

Approved Minutes

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Historic Resources for Thursday, March 21, 2019, was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

MEETING OF THE
STATE REVIEW BOARD
10:30 a.m. March 21, 2019

At the Halsey Lecture Hall of the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23221

SRB members present:

Elizabeth Moore, Chair
Jody Lahendro, Vice-Chair
Sara Bon-Harper
Carl Lounsbury
John Salmon

SRB members absent:

Lauranett Lee

DHR staff members present:

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Jim Hare, Director of Survey & Register Division
David Edwards, Director of Community Services Division
Marc Wagner
Elizabeth Lipford
Austin Walker
Lena McDonald
Aubrey Von Lindern
Michael Pulice
Brad McDonald
Jennifer Pullen
Libby Cook
Sam Henderson
Jenny Bellville-Marrion

Guests Present (from sign-in sheet): Andrew Basham (Manchester Trucking & Commercial Historic District); Jake Bloom (Manchester Trucking & Commercial Historic District); Stan Farthing (Silver Lake Historic District); Mary Ruffin Hanbury (Abigarlos); Lisa Jordan (Whittle's Mill Dam); Cheryl Lyon (Silver Lake Historic District); Heather McGinley (Abigarlos); Joan Phipps (Deep Run Hunt Club); Elizabeth Respass (Abigarlos); Leon and Elaine Rohrer (Silver Lake Historic District); Linden Rohrer (Silver Lake Historic District); Sheila Rohrer (Silver Lake Historic District); Taylor Williams (Manchester Trucking & Commercial Historic District)

Chair Moore called the SRB meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. She introduced herself and explained the role of the SRB. She invited the SRB members to introduce themselves. Chair Moore requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. With a motion from Dr. Bon-Harper and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB approved the meeting agenda as presented. Chair Moore requested a motion to approve the December 2018 meeting minutes as presented. With a motion from Vice-Chair Lahendro and a second from Dr. Lounsbury, the SRB approved the minutes as presented.

Proclamation for Gabrielle Lanier.....presented by Elizabeth Moore

Chair Moore read aloud a proclamation recognizing the contributions of now-retired State Review Board member Dr. Gabrielle Lanier.

Chair Moore introduced Director Langan.

Director's Report.....presented by Julie Langan

Director Langan explained that the Board of Historic Resources is not meeting this morning as planned due to a lack of quorum. The BHR's meeting will be rescheduled as quickly as possible. Director Langan said that Jody L. Allen, a professor at the College of William & Mary, will be joining the State Review Board. She said she attended the national NCSHPO meeting in DC last week. One of the main topics of conversation was proposed changes to the federal regulations for the National Register. The changes are not coming from within the National Park Service, where career staff have refused to work on them. The changes were proposed from above in the Secretary of Interior's office. A couple of organizations, National Trust, Preservation Action, are working on a summary of the proposed changes and their concerns. The public comment period on the proposed changes ends on April 30, 2019, and Director Langan will be sharing the information with Board members, nonprofit organizations, consultants, and others with an interest in the National Register program. Director Langan recognized Jim Hare for preparing a new calendar showcasing historic African American schools in Virginia. Each board member received a calendar, and the calendar was very popular at a symposium earlier this week focusing on African American historic cultural resources in Virginia. This coming Sunday, a state highway marker for leading civil rights activist Dorothy Height will be dedicated. David Edwards is planning outreach to rural parts of Virginia this year, including in Abingdon in April and in the fall in Southside Virginia. The next joint Board meeting will take place in June at Sweet Briar College. Additional information about the event will be forthcoming to Board members. DHR presently is recruiting for a new State Archaeologist and a new Curator of Collections. Those staff positions will be filled as soon as possible.

Vice-Chair Lahendro asked Director Langan for an update regarding proposed rehabilitation of the historic Warm Springs Bath Houses. Omni owns the property and last week released a press release that work on the bath houses will be starting soon, with plans to reopen them in 2020. Vice-Chair Lahendro thanked Director Langan and DHR staff for their work to see the property preserved.

NOMINATIONS

Elizabeth Lipford presented Eastern Region nominations 1 and 2 as a block:

1. Abigarlos, City of Portsmouth, DHR #124-0052, Criterion C
2. Deep Run Hunt Club, City of Richmond, DHR #127-6721, Criteria A and C

Chair Moore opened the floor for comments. Mary Ruffin Hanbury, author of the nomination for Abigarlos, said she had first learned about the property about twenty years ago. She met with the architect who designed the main house's 1940 renovation. The architect's drawings later were donated to the Women in Architecture Archive at Virginia Tech, where they have been scanned and made available online. To see the property now nominated represents an important achievement. The property owner provided additional information about her family's history in the area. Vice-Chair Lahendro asked why Criterion B does not apply. Ms. Lipford said that Criterion C is used for the works of architects instead of Criterion B.

Ms. Joan Phipps, owner of the Deep Run Hunt Club, was acknowledged for writing the nomination.

Chair Moore requested a motion to approve nominations 1 and 2 as presented. With a motion from Vice-Chair Lahendro and a second from Dr. Lounsbury, the SRB unanimously approved nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Marc Wagner presented Eastern Region nominations 1 and 2 as a block:

1. Manchester Trucking and Commercial Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR #127-6519, Criterion A
2. Whittles Mill Dam, Mecklenburg County, DHR #058-5199, Criteria A and C

Chair Moore opened the floor for comments. None were made.

Chair Moore requested a motion to approve nominations 1 and 2 as presented. With a motion from Dr. Bon-Harper and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB unanimously approved nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Aubrey Von Lindern presented Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as a block:

1. Silver Lake Historic District, Rockingham County, DHR #082-5665, Criteria A and C
2. Swann-Daingerfield House, City of Alexandria, DHR #100-0121-1529, Criteria A and C

Ms. Von Lindern thanked nomination author Cheryl Lyon for her work on researching the Silver Lake Historic District and preparing the nomination. Ms. Lyon explained that the project as a desire to nominate just one house in the district and expanded to the currently proposed district.

Chair Moore opened the floor for comments. None were made.

Chair Moore requested a motion to approve nominations 1 and 2 as presented. With a motion from Dr. Bon-Harper and a second from Vice-Chair Lahendro, the SRB unanimously approved nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Mr. Pulice presented the Western Region nomination for the **Duff Mansion House** (DHR #052-5122) in Lee County.

Chair Moore opened the floor for comments. Vice-Chair Lahendro asked why Criterion D is not used for this property. Mr. Pulice said the sites on the property have not been investigated by professional archaeologists and it is not known what the site boundaries are, the extent of cultural deposits and their information potential, and the integrity of the sites. They are included in the nomination to allow potential for future investigations.

Mr. Pulice thanked SRB member John Salmon for his assistance with checking historic records in Richmond to ascertain a construction date for the main house.

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

Break: Morning Session Ended at 12:02 p.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed:	Historic Districts: 2
	Buildings: 4
	Structures: 1
	Sites: 0
	Objects: 0
	MPDs: 0

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Guests from Other State Agencies: Theresa Duffy (Department of Conservation and Recreation)

Guests Present (from sign-in sheet): Tom Gilmore (Ellington); Mary Ruffin Hanbury (Ellington); Rebecca Orcutt (English Store)

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

The State Review Board *endorsed* the following Preliminary Information Forms with additional comments as noted below.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. Salvation Army Citadel, City of Roanoke, DHR #128-5343, Criteria A and C

Vice-Chair Lahendro said the PIF lacked an argument for why the property warrants listing in the National Register. Mr. Pulice said the applicant was not familiar with the eligibility criteria, but DHR staff would work with him if a nomination proceeds.

2. Shipman Colored School, Nelson County, DHR #062-5230, Criteria A and C

Dr. Bon-Harper suggested that even lacking detailed historic records for this specific property, a broader context exists within which an argument for Register eligibility can be developed. The property's association with land donor Thomas Fortune Ryan and the resemblance of the buildings to Rosenwald standardized plans are both worth exploring, and the significance of educational opportunities for African Americans is well known.

3. Wilderness Road Rural Historic District, Lee County, DHR #052-5123, Criteria A and C

Chair Moore asked why Criterion D was being used for this property. Mr. Pulice said the burial cave within the district has been looted repeatedly and it is not known if it has integrity. Chair Moore asked which tribe would be most likely to have been historically associated with this area. Mr. Pulice said it probably would be the Cherokee. Vice-Chair Lahendro asked which property was associated with the African Americans interred in the cemetery. Mr. Pulice said they most likely were in the Elydale area. Mr. Pulice and Ms. Duffy explained that some known historic resources on the edges of the boundary have potential to be included in the district boundary should a nomination proceed; these include the African American cemetery and a burial mound associated with Mississippian culture.

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

1. Criglersville Store, Madison County, DHR #056-5049, Criteria A and C

Chair Moore noted the history of resettlement of local residents after creation of Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway figures into local history and how commercial activity changed as a result. Vice-Chair Lahendro requested that the building's interior description include layout of the historic shelves and counters.

2. Deering Hall, Town of Broadway, Rockingham County, DHR #177-0016, Criterion A

The SRB endorsed the PIF without additional comment.

3. Farmers Supply Building, Town of Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, DHR #265-0004-0079, Criterion A

The SRB endorsed the PIF without additional comment.

4. Fort Farr, City of Fairfax, DHR #029-6520, Criterion A

The SRB endorsed the PIF without additional comment.

5. Freeman's Store/Index General Store, King George County, DHR #048-0051, Criteria A and C

Ms. Von Lindern noted that King George County has just a couple of historic-age stores that have been documented in VCRIS. Dr. Lounsbury said the concrete piers likely are not original due to the building's ca. 1880 construction date. Ms. Von Lindern said the piers may be brick parged with concrete and will check on this.

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

1. Dora Armistead House, City of Williamsburg, DHR #137-0142, Criteria A and C

Dr. Lounsbury said Tazewell Hall is comparable to the Armistead House in terms of its relationship to the Colonial Williamsburg restoration. It was dismantled and reconstructed at another site during the 1950s. Mr. Salmon noted that the

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's historic approach toward buildings that post-dated the colonial era should be taken into account when considering the historic context of the Armistead House and its significance in the area of Conservation. Dr. Lounsbury said the Armistead House is important for its representation of the changing attitudes toward preservation between 1926 and 1996. Dr. Bon-Harper agreed that this aspect is important to the preservation movement. Dr. Lounsbury noted that Judge Armistead (historic owner) sued the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for various actions, and the lawsuits may have information relevant to CWF's arguments concerning their then-current understanding of preservation theory.

2. Ellington, Hanover County, DHR #042-0400, Criteria A and C
The SRB endorsed the PIF without additional comment.

3. English Store, Westmoreland County, DHR #096-5067, Criteria A and C
Vice-Chair Lahendro asked if anyone remembers how the store was laid out, and the property owner said yes, that has been recorded through oral history.

4. Holly Springs Apartments Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR #127-7205, Criterion A
Vice-Chair Lahendro requested that community amenities be identified if a nomination proceeds; landscaped areas, parking areas, sidewalks, and amenities for community use such as green space. Chair Moore said any original site plans that are available should be included too.

5. J. Eugene Diggs Residence, City of Norfolk, DHR #122-5971, Criteria A and B
The property owner is researching the dwelling's original architect, about whom little is currently known. The neighborhood appears to have developed along with Norfolk State University during the early/mid-twentieth century.

6. Periwinkle Cottage, Albemarle County, DHR #002-5311, Criterion C
Vice-Chair Lahendro asked if anything is known about the original garden. Mr. Wagner said the first property owner designed the first gardens using a simple plan. The current gardens are almost entirely the recent work of a later landscape architect. If possible, information about the original gardens can be included in the property's site description, should a nomination proceed.

7. Randolph Macon College and Boydton Institute Historic District, Mecklenburg County, #058-0231, Criteria A and C
Chair Moore suggested the property owner contact the Fairfield Foundation to inquire about feasibility of a three-dimensional scan of the ruins using drone technology. Mr. Salmon asked if the district boundaries have been finalized. Ms. Lipford said that survey still needs to be completed before the boundaries will be defined. The district may end up having some discontinuous sections due to loss of buildings.

The SRB adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

- * Cost Share Sponsored Project
- ** Certified Local Government
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