about 15 to 20 minutes apart.

Mr. Ruth stated that he would like to thank Dr. Fairfax for all of the great work she did as Board Chair. Dr. Fairfax stated that it was an honor to serve as Board Chair.

With a motion to adjourn by Mr. Ruth and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 2:26 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

At Virginia Department of Historic Resources Collections Study Room and online

State Review Board Members Present

Chair Jody Lahendro
Vice-Chair Sara Bon-Harper
Dr. Jody L. Allen
Dr. Carl Lounsbury
John Mullen
John Salmon
Carol Shull

State Review Board Members Absent

None

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Jim Hare
David Edwards
Elizabeth Lipford
Joanna McKnight
Aubrey Von Lindern
Marc Wagner

Guests (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets): Debra McClane, Kristin Kirchen, Mark Reed (Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Planner) for Blue Marlin Inn and Suites and Cutty Sark Motel Efficiencies; Ashlen Stump and Kayla Halberg for Downtown Norfolk Financial Historic District; Zach Kennedy (not identified with a specific resource), Genevieve Keller, Dorothy Rice, Lakshmi Fjord for Pine Grove Rural Historic District; David Forsyth (not identified with a specific resource); Victoria Leonard for West End Insurance Row Historic District; Mark Barker (not identified with a specific resource); Charif Soubra for Walsh-McShane House; Bonnie Long and Elaine Ramsey for Cherry Grove.

Before the meeting began, Chair Lahendro asked whether anyone outside the board or staff was in attendance (online or WebEx) for any particular project. Debra McClane, Kristin Kirchen, and Mark Reed present for Cutty Sark Efficiencies; Debra McClane and Mark Reed for Blue Marlin; Charif Soubra for the Walsh-McShane House. Elizabeth Lipford noted that attendants will join online for Cherry Grove and Pine Grove Rural Historic District. Marc Wagner recommended beginning with Pine Grove Rural Historic District since the largest group of people will be waiting for that presentation. Chair Lahendro note that he will recuse himself for the Pine Grove Rural

Historic District and Skipwith-Roper House discussions and Vice-Chair Bon-Harper will assume leadership of the meeting during those sessions.

Chair Lahendro called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Forms (informal guidance session). Chair Lahendro then handed over the chairmanship to Vice-Chair Bon-Harper. Chair Lahendro explained he had to recuse himself because of a connection to the Pine Grove School – he explained that it is not a paid connection but all pro-bono work, still a connection nonetheless. Chair Lahendro explained that he could remain present in the meeting but could not participate in the discussion

The following Preliminary Information Forms were *endorsed*, unless otherwise noted, with the following comments. Note that the order below follows the agenda, not the order as presented during the meeting:

Western Region, presented by David Edwards (for Michael Pulice)

1. Fulton Farm, Wythe County, DHR No. 098-5634, Criteria A and C

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

2. Mountain View, Nelson County, DHR No. 062-0046, Criterion C
High integrity of interior features despite its condition.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

3. Union School-Gosney Store, Pittsylvania County, DHR No. 071-6230, Criteria A and C
Used as a schoolhouse until 1923, the same year it became a store. Appears to have been moved intact. Period of Significance does not include the remnant of the school that remains.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

4. Rivermont School, City of Covington, DHR No. 107-5181, Criteria A and C
The original ball fields are not included in the nominated property – the city wants to separate the fields from the school.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

5. Sweet Randolph Historic District, Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, DHR No. 125-5021, Criteria A and C
Twenty-eight contributing resources in the district.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

6. English Gardens Apartments, City of Roanoke, DHR No. 128-6476, Criteria A and C
Single largest FHA-backed apartment complex in the City of Roanoke with 84 units. Roanoke does not have an MPD for garden apartments – only Richmond and Arlington have MPDs.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

Northern Region, presented by Aubrey Von Lindern

1. Silver Hill Baptist Church, School, and Cemetery, Fauquier County, DHR No. 030-5180, Criteria A and D
Brief discussion about the style of the church and whether it should be classified as Gothic Revival or Romanesque Revival. The property was surveyed last year and flagged as potentially eligible. Staff has not seen the interiors and it is difficult to make an assessment on integrity since no one has seen the space. Discussion related to whether a PIF could be approved as eligible then later had the eligibility revoked.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

2. First Woodbine Church and Cemetery, Prince William County, DHR No. 076-0237, Criterion A and Criteria Considerations A and D
The new Chapel and Fellowship Hall are included but non-contributing. Discussion regarding legal parcel boundaries and subdivision within a legal parcel (could the Fellowship Hall and Chapel be cut out of the parcel bounds) on the National Register of Historic Places. Board members had concerns about cutting boundaries so close to the cemetery because of the possibility of unmarked graves.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously with the condition that the boundaries be more closely studied and consider whether they should include the entire legal parcel.

Eastern Region, presented by Marc Wagner, Elizabeth Lipford, and Joanna McKnight

1. Pine Grove School Rural Historic District, Cumberland County, DHR No. 024-5125, Criteria A and C (Wagner)
Originally submitted over a year ago, re-submitted with a revised boundary. The revised boundary surrounds the core area of the historic district and includes a church and a school in the northern section. Staff suggesting a revised Period of Significance of ca. 1800 to 1970 (originally 1888 to 1964). The improved version of the PIF has a wider Period of Significance and many more resources were identified. Staff and NPS discussed how to include some of the edge resources without taking in thousands of acres that did not have resources – meets the definition of a “discontiguous district” so the New Hope Church and School can be included in the northern reaches of the area. Wagner noted that the boundaries needed to be refined as the project goes forward.

Chair Lahendro notified the Board that Genevieve Keller was online – asked if she would like to comment, no response. The Chair asked online participants to identify themselves and whether they would like to comment in the chat. Question from Dorothy Rice asking how points are determined. Wagner explained the rating criteria and process. Moved to Lakshmi Fjord, who described the process of boundary determination via WebEx.

Vice-Chair Bon-Harper requested a call for anyone in favor of eligibility of the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously. Noted Chair Lahendro abstained from voting.

2. Cutty Sark Motel Efficiencies, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-5866, Criteria A and C (Wagner)
Listed in ‘Virginia Oceanfront Resorts, Hotels, Motels’ MPD. Brief discussion about the motel’s history and additions.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

3. Blue Marlin Inn and Suites, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-5398, Criteria A and C (Wagner)
Listed in the ‘Virginia Oceanfront Resorts, Hotels, Motels’ MPD inventory.

Chair Lahendro asked about a two-story stair with a water spray system built into the grilles mentioned in the PIF. Consultant Debra McClane pointed out where the staircases would have been but are no longer intact.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

4. Downtown Norfolk Financial Historic District, City of Norfolk, DHR No. 122-6003, Criteria A and C (Wagner)

Chair Lahendro asked whether there was a master plan that guided building placement. Wagner stated it was a sub-plan of the larger 'Norfolk South' revitalization plan of 1957 – sidewalks, parking areas, and later parking decks that grew out of the parking areas were all planned. Chair Lahendro asked whether sidewalks and fountain areas were separately designed, like the [Downtown] Mall in Charlottesville. Were there were guidelines for materials – i.e. how much was really designed ahead of time?

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

5. West End Insurance Row Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7777, Criteria A and C (Wagner)

Comprises primarily insurance buildings. Planned district of about 15 to 20 acres, about 10 to 15 buildings. Area seen as "Quiet Zone" development – zoning and urban sprawl were briefly discussed. Ballou and Justice designed at least one or two of the buildings.

Lahendro asked Victoria Leonard, attending via WebEx, whether she had any comments or questions – she did not have any comments to add.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

6. Walsh-McShane House, City of Charlottesville, DHR No. 104-5991, Criterion C (Wagner)
Designed by Eugene Bradbury in 1911. Arts and Crafts exterior with Colonial Revival interior with some stylized Arts and Crafts mantels – a very high level of integrity. Stanislaw Makielski had a role in the building's design/remodel at one point. The Compton House, another Bradbury design, was across the street and the subject of a highly controversial demolition.

Dr. Lounsbury asked whether the interior fittings would have been architect-designed in 1911. Chair Lahendro responded that it was a transition period and depended on the cost of the house, but for one like the Walsh-McShane House, he would expect the fittings to be chosen from a catalogue. Dr. Lounsbury clarified that he meant elements such as mantelpieces, newel posts, etc. and Chair Lahendro responded that yes they would have been milled locally and designed by the architect if the element was wood (profiles might have been picked from a catalogue) – this practice ended around WWII. Chair Lahendro mentioned Bradbury's St. Paul's Memorial – he found the full-size shop drawings with specific details Bradbury wanted for architraves, door surrounds, railings, all of which he was designing. Mentions the Bradbury Collection is located at UVa's Special Collections Library.

Chair Lahendro noted that he is on the Charlottesville Planning Commission and that the developer has purchased land around the house and there is some worry about the house disappearing – he wasn't sure if there was a condition in the approval for saving the house. Charif Soubra, attending for the matter, noted that the zoning approval predated him but their plan is to save the house. Chair Lahendro noted that he saw the developer was interested in tax credits too so that will be another good way to ensure the project is done properly. Wagner referred Soubra to Chris Novelli for the next steps forward.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

7. Cherry Grove, King William County, DHR No. 050-5115, Criterion C (Lipford)
Brief discussion about guttered corners, wood graining, and paneled doors. Bonnie Long and Elaine Ramsey participated by phone. Ramsey noted that she and her husband had completed most of the restoration work on the house.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

8. Skipwith-Roper Cottage, Goochland County, DHR No. 037-0125, Criteria A and C and Criteria Considerations B and E (Wagner)
The cottage should be viewed as a reconstruction (Criterion E) with multiple associations including Abraham Skipwith and Mary Wingfield Scott. The house should be viewed as it sits today, one that is primarily late 1950s construction but with pieces of the older house within.

As it sits now, the building was remodeled with a Colonial Revival chimney and siding that was changed from clapboard to beaded weatherboard. It has an addition on one end and the front window and entrance door locations were switched during the 1950s move and remodel. The front porch was moved from the back side of the house. Chair Lahendro initially recused himself due to his involvement in project, but he later participated and described his perspective on the materials of the property. Chair Lahendro got involved in the project to examine how much of the current building dates to the 18th century. After probing, he found that the frame is 1950s-60s, around the time it was moved. Some of the 18th century interior elements remain (wainscot pieces, stairs, doors, detailed Federal period mantels). The porch on the left of the house dates to the 1830s, but was reconstructed in 1958 and in 2004.

The Board discussed whether the term “reconstruction” was applicable in this case. Ms. Shull explained her perspective that the house, as it currently sits, is not even close to the cottage that was in Jackson Ward, City of Richmond. Mr. Salmon noted that the house tells a fascinating story and could certainly be seen as an “evolved” structure as such.

The discussion primarily focused on eligibility and criteria considerations; which story fits with which criterion and how that affects eligibility. The 1950s move represented a trend in preservation at that time – it was appropriate to add on to historic features to make the building appear more archaic. In this case, the double-shouldered chimney, poorly laid brickwork, exposed rafters on the second story, etc. This is important for being represented in that period and should be considered when interpreting the building. Ms. Shull noted her issue with how many times the building had been moved (three times) and the applicants are planning for another move to another new location. Dr. Allen asked whether the owner has agreed to the house being moved back to Jackson Ward; Wagner stated that yes, the family is very supportive.

Vice-Chair Bon-Harper clarified that there are several Criteria marked (A, C, and B) and that there are two different paths to eligibility, but it is difficult to find c.1793 and easy to find c.1958 as the house currently stands. She noted that she found the Skipwith story incredibly compelling but has trouble tying him to the house as it stands right now. Wagner noted that there is a Skipwith association with the house as it currently sits – a lot of the fabric in the first floor room does relate to Skipwith. The Skipwith family owned it from 1793 through the late-19th century, so there is also a Skipwith Family association to the house.

Ms. Shull suggested possibly making the case that this was someone’s good intention for a preservation project (Scott, c. 1958) because they thought it was a significant building – she noted that they just kept

doing more to it, moving it, and now they want to move it somewhere else. It has interesting aspects but does not believe it can be considered for Criterion B (its association with Skipwith).

Wagner mentioned another reconstructed house in the western region that was successfully listed to the National Register of Historic Places as an “antiquarian approach”, effectively a 1940s house with a quirky introduction of historic materials. The Skipwith cottage should be looked at as it is, as a preservation project done in the late-1950s by the most prominent preservationist in the Richmond area at that time. Dr. Lounsbury noted that that’s a similar story here – in the 1950s, the building was preserved because Scott thought it was significant – if you look at it that way, you have a coherent story. It’s not the building Skipwith knew.

Wagner noted that some of the major questions here surround Mary Wingfield Scott’s motives – whether there was an appreciation for African-American culture. Based on family papers and personal records, she knew that the cottage was one of the two oldest houses (the other being the Tucker Cottage) surviving in Jackson Ward; her interests seemed to be primarily architectural. She documented hundreds of houses in Richmond at this level. Chair Lahendro noted that Scott recognized the destruction that was going to happen to Richmond’s historic resources as a result of the interstate going through and the Skipwith Cottage was one of five/six similar houses on that street and one still exists (Tucker) and it was moved. Wagner noted that the Tucker Cottage moved approximately two miles and stayed in Jackson Ward.

Ms. Shull noted the number of moves and asked the purpose of moving the cottage back to Jackson Ward. Wagner explained it would be to celebrate Skipwith. Chair Lahendro noted that it’s very connected to the history of Jackson Ward and the re-envisioning of the history of Jackson Ward that’s going on right now. Wagner noted that it is a symbolic return of Skipwith’s house from the Secretary of the Confederacy’s Sabot Hall property in the ‘50s, when a highway was cutting apart Jackson Ward – this is seen as a gesture/symbol of healing, bringing back the oldest house (Dr. Lounsbury noted that it is a 1958 house, actually not bringing back the oldest house). Wagner emphasized that the Board is really being asked to make a determination based on its 1958 existence and noted the importance of that decision. If the Board decides on a 1958 Period of Significance, the chimney goes with it – they have to make decisions on how to best keep it eligible in its current condition as opposed to restoring it back to the former state. Lipford added that the JXN Project does want to include the Mary Wingfield Scott history as part of the house’s story; it wasn’t just about recreating Skipwith’s cottage, it was to be symbolic of the entire story.

Regarding updating the PIF to reflect recommendations: the PIF can stay the same, but DHR staff will take the suggestions and recommendations and note them in the Board minutes, property file, and VCRIS data form so that it is technically revised.

Vice-Chair Bon-Harper asked if we vote to approve it at this point, whether we are approving it at what we just said is the revision. Wagner clarified that we are agreeing it’s a largely 1958 recreation using historic parts, so the Period of Significance would be c. 1958, maybe just 1958 depending on how long the move period was. If it is listed as it sits now on its current site in Goochland then moved to a new site in Jackson Ward, DHR would have to get pre-approval from the National Park Service to keep it listed during and after the move.

Vice-Chair Bon-Harper asked if she was allowed to make a motion; Wagner affirmed. Bon-Harper asked if she could make a motion that the Board vote to approve a Criterion A with a Period of Significance of c.1958, whenever that modification period was. Bon-Harper suggested moving forward with it, but move forward as Criterion A for Events, surrounding this interpretation of the past – this Period of Significance acknowledges the drastic changes and Skipwith and his very important role and significant contribution, but that we are not trying to say that this is his house. Bon-Harper asked for a second, received (not clear which Board member seconded), then asked for any further discussion. Wagner confirmed the Area of Significance is Conservation.

Ms. Shull asked if it would be inappropriate if the Board requested further study of the property and another decision could be made. Bon-Harper advised that Ms. Shull could vote, and convince other Board members to vote, against the motion on the table and propose that more should be done before we even approve the PIF, that would be an alternative path. Bon-Harper was interested in finding a path because the Board really could discuss the topic for a long time, it is interesting and worthwhile, but she recognized the agenda. Wagner noted that straightforward, as it stands, as an example of a 1958 house with Colonial Revival detailing and some borrowed historic fabric, it does have potential even if you cut away the Skipwith story. Bon-Harper noted that she does not want to see that happen because we want to preserve that story. Bon-Harper called to question for those in favor of moving forward with the modified recommendation of a Period of Significance of 1958; SRB gave consensus approval; no objections voiced; Ms. Shull abstained.

9. 5100 Stratford Crescent, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7778, Criterion C (McKnight)
Chair Lahendro noted the highly intact interiors.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

10. Gascony, Northumberland County, DHR No. 066-5054, Criteria A and C (McKnight)
The Board recommended the proposed Period of Significance of 1720s – 1965 be reconsidered. Dr. Lounsbury inspected the photos and questioned the age of the chimney based on factors such as the brick pattern, mortar application, rebuilding, and design. The Board recommends a Period of Significance from the early-19th century to 1965.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Unanimously approved with the condition of the revised Period of Significance.

11. Hart Family Cemetery, Louisa County, DHR No. 054-5474, Criteria A and D and Criteria Consideration D (Wagner)

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

12. Pocahontas High School, Powhatan County, DHR No. 072-0157, Criteria A and C (Wagner)
It was the main African-American high school in Powhatan County from 1937 through 1969. Converted to administrative offices in 2019. The “Craftsman” stylistic classification should be removed in the description of its decorative elements—Art Deco or Moderne styles are more accurate. Ms. Shull recommended emphasizing anything about the interior that still retains its integrity from its use as a school. Dr. Allen asked whether they discussed the idea of Freedom of Choice during the application period – if so, that should be mentioned and emphasized in the nomination.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

13. Maymont Neighborhood Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7304, Criteria A and C (McKnight)

Chair Lahendro noted the Dooley’s resistance to any development of this area by the city. Several of the mid-century architect-designed houses were noted and recommended for closer study in the nomination as contributing resources – they have been surveyed but not much else is known about the designs.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

14. Church of God and Saints of Christ, City of Suffolk, DHR No. 133-0696, Criteria A and B (Wagner) Was once a self-sufficient community, Belleville. The Church is still operating and has constructed a new tabernacle and modern neighborhoods, but the historic Tabernacle is the core of the Belleville complex.

The Board tried connecting with Dorothy Rice who was listening to the meeting via WebEx but could not hear her. The expansion of roads really impacted the integrity of the site. Chair Lahendro mentioned it would be helpful to see the original plan and how it expanded over time. It would be important to have someone recollect where buildings were located and what types of buildings existed through a site plan, along with documentation of the ruins and where they are located. The Evaluation Team rated the property at 37 because of the compelling history. The Board discussed the importance of having professional assistance in writing the nomination of this complex resource. The archeological potential and impact on the boundaries were noted, particularly the ruins of the 1840s Yates School. The Board also discussed whether integrity was or wasn't an issue – the cemeteries and the primary spiritual building, the Tabernacle, under Criterion A, are fairly intact.

Chair Lahendro requested a show of hands for the SRB to approve the PIF to proceed. Approved unanimously.

Chair Lahendro requested a motion for the SRB to adjourn. The SRB meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The Board Meeting was recorded on WebEx and also on a separate recording unit. Minutes were verified using these recordings. There were technical issues with the recordings so the minutes were recorded in a good faith effort by recording and from staff notes. The recordings are available for public review.