

Approved Minutes

JOINT MEETING
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
9:00 a.m. June 16, 2022

Rooms A&B of the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center of Sweet Briar College
450 Sweet Briar Drive, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24521

State Review Board Members Present

John Mullen, Chair
Vice-Chair Dr. Jody L. Allen
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Jeffrey E. Klee
Greg Rutledge
Carol Shull
Dr. Larissa Ferguson Smith

Historic Resources Board Members Present

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

State Review Board Members Absent

None.

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
Jennifer Pullen
Lena McDonald
Aubrey Von Lindern
Michael Pulice
Wendy Musumeci
Dr. Jennifer Loux

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Brad McDonald
Karri Richardson
Marc Wagner
Joanna McKnight
Megan Melinat

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Travis A. Voyles, Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources; Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

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

Diane Drake	James Drake	Lakshmi Fjord	Dain Hammond
Kristin Kirchen	David Lewes	Debra McClane	Janice Mitchell
Mark Reed	Colette Roots	Mark Reed	Rebecca Saunders

State Review Board (SRB)

At 9:01 Chair Mullen called the SRB meeting to order. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of SRB members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Ms. Shull, Dr. Breen, Mr. Klee, Mr. Rutledge, Dr. Smith, Vice-Chair Allen and Chair Mullen are present.

Chair Mullen read the land acknowledgement statement. Chair Mullen explained the purpose and duties of the SRB and the process of Register designation. Each SRB member introduced themselves. Chair Mullen asked the SRB members if there are any questions about the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the meeting format and agenda. Mr. Klee so moved and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. Deputy Director Williams took a roll call. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the March 16, 2022, and the March 17, 2022, meeting minutes. Dr. Breen made the motion and Mr. Rutledge seconded. Deputy Director Williams took a roll call. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted in the affirmative.

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

Chair Lemon called the Board of Historic Resources to order. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of BHR members to establish the presence of a quorum: Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Ruth, Chair Lemon, Vice-Chair Harris, Mr. Pollard, and Ms. Luck-Brimmer are present. Chair Lemon explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. He invited BHR members to introduce themselves and introduced himself. He noted that the meeting is public, is being held in person, is streaming online, and is being recorded; he added that the hosting venue has a masks-optional policy. Chair Lemon 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. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the March 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Harris made the motion and Mr. Ruth seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon introduced Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Travis Voyles. Mr. Voyles explained that he seeks to learn more about the activities of the BHR and SRB, DHR's work, and how his office can support those efforts. He said that historic resources are not part of his expertise and he is enjoying the opportunity to learn more.

Chair Lemon introduced Director Langan.

Director's Report:

Director Langan thanked the staff at Sweet Brier College for their warm welcome and hospitality as the venue for today's meeting. She said that the College has many projects in development, including work focused on historic preservation. She next discussed the pending budget for the next state fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2022. She explained that DHR has sought creation of a new, full-time position for tribal outreach and thus far it appears that the budget includes funding for this position. The new program will include funding for grants and a student internship program with particular emphasis on students who are tribal members. The BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) Fund also is newly created in the budget as proposed. It will cover a broad range of projects that include land acquisition, preservation of a resource, research, stabilization of a resource, and other priorities as defined by local BIPOC communities. Because many new grants have been created in recent years at the state and federal levels, DHR requested creation of a new grants manager position at DHR. This position will manage pass-through grants in which the state legislature has earmarked a sum of money for a specific project; approximately 20 such grants are in the budget as proposed. Existing state and federal grant programs also will be managed by this position. DHR's other budget requests include funds to complete the new archaeological collections storage space and for legal expenses for the easement program. Director Langan noted that the state highway marker program faces an unexpected crisis due to cost increases related to the pandemic. The foundry that creates the highway markers is struggling to manage spiraling increases in costs for materials and operations. Negotiations to amend the state contract with the foundry are in progress. She said that DHR staff last week participated in a training session with National Park Service staff. Approximately 20 staff attended in person and online, and the meeting's recording is available for those who could not attend. Director Langan said that the grant fund established during a recent Dominion Energy electrical transmission project is now up and running. A total of 48 applications were submitted, far outstripping the \$400,000 available in the program's first year. The Virginia Museum of History and Culture manages the program with DHR personnel making up half of the grant application review committee. Director Langan reported that DHR ranked third in the nation for use of federal historic tax credits. She said that DHR's partnership with Preservation Virginia has been successful and renewed for another year. The partnership includes online webinars about different aspects of historic preservation. Director Langan

said that the Capitol Statues Commission will soon meet to choose a statue design for Barbara Johns to be placed in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. DHR continues to work on disseminating information about the contents of two storage boxes found in the base of the Lee Statue in Richmond. She noted that the Boards next will convene in September at the Blackburn Inn, a property that is under easement and listed in the state and national registers. The Boards will meet in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in December 2022.

Director Langan noted that Tim Roberts, community outreach coordinator at DHR, is slated to provide a presentation to the Boards to update them on his program's activities. She added that in September the DHR staff member who coordinates the state's underwater archaeology program will attend the Board meeting. Dr. Atkins-Spivey said that inclusion of a student internship program for the community outreach and tribal outreach programs is an exciting development. She noted that she herself benefitted from an internship at DHR when she was an archaeology student

At 9:35 a.m., Chair Lemon introduced the Public Comment period and read aloud the Statement Regarding Public Participation at Virginia BHR Meetings.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Ms. Diane Drake spoke about the nomination for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District, explained her connection to Brown Grove, and thanked all who had been involved in the nomination project.

Mr. David Lewes, co-author of the nominations for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District and the Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District, explained that student interns had assisted with the Oak Grove Baptist Church project. He thanked the congregation members, community residents, and DHR staff who helped the projects to come together.

Ms. Colette Roots, a descendant of the Oak Grove community's founders, thanked everyone who had supported the project. Ms. Roots added that an article about the veterans interred at Oak Grove's cemeteries brought attention to veterans' burials. She said that marking any unmarked burials of veterans is now a priority. She said her father had recently visited the site of his family's farm for the first time since it was condemned by the U.S. government during the process of creating Camp Peary during the early 1940s.

Mr. Janice Mitchell, a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, thanked everyone for the work they had done on the district's nomination.

Ms. Debra McClane, author of the nominations for Chatham and L&J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District, said she and another architectural historian, Kristin Kirchen, had collaborated on the historic district nomination. She noted community members who assisted with conducting oral histories and that this aspect of the project elevated the nomination above those that had been prepared for similar districts elsewhere. A video from the oral history interviews will be sent to the Boards' members after the meeting. She said that the City of Virginia Beach's historic preservation planner, Mark Reed, successfully applied for an NPS Underrepresented Communities grant that provided some of the project's funding. She noted that Mr. Reed and several district residents are participating in today's meeting online.

Dr. Lakshmi Fjord noted that she has worked with the Brown Grove preservation group and is its only non-descendant member of the group. During the COVID pandemic, the preservation group facilitated community involvement and she noted that DHR staff member Marc Wagner provided crucial assistance with accessing archival resources during closures of various repositories due to the pandemic. Dr. Fjord thanked Ms. Drake for her assistance.

Mr. Dain Hammond explained that he is available for any questions that may come up concerning the nomination for the Staunton Steam Laundry.

Ms. Rebecca Saunders, president of the L&J Gardens Civic League, spoke about her family's association with the neighborhood and her support for the district's nomination. She thanked Ms. McClane and Mr. Reed for their work, and the NPS for the grant that allowed this project to move forward more quickly. She discussed the neighborhood's history during the segregation era and a much more recent trend toward integration. She said that the nomination will preserve the community's history and contributions of those who have lived there.

Mr. Mark Reed, preservation planner for the City of Virginia Beach, spoke in support of the nomination for the L&J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District and thanked the members of the BHR and SRB for their roles. He noted the level of effort by Ms. McClane and neighborhood residents that had yielded the information presented in the nomination.

Chair Lemon thanked everyone who spoke during the public comment period and added that such comments are proof of the importance of citizen involvement in nomination projects.

NOMINATIONS

Chair Lemon asked if any of the BHR members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for presentation today. Mr. Pollard, a member of the board of Preservation Virginia and an attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, requested to present the nomination for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District separately from the other nominations from the Eastern Region due to a potential conflict of interest.

Chair Mullen asked if any of the SRB members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for presentation today. None were identified.

Eastern Region

1. *, Δ, ** Berkleytown Historic District, Town of Ashland, Hanover County, DHR No. 166-5073, Criterion A
2. Δ, ** Brown Grove Rural Historic District, Hanover County, DHR No. 042-5802, Criteria A, B, and D
3. Chatham, Northampton County, DHR No. 065-0005, Criteria A, C, and D
4. Δ, >, *** L&J Gardens Historic District, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-5608, Criteria A and C
5. La Fourche, Albemarle County, DHR No. 002-0300, Criterion C
6. Δ Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District, York County, DHR No. 099-5091, Criteria A, B, C, and D and Criteria Considerations A and D
7. Shuttlewood, New Kent County, DHR No. 063-0095, Criterion C

Comment Summary:

Mr. Wagner presented the nomination for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District first. The possibility of other names historically used for the Robert Smith Tavern was discussed, as well as a longstanding debate about whether this resource is the Merrie Oaks Tavern. Some historians believe the latter tavern was farther east. The Smith Tavern is known to have originated during the 18th century and was owned by African Americans during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The age of the network of footpaths throughout the district also was discussed, including their information potential about historic and current relationships among local residents.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve nomination 2 for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District as presented. Dr. Atkins-Spivey so moved and Vice-Chair Harris seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative. Mr. Pollard abstained.

Chair Mullen invited questions and comments from the SRB members. None were made. He requested a motion to approve nomination 2 for the Brown Grove Rural Historic District as presented. Vice-Chair Allen so moved and Ms. Shull seconded. Deputy Director Williams took a roll call. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Wagner next presented the Berkleytown Historic District and Ms. Joanna McKnight presented the Chatham and L&J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District.

Chair Lemon asked BHR members if they had questions or comments. It was noted that some of the archaeological sites at Chatham are related to African American history.

Each board took an unscheduled 10-minute break starting at 10:30 a.m. to allow time for DHR staff to correct technical issues with the online portion of the meeting. The joint session resumed at 10:41 a.m.

Chair Mullen noted a potential conflict of interest has arisen for one of the SRB members concerning the Oak Grove Church Historic District (nomination 6). This nomination was held back for separate consideration after Ms. McKnight presented La Fourche and Shuttlewood (nominations 5 and 7).

Chair Lemon asked BHR members if they had questions or comments. None were made.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 as presented. Mr. Pollard made the motion and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as presented.

Chair Mullen invited questions and comments from the SRB members. None were made.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 as presented. Mr. Klee made the motion and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted unanimously to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 as presented.

Vice-Chair Allen recused herself from voting on the nomination for the Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District because some student interns from the College of William & Mary's Lemon Project, which she manages, also participated in some aspects of the Oak Grove Baptist Church project.

Ms. McKnight presented nomination 6 for the Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve nomination 6 for the Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District as presented. Ms. Luck-Brimmer made the motion and Vice-Chair Harris seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously to approve the Eastern Region nomination 6 as presented.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve nomination 6 for the Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District as presented. Dr. Breen made the motion and Mr. Rutledge seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted unanimously to approve the Eastern Region nomination 6 as presented. Vice-Chair Allen abstained.

Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern presented the following nominations as a block.

Northern Region

1. ** Staunton Steam Laundry Building, City of Staunton, DHR No. 132-5027, Criteria A and C
2. ** Virginia Apple Storage Warehouse, City of Winchester, DHR No. 138-5120, Criteria A and C

Comment Summary:

Chair Lemon invited questions and comments from the BHR members. None were made.

Chair Mullen invited questions and comments from the SRB members. None were made.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Mr. Ruth made the motion and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Dr. Fairfax, Vice-Chair Harris, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Mr. Rutledge made the motion and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted unanimously to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Mr. Michael Pulice presented the following nominations as a block.

Western Region

1. ** English Gardens Apartments, City of Roanoke, DHR No. 128-6476, Criteria A and C
2. Gosney Store, Pittsylvania County, DHR No. 071-6230, Criterion A and Criteria Consideration B
3. Δ, ^ Ryan Hall Elementary School, Nelson County, DHR No. 062-5230, Criteria A and C

Comment Summary:

Chair Lemon invited questions and comments from BHR members. Discussion of the Gosney Store's historic sash with a movable shutter on one elevation took place. Historically, such windows sometimes were used to serve African American customers during the Jim Crow segregation era. The Ryan Hall Elementary School's potential association with the Rosenwald School was discussed; research indicates that this particular school was funded by local benefactors instead of through the Rosenwald Fund.

Chair Mullen invited questions and comments from SRB members. The integrity and physical condition of the buildings at Ryan Hall Elementary School was discussed. A resolution in support of this nomination from Nelson County was noted as arriving yesterday.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Vice-Chair Harris made the motion and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Vice-Chair Allen made the motion and Dr. Smith seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted unanimously to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented.

With the nominations portion of the agenda concluded, DHR staff member Tim Roberts, community outreach coordinator, provided a report to the Boards on the program's first year of activity. A research project of the historically African American-majority Randolph neighborhood in Richmond was cited as an example. A project with the Virginia Tourism Corporation is in progress for heritage tourism focused on African American history in Virginia, including a Green Book component. A documentary series about the James River is in progress and includes input from DHR's community outreach and underwater archaeology programs. Four students from HBCUs participated in the new student internship program and their project included a partial survey of the 1920s Frederick Douglas Court neighborhood and a small community hospital in Richmond as well as extensive engagement with residents of the neighborhood. He described several other projects that are funded in part with community outreach grants, including an update to the nomination for the Pocahontas Island Historic District in

Petersburg to include the history of Virginia Indians associated with the district, a nomination for the Oak Hill archaeological site in Pittsylvania County, and professional investigation of a potential African American cemetery in Gloucester.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Dr. Atkins-Spivey made the motion and Vice-Chair Harris seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Vice-Chair Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, and Chair Lemon voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Ms. Shull so moved and Mr. Klee seconded. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge, Vice-Chair Allen, Chair Mullen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Klee voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The joint meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 4
Buildings: 8
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
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Trip Pollard
David Ruth

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Staff

Present:

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Kyle Edwards*
Elizabeth Lipford*
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Brad McDonald
Megan Melinat
Wendy Musumeci
Jennifer Pullen
Karri Richardson*
Joanna Wilson Green*

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Travis A. Voyles, Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources
Andrew Tarne (Office of the Attorney General)

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

[none]

Guests Present from Attendees List in Webex:

Jane Baskerville	Kimberly Conley	Eugene Stickley
Stephenn Belle	Clifton Potter	Bessida White

Chair Lemon called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Chair Lemon requested a roll call of the Board members.

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.

Chair Lemon read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves: Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Harris, Mr. Ruth, Dr. Atkins-Spivey and Chair Lemon.

Chair Lemon reminded everyone that this is a public meeting that is being streamed online. The online feed is being recorded. Chair Lemon thanked Sweet Briar College for hosting this meeting and stated that masks are currently optional for visitors to the college.

Contextualization of Monuments and Memorials Regulations Update

Deputy Director Williams presented an update to the Contextualization of Monuments and Memorials Regulation Process.

Staff drafted proposed regulations to guide localities on the contextualization of monuments and memorials per the General Assembly's bill passed in 2020. These proposed regulations were approved by the Board and Office of the Attorney General and went through the fast-track approval process in March 2022. During this process there were 35 objections to the proposed regulations. Due to the number of objections, the fast track process could not be completed (only regulations with 10 or fewer objections may continue in the fast track process). The proposed regulations are now subject to the standard rule-making process.

Objections to the regulations included:

- BHR having sole authority to approve and disapprove text
- Objections to there only being one approved text allowed per monument or memorial
- Concerns that there is no public comment period
- Concerns regarding what sources could be cited
- Criticism of the information required to be included in the text
- Objections to the fast-track process itself

Staff have addressed some of the objections with the following revisions:

1. The concern regarding the subjectivity of the text criteria.
 - Staff have revised the criteria to address this concern. See Section 40 "Marker Approval Application" Subsection C.6.
2. A concern that contextualization could have been interpreted to mean graffiti, some type of covering or something other than text on a marker.

- Staff have addressed this concern by adding a new definition, "Contextualization Text" and have used this phrase throughout the draft regulations. Also, this concern is addressed by adding clarifying sentences in Section 30 "General Provisions."
3. A concern that localities may need to produce, because of the length of the text, the approved text on more than one marker.
- Staff addressed this concern by drafting a new authorizing statement in new Subsection J.

Deputy Director Williams summarized the remaining stages of the three-stage review process. Following review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources and the Governor's office, the proposed regulations will be submitted to the Register. The proposed regulations will then be subject to a sixty-day comment period. DHR will then consider all the comments and feedback and revise the regulations as needed and the proposed regulations will go through the review process again.

Comments Summary: Mr. Ruth asked for more background on the comments regarding source citations. Deputy Director Williams responded that one or two comments about what citations could be used and this was addressed in the amended "contextualization" definition. Chair Lemon noted a misperception among the commenters that either DHR or the Board could somehow impose contextualization and this was not the case as a locality would have to approach DHR. Chair Lemon added that many comments were helpful and addressed. Mr. Ruth asked if any jurisdictions were currently on hold. Deputy Director Williams said she has had calls from two or three localities but until the regulation process is completed she cannot provide that much information.

Chair Lemon proposed a motion to approve the proposed regulations as amended and direction to staff to proceed with the review process. This motion was made by Mr. Pollard and seconded by Dr. Atkins-Spivey. Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon asked if any Board Member have conflicts of interest with the Highway Markers agenda. No conflicts were noted.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following eight (8) Diversity Markers as a block.

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1.) Luke's Episcopal Church

Sponsor: Charlie W. Allen and Gloria T. Allen

Locality: Lunenburg County

Proposed Location: 409 N. Broad Street, Kenbridge

2.) Antioch Baptist Church

Sponsor: Middlesex County Museum and Historical Society, Inc.

Locality: Middlesex County

Proposed Location: U.S. 17 Business at intersection with Rt. 618, northwest corner

3.) Wharton Memorial Baptist Church Complex

Sponsor: Wharton Memorial Baptist Church

Locality: Mecklenburg County

Proposed Location: 57 White House Road

4.) An African American Family of Doctors

Sponsor: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society

Locality: Winchester

Proposed Location: Southeast corner of North Loudoun Street and East Fairfax Lane

5.) Birthplace of Henrietta Lacks

Sponsor: Nelson Harris

Locality: City of Roanoke

Proposed Location: 28 12th St. NW

6.) Piedmont Tuberculosis Sanatorium

Sponsor: Tuberculosis Foundation of Virginia

Locality: Nottoway County

Proposed Location: 5001 East Patrick Henry Highway, Burkeville

7.) Colbrook Motel

Sponsor: Better Housing Coalition

Locality: Chesterfield County

Proposed Location: 13916 Route 1/301

8.) Black Political Activism in Charles City

Sponsor: C.C.C. Richard M. Bowman Center for Local History

Locality: Charles City County

Proposed Location: Intersection of Courthouse Road and Rt. 5, southeast corner

Dr. Loux apologized for not bringing the written comments from marker sponsors with her to the meeting but stated that there is strong support for these markers.

Board Comments Summary: Ms. Luck-Brimmer commented about the Henrietta Lacks marker noting that Ms. Luck-Brimmer's cousin Dr. William Wade was Ms. Lacks' initial physician. She noted that there was an ongoing active discussion in Southside Virginia about how they are going to honor this great woman.

With a motion to approve Sponsor Markers-Diversity #1-#8 by Dr. Atkins-Spivey and a second from Mr. Harris, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, 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.) Bellevue

Sponsor: Senator William and Tracy Frist

Locality: Craig County

Proposed Location: 14505 Cumberland Gap Road

2.) Union Prisoner of War Camp

Sponsor: Taylor-Wilson Camp #10, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Locality: City of Lynchburg

Proposed Location: 2111 Memorial Ave

3.) Crockett Springs Resort

Sponsor: Meadowbrook Museum of History

Locality: Montgomery County

Proposed Location: 2842 Crockett Springs Road, Shawsville

4.) School Desegregation Controversy

Sponsor: Robert C. Layton

Locality: Chesterfield County

Proposed Location: TBD

Dr. Loux apologized for not bringing the written comments from marker sponsors with her to the meeting but stated that there is strong support for these markers.

Comments Summary: Chair Lemon thanked Dr. Loux and Dr. Fairfax for their work on drafting and revising the School Desegregation Controversy marker and for Dr. Fairfax's leading role in accomplishing this so it could be presented today. Mr. Ruth asked where the marker would be located. Dr. Loux responded that it had not been decided. Chair Lemon observed that it would be challenging to determine exact location for this marker and suggested in front of the courthouse.

With a motion to approve Sponsor Markers #1-#4 by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second from Mr. Harris, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, 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.) Clementina Rind (ca. 1740-1774)

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: York County

Proposed Location: Rt. 143, 0.3 miles north of intersection with Rt. 132

2.) Lincolnsville

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Portsmouth

Proposed Location: Green Street, at intersection with Effingham St.

3.) Dr. Gordon Blaine Hancock (1884-1970)

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: City of Richmond

Proposed Location: 1408 W. Leigh St.

Comments Summary: None

With a motion to approve DHR-Initiated Markers #1-#3 by Dr. Atkins-Spivey and a second from Mr. Ruth, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following three (3) Replacement Markers:

Replacement Markers

1.) The Burwell-Morgan Mill T-6

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Clarke County

Proposed Location: Millwood Road (Rt. 723) at intersection with Tannery Lane

2.) Jarratt's Station UM-12

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Sussex County

Proposed Location: Jarratt Avenue at intersection with South Halifax Road

3.) Douglass High School F-35

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Loudoun County

Proposed Location: East Market Street (Business State Highway 7) at intersection with Sycolin Road (County Route 643)

Comments Summary: None

With a motion to approve Replacement Markers #1-#3 by Dr. Atkins-Spivey and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Five Applications Recommended for Advancement to September Board Cycle

Five Marker Topics Selected from May 1 Applications:

James Horace Carter Lynched (King and Queen County)

Great Exodus from Bondage (Fredericksburg)

Joseph Endom and Rosa Kinckle Jones (City of Richmond)

West Ford (ca. 1784-1863) (Fairfax County)

Potomac River Oyster Wars (Westmoreland County)

Alternates:

Gainsboro Branch Library (City of Roanoke)

Emancipated Community at Chimborazo (City of Richmond)

Comments Summary: Chair Lemon commented that the foundry was implementing a substantial cost increase for highway markers which is why he thought it was important to have alternates should any of the top five drop out when they are notified of the cost increase. Chair Lemon asked what the maximum possible score was. Dr. Loux responded the highest total points was 100. She added that both her and her colleague Matt Gottlieb's scores for the first batch of applications ranged from the low 80s to lower 90s with an average combined score of around 170. Chair Lemon commented that this was the first time the ranking system was being presented and applicants who did not make the top five would be notified and could reapply.

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

Equal Justice Initiative Marker

The Lynching of Wiley Gynn

Proposed location: Bondtown Park, Route 72, Coeburn, VA (Wise County)

Comments Summary: Mr. Ruth inquired if the marker had been installed. Dr. Loux confirmed that was not yet erected and explained that the photo image was just an example. Ms. Luck-Brimmer asked if the Equal Justice Initiative was a national organization. Dr. Loux responded in the affirmative and added that these markers are

double-sided with a different message on each side. Chair Lemon observed there was much more text. Dr. Loux noted that these markers could be installed within a VDOT right-of-way.

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

The Marker portion of the agenda ended at 1:22 p.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Joanna Wilson Green gave a brief presentation on burial permits:

Between March 17 and June 16, 2022 DHR issued three (3) permits on the Board's behalf:

- All anticipatory permits – no human remains identified or disturbed
- Four (4) existing permits were granted extensions to accommodate project delays and other complications.
- Four (4) projects were closed following completion of permit conditions.
- 22 projects remain active.

Comments Summary: None

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 1:23 p.m.

EASEMENTS

New Easement Offers for Consideration

Ms. Musumeci presented the following five (5) easement offers for consideration:

Ms. Musumeci noted that the Kathy Robertson, Deputy Director of Real Estate at the American Battlefield Trust, confirmed the Trust's support for the easement offers on this agenda.

1. Shiflett Tract, Piedmont Battlefield, Augusta County

Easement Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Offer for ±141.318 acres

Grant Funding: ABPP, VLCF, VBPF

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends approval of the Shiflett Tract easement offer, subject to the following condition:

1. 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.

2. Dowdall's Tavern Tract, Chancellorsville Battlefield, Spotsylvania County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for ±42.188 acres

Grant Funding: ABPP, VCLF, VBPF

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends approval of the Dowdall's Tavern Tract easement offer, subject to the following conditions:

1. Receipt of documentation (recorded easement or containment letter) for the overhead utility lines on the Property.
2. Receipt of documentation for the removal of the underground storage tank; should there be any evidence of petroleum leakage, a Phase II ESA will be required.
3. DHR staff will work with the Trust to draft language to DHR's satisfaction that acknowledges and permits the potential widening of Route 3 in the historic preservation and open-space easement held by the BHR, subject to conditions regarding archaeological survey and avoidance of known archaeological sites.
4. 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.

3. Phillips Tract, Reams Station Battlefield, Dinwiddie County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for ±100.018 acres

Grant Funding: ABPP, VBPF

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends approval of the Phillips Tract easement offer, subject to the following conditions:

1. Receipt of documentation (recorded easement or containment letter) for the two underground power boxes noted on the 2019 boundary survey.
2. The Trust agrees to implement a conservation plan that mitigates the impact of the utility corridor, protects the property's preservation and conservation values, and enables opportunities for battlefield interpretation.
3. Resolution of any title issues to DHR's satisfaction.
4. 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.

4. Drexel-Morrell Center, Powhatan County

Easement Applicant: Belmead on the James, Inc.

Offer for 56.4 acres

Grant Funding: VLCF, VOF

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends approval of the Drexel-Morrell Tract easement offer, subject to the following condition:

1. 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.

5. Bois Doré, Fairfax County

Easement Applicant: Charlotte Fredette Smith Eagle

Offer for 1.29 acre overlay easement

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends approval of the Bois Dore easement offer subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.

Comments Summary: Mr. Harris voiced his support for the Drexel-Morell Center easement and noted he was excited about the progress. Director Langan commented that DHR has been working closely with the owner of the nearby Belmead property to update the National Register nomination and provide technical assistance. Mr. Pollard asked why the Route 3 widening for the Dowdall Tavern's Tract would not be subject to a plan similar to the Conservation Plan recommended for the Phillips Tract. Ms. Musumeci explained the requirements of Section 10.1-1701 of the Virginia Code with regard to easements and the locality comprehensive plan. Ms. Musumeci said that the easement would permit widening of Route 3 subject to certain restrictions, and that the Conservation Plan was different in that the utility corridor was already installed.

With a motion to approve the New Easement Offers #1-#5 by Dr. Atkins-Spivey and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Easement Offers for Reconsideration

Ms. Musumeci presented the following two (2) easement offers for reconsideration:

1. **Jamerson Tract, Appomattox Station Battlefield, Appomattox County**

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for 45.77 acres

Grant Funding: ABPP, VBPF

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

1. 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.

2. **Morris Farm, Tom's Brook Battlefield, Shenandoah County**

Easement Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Offer for 123.36 acres

Grant Funding: ABPP, VBPF

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

1. 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.

Comments Summary: Mr. Ruth asked for clarification of the property boundaries on the battle map for the Morris Farm. Chair Lemon asked for confirmation that the area in the center of the property was the carve-out.

With a motion to approve Easement Offers for Reconsideration #1-#2 by Mr. Ruth and a second from Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Deputy Director Williams proceeded with a roll call vote. Dr. Atkins-Spivey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ruth and Chair Lemon voted in the affirmative.

Policy Update

Presentation of draft update to Easement Program Policy #5: *Review of Applications for Work on Easement Properties*

Revision to existing policy includes:

- Update of staff responsibilities and contact information;
- Clarification of review and approval process; and
- Clarification of, and adjustments to, the appeals process.

No action is requested of the Board at this time.

The policy will be voted on at the September 2022 meeting.

Comments Summary: Ms. Melinat noted that the appeals process in the new policy was written to be more consistent with the rehabilitation tax credit program as many easement property owners participated in both programs. Chair Lemon stated that if any Board members have further questions, they may pass them along to Ms. Melinat.

New Easements Recorded Since the March 2022 BHR Meeting

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

- 1. Brill Tract, Cedar Creek Battlefield, Warren County**
Easement Donor: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Acreage: 73.828 acres
Recorded June 1, 2022
- 2. West Woods Additional Property, Third Winchester Battlefield, Frederick County**
Easement Donor: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Acreage: 8.7784 acres
Recorded June 1, 2022

Comments Summary: None.

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

Chair Lemon adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 2:14 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

At Virginia Department of Historic Resources Collections Study Room and online

State Review Board Members Present

Chair John Mullen
Vice-Chair Dr. Jody L. Allen
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Jeffrey E. Klee
Greg Rutledge

Carol Shull
Dr. Larissa Fergeson Smith

State Review Board Members Absent

None.

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Director Julie Langan
Lena McDonald
Joanna McKnight
Michael Pulice
Aubrey Von Lindern
Marc Wagner

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Travis A. Voyles, Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Guests (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets): Alison Blanton, Alice Cannon, Jane Covington, Douglas Frost, Kayla Halberg, T. Kent Hammond, Tim Kerr, Justin Patton, Richard Pearsall, Marcus Pollard, Stephen Price, Joanna Robinson, Khadija Salaam, Carolyn Tabb, Jeff Werner, Peter West

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Forms (informal guidance session).

The following Preliminary Information Forms were *endorsed* by acclimation, unless otherwise noted, with the following comments. Note that the order below follows the agenda, not the order as presented during the meeting: Preliminary Information Forms for which guests were present at the meeting were presented first.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. ****Boude-Deaver House, City of Lexington, DHR No. 117-0027-0279, Criterion C**
The house, a contributing building in the Lexington Historic District, was built ca. 1874 in the Gothic Revival style for the county clerk John C. Boude and wife Musadora Boude. A secondary dwelling dates to ca. 1913 and a brick garden wall dates to ca. 1970. Exclusion of the garden wall in the period of significance was agreed to be appropriate, which would leave only construction of the house and secondary dwelling in period of significance.
2. ****Colony House Motor Lodge, City of Roanoke, DHR No. 128-6477, Criteria A and C**
The Colony House was built in 1959 for two businessmen brothers based in Roanoke. It is notable for its Modernist design, a combination of Googie and Wrightian aesthetics, which is unrivaled in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding region. The forested hillside behind it likely served deliberately as a scenic backdrop referenced by the design buildings' the folded plate roofs. The breezeblock wall around the swimming pool, as well as a period neon entrance sign, were significant reminders of the lodge's heyday.
3. **Δ, James A. Bland Memorial High School, Town of Big Stone Gap, Wise County, DHR No. 101-5013, Criteria A and B**
James A. Bland Memorial High School, which is now occupied by the Town of Big Stone Gap administrative offices and a community gym, was built for African American students in 1953 and closed when segregation ended in the county school system in 1965. Should a nomination proceed, discussion of the school's namesake and a more detailed discussion of building integrity are warranted, and historic photos of the school should be sought out as part of the research effort.

4. Jeter-Watson School, City of Covington, DHR No. 107-5172-0016, Criteria A and C
Jeter-Watson School was built by a Great Depression-era works program in 1939 for Covington's African American students, grades 1-11. The school is now used as a community center and YMCA and retains excellent integrity. The building's distinctive Modernist lobby is thought to be part of a 1960s addition as its finishes clearly date to that period rather than the 1939 period of construction
5. ** P. Lorillard & Company Tobacco Warehouses, City of Danville, DHR No. 108-6186, Criteria A and C
P. Lorillard & Company Tobacco Warehouses comprise five buildings and a water tower built between 1936 and 1951. The Board inquired about the existence of any photographs showing the buildings prior to 1974 when they were enclosed for updated uses of fumigation to control insects. No historic photos were included with the preliminary information form, but may be found if a nomination proceeds.
6. **Pulaski High School, Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, DHR No. 125-0063, Criteria A and C
Pulaski High School was built for white students in 1937 and is noted for its excellent integrity. Significant legislation from the 1940s likely affected educational racial segregation in Pulaski and is warranted to be included as part of the property's statement of significance if a nomination is prepared.

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

1. Δ, McIntosh Farm, Orange County, DHR No. 068-5197, Criteria B and C
The property's archaeological potential as well as a family cemetery were discussed, including the possibility for unknown or unmarked burials.
2. Mounce Byrd House, Shenandoah County, DHR No. 085-0003, Criterion C
Additions and changes to the main house that occurred during a 20th century renovation of the house were discussed. Questions regarding the floorplan of the original 19th century residence also were raised and could be resolved through further research.
3. **Philomont Historic District, Loudoun County, DHR No. 053-6509, Criteria A and C
Several members of the community were present virtually and asked to make comments and ask questions regarding the proposed district and voice their objection should a nomination be prepared. Most comments centered on property owners who had not been informed by local proponents about the proposal to nominate the district. Questions and comments from the public prompted discussion by the Board regarding how the preliminary boundaries were delineated for the district. The author of the PIF explained that transportation, landscape, natural features and historic development were considered. Final boundaries for the district cannot be determined until completion of comprehensive survey of resources to identify those that warrant inclusion in the district due to historical associations.
4. Δ, **Solon Cemetery, Loudoun County, DHR No. 259-5006, Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration D
The still active Cemetery Association was discussed as it pertains to how the cemetery has been maintained and records kept since the cemetery was established during the segregation era.
5. Δ, ***Thoroughfare Historic District, Prince William County, DHR No. 076-5150, Criterion A
The potential for archeological resources was discussed and addressed by a Prince William County staff member and archaeologist. Prince William County staff also summarized the goals of the County regarding the proposed survey and nomination of the Thoroughfare Historic District as part of the County's preservation planning process.
6. **Trough Hill Farm, Loudoun County, DHR No. 053-6511, Criterion A
The rarity of log buildings in Loudoun County was discussed.

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner and Joanna McKnight

1. Bleak House, Albemarle County, DHR No. 002-0154, Criteria A and C
Bleak House is an 1850s farmhouse in the Earlysville area of Albemarle County. The two-story brick house is built in an unusual Italianate Style with deep soffits and large brackets. There is a kitchen that matches the date and style of the house. The current property owners have conducted detailed research about the historic owners and the enslaved population. DHR staff visited the property earlier in 2022 and are interested in conducting archaeological testing to locate outbuilding and slave dwelling sites. The roof was considered as potentially a later alteration to the house and it was the consensus that more research should be made into the evolution of the unusual design.
2. **Charlottesville Downtown Mall, City of Charlottesville, DHR No. 104-5994, Criteria A and C and Criteria consideration G
The Charlottesville Downtown Mall is a professionally designed landscape dating to the 1970s with later evolution in the 1980s and beyond. Notable landscape architect Lawrence Halprin executed the design. The extent of original design elements and materials were discussed. Should a nomination proceed, it should state clearly that buildings/resources that touch the edge of the Mall are within the Charlottesville and Albemarle County Courthouse Historic District, but are not included in the Mall’s nomination. Extending the period of significance to include repairs and modifications dating to the 1980s was considered, including whether these would meet Criterion Consideration G. The Mall’s context about how the City handled it as a product, or reaction, to the automobile era was discussed, especially given that Charlottesville’s Mall has succeeded in revitalizing downtown while pedestrian malls in other localities have not. The broader history of pedestrianized urban spaces and the “car vs. city” relationship could be explored further if a nomination proceeds. Cultural events, varied uses of the space over time, and major recent events such as the August 2017 “Unite the Right” march through the area and the murder of Heather Heyer also have affected the Mall’s continued use.
3. **Hammond, Alena V., House, City of Charlottesville, DHR No. 104-5995, Criterion C
The Hammond House was built in 1963 on a 1-acre, wooded lot. Designed by architect Herbert Fritz Jr., the dwelling is an example of the Usonian style created by Frank Lloyd Wright during the mid-20th century. The house was built as the primary residence of Dr. Thomas T. Hammond and his wife, Alena V. Hammond. The context of the neighborhood in which the Hammond House is located was discussed, but to date, DHR has few records for the area. The neighborhood’s general character can be explored if a nomination is prepared. Mr. Kent Hammond provided additional information about Alena Hammond’s career as a real estate agent in Charlottesville and her role in the household, including that the house, as designed, was primarily the result of his mother’s vision. She participated in making design elements meet her preferences, including such things as removing mortar from the stone fireplace to emphasize the lines of the stonework. Her central role in the house’s design is why it was named after her.
4. Δ, James Murray Jeffress School, Charlotte County, DHR No. 019-5278, Criteria A and C
James Murray Jeffress School was built in 1952 during the Jim Crow segregation era. The building retains considerable historic fabric, including exterior brickwork, original steel-frame window sash, interior closets, lockers, and cabinets, classroom doors, and other finishes. The floor plan is largely intact. In 1928, the Reverend James Murray Jeffress led the effort to establish the Charlotte County Training School for African American students. In 1964, Jeffress School was desegregated school and remained in use until 2011. Inconsistencies in the preliminary information form included the construction date, with both 1950 and 1952 used. Should a nomination proceed, these inconsistencies will be addressed. Governor Battle’s special fund for building equalization schools began by 1950, a student-led strike occurred in 1951, the *Davis* legal case in 1952, and *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954; inclusion of these kinds of events in a nomination are important to understanding the local context in Charlotte County regarding segregation in the public school system. Central School was discussed as a property to compare to Jeffress

School with regard to how each functioned within the confines of segregation. Given Jeffress's important role in local education, research for the nomination can include establishing if Criterion B applies to Jeffress School.

5. Rotherwood, Southampton County, DHR No. 087-0045, Criteria A and C
Rotherwood previously was evaluated on January 26, 2006, and recommended eligible at the local level of significance under Criterion C (Architecture) with a period of significance of 1748-1850. Because few changes have occurred at the property since 2006, a new PIF was not requested, but updated photos and a site plan were provided. Information related to reliance on slavery during the colonial through antebellum eras has not yet been researched. The potential for significant archaeology under Criterion D was discussed as previous research has suggested as many as 350 people have been recorded as living at the property over time. Some preliminary studies and archeological research are on record and will be checked for information to include if a nomination is prepared.

6. Δ, **Washington Park Neighborhood Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-8029, Criteria A and C
Washington Park is located in the northern suburban area of the City of Richmond, although at the time of construction this area was part of Henrico County. The earliest dwelling were built during the late 19th century and the area gradually developed through the early- to mid-20th century. During the segregation era, the neighborhood was a hub for African American residents with several schools, churches, shops, and service businesses to serve the neighborhood; today, one school, two churches, and one shopping center are still present. The neighborhood grew fastest after World War II and the housing stock reflects that trend.

Chair Mullen requested a motion for the SRB to adjourn. Vice-Chair Allen made the motion and Mr. Klee seconded. The SRB meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

- * Cost Share Sponsored Project
- ** Certified Local Government
- *** Certified Local Government Sponsored Project
- Δ Associated with African American History
- # Associated with Virginia Indian History
- ^ ESHPF Grant-Funded Project
- % State Stewardship
- > National Park Service Grant-Funded Project