

Draft Minutes

JOINT MEETING

STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

10:00 a.m. March 16, 2023

Garden Hall, Maymont, 1700 Hampton Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220

State Review Board Members Present

John Mullen, Chair
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Jeffrey E. Klee
Greg Rutledge
Carol Shull
Dr. Larissa M. Smith

Historic Resources Board Members Present

W. Tucker Lemon, Chair
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Vice-Chair
Aimee Jorjani
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Trip Pollard
Dr. Ken Rutherford

Attending Online

None.

State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Jody Allen, Vice-Chair

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Roger Kirchen
Jolene Smith
Megan Melinat
Aubrey Von Lindern
Mike Pulice
Brad McDonald
Elizabeth Lipford

Amanda Terrell
Joanna McKnight
Jess Hendrix
Kyle Edwards
Joanna Wilson Green
Jennifer Pullen
Marc Wagner
LaToya Gray-Sparks
Andy Poole

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Jennifer Walle, Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources
Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General (attending online)

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

Gloria Saggese	Edwin Gaskin	Madeline Skinner	Jane Covington
Debra McClane	Angela Lehman	Elliott Martin	Meredith Glasco
Curtis Lowe	Kayla Halberg	James Randall	Cameron Crews
Jim S.	Latika Lee	Jody Lahendro	Parker Agelasto
Max Hokit	Natalie Metzler		

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

At 10:01 a.m., Chair Lemon called the BHR meeting to order. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of BHR members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Dr. Fairfax, Mr. Pollard, Ms. Jorjani, Mr. Rutherford, and Chair Mullen are present.

Chair Lemon read the land acknowledgement statement. He next explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. He invited BHR members to introduce themselves and introduced himself. Chair Lemon also welcomed Dr. Ken Rutherford since it is his first BHR meeting. Chair Lemon thanked the Maymont staff for hosting the meeting and thanked Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Jennifer Walle for attending today's meeting. The Chair noted that the meeting is public, is being held in person, is streaming online, and is being recorded. He thanked Maymont again for hosting the meeting and noted that the hosting venue has a masks-optional policy. Chair Mullen asked the BHR members if there are any questions or comments about the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the meeting format and agenda. Ms. Luck-Brimmer so moved and Mr. Rutherford seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Lemon asked for any changes or corrections to be made to the meeting minutes from the December 8, 2022, meeting. Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the December 8, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Rutherford so moved and Ms. Jorjani seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon turned the meeting over to the State Review Board's Chair.

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Mullen called the SRB to order at 10:09 a.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of SRB members to establish the presence of a quorum: Ms. Shull, Dr. Breen, Dr. Klee, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rutledge and Chair Mullen are present.

Chair Mullen explained the purpose and duties of the SRB. He invited SRB members to introduce themselves and introduced himself. Chair Mullen explained the purpose and duties of the state review board. He invited the SRB members to introduce themselves and introduced himself. Chair Mullen explained the process of Register designation. He asked the SRB members if there are any questions about the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the final agenda as presented. Dr. Klee so moved and Dr. Breen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the December 8, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Breen so moved, and Dr. Klee seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen turned the meeting back over to Chair Lemon.

BHR Resolution Recognizing Jeffrey "Free" Harris

Chair Lemon introduced and read a Resolution recognizing Jeffrey "Free" Harris for his service on the BHR.

Chair Lemon introduced Director Julie Langan.

Director's Report

Director Langan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Langan welcomed Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Jennifer Walle and welcomed Andrew Tarne from the Office of the Attorney General. She also welcomed students from Virginia Commonwealth University, who were observing the meeting. Director Langan said a few words about Maymont Park and acknowledged Parke Richeson, Executive Director of Maymont Park. She also provided some history about the history of the Dooley Mansion and mentioned that Maymont received a

Federal grant that will be used for upgrading mechanical systems in the mansion. Further, the Maymont Foundation received a grant from the Virginia General Assembly for upgrading the Orientation Center. Director Langan noted that training for both Boards that took place on the previous day. She thanked DHR staff for their work in preparing meetings for two consecutive days. She mentioned that 18 members of DHR staff were present at the Board meeting and thanked them for their attendance and assistance. Langan also introduced Roger Kirchen, Director of Review and Compliance, of DHR who was in attendance for the BHR meeting.

Director Langan mentioned that planning is underway for the next board meeting, which will be at the Mariner's Museum & Park in Newport News. She invited suggestions from the Boards for venues and topics of discussion for subsequent joint meetings. Director Langan mentioned the venue that Board members attended for dinner the previous night and how it is a beneficiary of historic tax credits for rehabilitation. This was a huge undertaking but a catalyst of economic and community development for the Richmond region. Langan acknowledged Megan Melinat who manages the easements and tax credits program for DHR. Langan emphasized the importance of tax credits and mentioned that developers in attendance are an example of stakeholders who take advantage of the program.

Director Langan mentioned that First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin recently visited DHR to view the Archaeological Collections area. Langan noted how engaged and enthusiastic the First Lady was during her visit. Langan also mentioned that she and Amanda Terrell, Director of Community Services, were in attendance for the kickoff of Virginia 250—which will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. The kickoff event drew a crowd of 300 participants from 34 states to brainstorm and share ideas for the commemoration. The event will coincide with the anniversary of the Revolutionary War-era Committee of Correspondence meeting that took place in Raleigh Tavern. Langan also mentioned that she was in Washington, D.C., attending the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO), an annual opportunity for SHPOs to gather and share information. She invited members of the Boards to participate in the annual conference if any of them are interested. Langan thanked SRB member Carol Shull for attending this year's conference. Director Langan summarized highlights from the 2023 General Assembly (GA) Session. She mentioned that the state does not have a final budget yet, however, there are some new appropriations that DHR is expecting based on the Governor's budget. Those items include: 1) a new staff position and (2) an additional \$5 million for the BIPOC fund. DHR also expects some legislative language to be corrected concerning the BIPOC fund. In addition, DHR had involvement with two bills. The first bill involves "Green Book" sites—DHR will be working with the Virginia Tourism Commission and VDOT to call attention to and authorize state historical highway markers for the sites. The other bill clarifies eligibility of historic cemeteries for the African American Graves Fund.

Finally, DHR will have a marker dedication in April in honor of Mary Wingfield Scott. The marker dedication will take place in April. Langan thanked Vice-Chair Fairfax for her frequent participation in marker dedications. Langan also mentioned that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Langan asked if there are any questions. Chair Lemon asked about the Henrietta Lacks marker dedication in Roanoke and the date for the dedication. Dr. Jennifer Loux stated that the date for the dedication is April 14, 2023.

General and Register Public Comment

Chair Lemon introduced the public comment period. He welcomed attendees and noted that there will be two public comment opportunities. Chair Lemon then read a statement explaining parameters for public participation at the joint Board meeting.

Public comments from local residents and from members of the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department were made about the Philomont Historic District, for which a nomination is being considered today.

Chair Lemon noted that the public comment period concluded at 10:46 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Chair Lemon asked if any of the BHR members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for presentation today. No conflicts were raised.

Mr. Wagner and Ms. McKnight presented nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as a block.

Eastern Region

1. Δ, | Historic Resources Associated with African American Watermen of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Multiple Property Documentation Form, multiple jurisdictions, DHR No. 500-0007
2. Δ, | Outlaw, Samuel D. Blacksmith Shop, Town of Onancock, Accomack County, DHR No. 273-0014, Criteria A and C
3. **Downtown Norfolk Financial Historic District, City of Norfolk, DHR No. 122-6003, Criteria A and C
4. Gascony, Northumberland County, DHR No. 066-5054, Criteria A and C
5. ^ Montross Historic District, Town of Montross, Westmoreland County, DHR No. 263-5038, Criteria A and C
6. Newport News Downtown Historic District, City of Newport News, DHR No. 121-5621, Criteria A and C

Comment Summary:

Chair Lemon asked the BHR if they had any questions regarding the Multiple Property Documentation Form and the accompanying nomination for the Outlaw Blacksmith Shop. None were made.

The African American Watermen of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay MPD was created as part of a three-state effort involving Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, to recognize the contributions of African American watermen to the seafood industries of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay. The MPD provides the historic context for African American watermen within a portion of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed, which is defined as the tidal waters east of the fall line that drain into the Chesapeake Bay.

The Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop is a one-story, vernacular building located on a 0.10-acre lot in the Town of Onancock in Accomack County. According to local residents, Samuel D. Outlaw, an African American blacksmith from Windsor, North Carolina, constructed the shop where he began his business about one year after moving to the Town of Onancock in 1926. Today, the shop serves as a museum preserving the legacy of Outlaw's contributions to the Eastern Shore's watermen's communities.

The Downtown Norfolk Financial Historic District was created as a result of urban renewal and redevelopment programs to reshape the downtown area starting in the 1950s. The buildings and structures of the historic district are a testament to the city's efforts to be seen as a successful and modern financial center comparable to that in the Commonwealth's capital city of Richmond.

Gascony in rural Northumberland County is a 221-acre estate with a Greek Revival-style main house built ca. 1856, a guest house, and numerous agricultural outbuildings and structures that contribute to the property's historical milieu and architectural significance.

The Montross Historic District comprises approximately 170 acres and encompasses a significant concentration of historic architectural resources along Virginia State Route 3 in the Town of Montross, established as the Westmoreland County seat of government during the 1680s. The district's buildings reflect assorted architectural styles, including Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, and Commercial Style designs.

Located within the southern end of the City of Newport News, the Newport News Downtown Historic District exemplifies nearly 100 years of historical change and growth, including the urban renewal movement during the 1960s-1970s. The district encompasses a wide variety of architectural designs, from the International, Brutalist, and New Formalism styles to more traditional types, such as the Romanesque and Gothic and Colonial Revival buildings in the northern parts of the district. The effects of Urban Renewal on the downtown area and historically

Black neighborhoods in the vicinity were discussed. The boards suggested that additional content concerning the impacts of the City's Urban Renewal projects on Black residents be discussed in more detail in the nomination.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the MPD of the African American Watermen resources and to list the Eastern Region nominations 2, 3,4,5,6 as presented. Dr. Fairfax so moved and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 as presented.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the MPD of the African American Watermen nomination and the Eastern Region nominations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented. Ms. Shull so moved and Mr. Rutledge seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the MPD and nominations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented.

The Boards agreed to take a break at 11:37 a.m.

Chair Lemon called meeting back to order at 11:42 a.m. Langan read comments from the Chair of the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department related to the Philomont Historic District.

Chair Lemon asked if any of the Board members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for the following two nominations. No conflicts were raised.

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

Northern Region

1. ** Drover's Rest, Fairfax County, DHR No. 029-0012, Criteria A, B, and C
2. ** Philomont Historic District, Loudoun County, DHR No. 053-6509, Criteria A and C

In Fairfax County, Drover's Rest is a one-and-a-half story dwelling located along the north side of the Georgetown Pike in McLean. The building was constructed ca. 1757 to 1785 by prominent landowner Bryan Fairfax in support of an 18th-century mill complex on Difficult Run. Drover's Rest is representative of the history of early milling and road development during the mid- to late 18th century. As a "drover's rest," the house provided lodging for livestock drovers, teamsters, and stagecoach travelers on the turnpike into the early 20th century.

Nestled in western Loudoun County, the Philomont Historic District is a rural village located at the crossroads intersection of Snickersville Turnpike and JEB Stuart Road, atop a slight rise above Butcher's Branch to the west. The general store, community center, and fire station anchor the village, which spans approximately forty-three acres and includes vernacular buildings that include generally local interpretations of nationally popular revival stylistic elements and use of locally available materials, such as log and stone. Despite a few non-historic resources, Philomont continues to retain much of its pristine and rural setting today. The boards discussed various aspects of the historic district and its nomination process.

Regarding the historic district, Ms. Von Lindern provided an overview of the voting process among property owners and approval at the local government level. BHR member Trip Pollard, an attorney with expertise in preservation law, and SRB member Carol Shull, former Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, provided additional context on the legal and regulatory requirements pertaining to district nominations.

Chair Lemon asked if there is a motion to vote on the two items in the Northern Region as a block. Dr. Smith motioned that the items be voted on separately. Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the nomination for Drover's Rest. Mr. Pollard so moved and Dr. Fairfax seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nomination 1 as presented. Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the nomination for

the Philomont Historic District. Dr. Fairfax so moved and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nomination 2.

Chair Mullen asked if there were any objections to voting on the two items as a block. There were no objections. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the nominations of the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Mr. Klee so moved and Mr. Rutledge seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Chair Lemon asked if any of the Board members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for the following three nominations. No conflicts were raised.

Pulice presented on items 1, 2, 3, and 4 as a block.

Western Region

1. Clarkton, Halifax County, DHR No. 041-0048, Criterion C
2. Lower Basin Historic District 2023 Boundary Increase, City of Lynchburg, DHR No. 118-5507, Criteria A and C
3. Δ, ** Pulaski High School, Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, DHR No. 125-0063, Criteria A and C
4. Roberson Mill, Floyd County, DHR No. 031-0001, Criteria A and C

Located in Halifax County, the two-story, five-bedroom Greek Revival dwelling known as Clarkton stands atop a promontory near the Staunton River. Built for Charles Clark between 1844 and 1848, the house's brick exterior is rough-coated and scored to simulate granite or marble blocks and features a monumental two-story Doric portico with paired columns. The house represents one of the finest documented examples of the Greek Revival style of architecture in Halifax County.

Previously listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register, the Lower Basin Historic District defines the City of Lynchburg's historic wholesale and industrial center. The district's 2023 Boundary Increase is located on a low terrace that extends between the south bank of the James River and a parallel ridge, and it stretches to a length of Main Street south and east of the current historic district. The history of the Boundary Increase area is tied to the historic development of the original historic district and Lynchburg as a whole. The new boundaries of the Lower Basin Historic District incorporate historic industrial and commercial buildings that contributed to the success and growth of the city.

In Pulaski County, Pulaski High School stands within a small residential area off U.S. Route 11, just northeast of downtown. This two-story Georgian Revival building was originally constructed in 1937 as a smaller, racially segregated elementary school for White students that was known as the Pico Terrace School. Pulaski High School was the first school in the county to desegregate, beginning with 14 Black students gaining access through the federal court system in the fall of 1960. It would not be until 1966 that the Pulaski County school system was fully integrated. After being replaced by a new consolidated county high school in 1974, Pulaski High School was converted to a middle school and remained open until 2020. The Boards considered whether the nomination effectively covered the topics of rural school consolidation and the Civil Rights-related efforts to desegregate the high school. Individual board members suggested that additional content regarding these aspects of the property's history be added to the nomination form as well as a discussion of the Massive Resistance movement that was specific to Virginia during the Civil Rights Movement.

The Roberson Mill, located on the West Fork of Dodd Creek in south central Floyd County, was built by miller and blacksmith John W. Epperly in the mid-1880s and acquired by miller Homer Roberson in 1931. It was one of the last two commercial mills to operate under water power in the county and one of only two existing flour mills

that was neither designed to incorporate a roller mill nor modified afterward to accommodate one. The Roberson Mill represents, therefore, the county's most authentic picture of flour milling as it was done in the United States through most of the 19th century.

Chair Lemon asked the BHR members if they had any questions regarding nomination 4. There were none.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, 3 and 4 as a block. Dr. Rutherford so moved and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked the SRB for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations as a block. Mr. Klee so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nominations 1,2, 3, and 4 as presented.

Chair Lemon requested a motion from the BHR to adjourn the joint session. Dr. Rutherford so moved and Ms. Jorjani seconded. The BHR voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The State Review Board did not adjourn because their session immediately moved to a second meeting space to begin the afternoon PIF session, which was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

The joint board meeting session concluded at 12:51 pm.

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Board of Historic Resources Members Present:

W. Tucker Lemon, Chair
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Vice Chair
Aimee K. Jorjani
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Trip Pollard
Dr. Ken Rutherford

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 (virtual)
Andy Poole
Karri Richardson
Jolene Smith
Joanna Wilson Green

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

[none]

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

Max Hokit
Parker Agelasto

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

Guests Registered in Webex:

Patrick Ellis	Sonja Ingram
Bessida White	Susan Bromm
Mark Reed	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lemon called the meeting to order at 1:30 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: Vice Chair Fairfax, Ms. Jorjani, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Dr. Rutherford 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 Maymont Foundation for hosting this meeting and stated that masks are currently optional for visitors to the museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Dr. Jennifer Loux stated that all editorial changes had been approved by marker applicants and the Marker Editorial Committee.

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following three (3) Diversity Markers as a block.

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1.) Sunnyside School, ca. 1870-1908

Sponsor: Sunnyside Sisters Bed & Breakfast

Locality: Mecklenburg County

Proposed Location: 104 Shiney Rock Road, Clarksville

2.) Key Road School

Sponsor: African American Historical Society of Portsmouth

Locality: Portsmouth

Proposed Location: 3235 Portsmouth Boulevard

3.) Lexington and the *Green Book*

Sponsor: The Historic Lexington Foundation

Locality: Lexington

Proposed Location: 106 East Washington Street

Board Comments Summary: None

With a motion to approve Diversity Markers #1-#3 by Vice Chair Fairfax and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following two (2) Sponsor Markers as a block.

Sponsor Markers

1.) Colonizing “Carolana”

Sponsor: Jorja K. Jean

Locality: Virginia Beach

Proposed Location: 4300 Shore Drive

2.) Virginia Western Community College

Sponsor: Nelson Harris

Locality: City of Roanoke

Proposed Location: 3000 block of Colonial Avenue, SW

Board Comments Summary: Chair Lemon noted that Virginia Western Community College has been a tremendous asset to the City of Roanoke.

With a motion to approve Sponsor Markers #1-#2 by Dr. Rutherford and a second from Vice Chair Fairfax, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following seven (7) Replacement Markers as a block.

Replacement Markers

1.) Christ Church N-48

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Middlesex

Proposed Location: 56 Christchurch Lane, Saluda

2.) New Providence Church A-39

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Rockbridge County

Proposed Location: 1208 New Providence Road, Raphine

3.) Greenfield FR-7

Sponsor: Charlotte County

Locality: Charlotte County

Proposed Location: George Washington Highway (Route 40) at intersection with Greenfield Road

4.) York (born ca. 1770)

Sponsor: Virginia Lewis & Clark Legacy Trail

Locality: Caroline County

Proposed Location: 3461 Ladysmith Road, Ruther Glen

5.) Lunenburg County Z-41, Z-42, Z-45, Z-46

Sponsor: Lunenburg County Historical Society

Locality: Lunenburg County

Proposed Location: Lunenburg County line at Route 40 (2), Route 49 and Route 138

6.) Mecklenburg County Z-41, A-42

Sponsor: Lunenburg County Historical Society and Mecklenburg County

Locality: Mecklenburg County

Proposed Location: Lunenburg/Mecklenburg County line on Route 49 and Route 138

7.) Nottoway County Z-45

Sponsor: Lunenburg County Historical Society and Nottoway County

Locality: Nottoway County

Proposed Location: Lunenburg/Nottoway County line on Route 40

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked how many replacement markers are needed statewide. Dr. Loux responded that the current list of replacement markers is between 200 and 300. This number is high due to the age and condition of most markers and others have been damaged or removed. Board members also asked what happens to the old or damaged markers once they have been removed. Dr. Loux responded that some markers are adopted by historical societies or other entities and used for display. Board members also requested information on who pays for replacement markers. Dr. Loux responded that this often depends on the marker, but usually the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”), county/local governments, historical societies or concerned citizens pay for replacement markers.

With a motion to approve Replacement Markers #1-#7 by Vice Chair Fairfax and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following list of applications under consideration for the June 2023 Board Cycle:

Applications Under Consideration for the June 2023 Board Cycle

- 1.) Belleville Community
- 2.) Lucyville
- 3.) Stephen Bates (1842-1907)
- 4.) Luther H. Foster High School
- 5.) Washington Park Community
- 6.) Black Exodus from Gwynn’s Island
- 7.) Dixie Three
- 8.) Brunswick 15: “A Journey from Division to Diversity”
- 9.) Edge Hill School
- 10.) Hill Mansion
- 11.) Gerald Butler Harris (1893-1976)
- 12.) Log Cabin Beach
- 13.) John Thomas West School
- 14.) Cedar Grove Mills
- 15.) Buckroe Amusement Park
- 16.) Petersburg USO

Marker texts related to applications #1-#5 (Belleville Community, Lucyville, Stephen Bates, Luther H. Foster High School and Washington Park Community) will be presented at the June 2023 Board Meeting, and applications #6-#7 (Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island and Dixie Three) will serve as alternate selections.

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve June 2023 Board Cycle Applications #1-#5 and to designate #6-#7 as alternates by Ms. Jorjani and a second by Vice Chair Fairfax, all members voted in the affirmative.

Nat Turner Trail (Southampton County)

Dr. Loux presented information on the Nat Turner Trail in Southampton County.

Southampton County has developed a walking tour in the town of Courtland focusing on Nat Turner. The tour features 19 historic markers, of which 14 are already in place. Seven (7) of these markers are on public property and therefore require the Board's approval for design, appearance, and size. The County did not realize that Board approval was required for these historic markers. Virginia Code also requires that each marker include notice of the governing body which approved the text of the marker. None of the current signs include this information. Marker staff is working with the County to incorporate a weatherproof sticker or plaque on each sign stating that the text has been approved by the Southampton County Historical Society.

Board Comments Summary: Board members agreed that Southampton County must find a way to include the text approval on the existing signs and the remaining signs that will be installed. Board members also questioned if this marker policy is accessible to the public, and Dr. Loux confirmed that the policy is posted on DHR's website.

Chair Lemon motioned to approve the Nat Turner Trail local marker program with the condition that the statutory language requirements be included on all the markers. Vice Chair Fairfax seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

The Highway Marker portion of the agenda ended at 1:52 p.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Joanna Wilson Green gave a brief presentation on burial permits:

Between December 8, 2022 and March 15, 2023, DHR issued ten (10) permits on behalf of the Board:

- Seven (7) anticipatory, as no purposeful disturbance of human remains was proposed.
- Three (3) recovery, to accommodate the relocation of a family cemetery (issued in consultation with descendants and following public notification).
- One (1) permit was extended to accommodate project complications.
- Five (5) projects were closed following completion of permit conditions.
- 27 projects remain open.

Ms. Green provided the following information about three (3) current projects:

1. Historic Christ Church Burial Recovery

- Permit issued to accommodate archaeological investigation and recovery of burials within the historic (and largely unmarked) churchyard prior to installation of necessary drainage utilities. To date only one interment has been recovered.
- As of now, there are 10 additional burials that will be partly or completely affected by drainage installation. We are working to adjust the utility alignment to the extent possible, but anticipate multiple interments being relocated to another part of the churchyard.
- All work has been done in open communication with the congregation as well as the surrounding community.

2. Colonel Joseph Bridger and Anne Randall Tombs, Historic St. Luke’s Church Burial Recovery

- Permit issued to accommodate archaeological recovery of remains interred in the crypt identified as belonging to Anne Randall, which is believed to also contain a portion of the remains of her cousin Col. Bridger. Bridger’s partial remains were recovered from the adjacent crypt under permit from DHR several years ago.
- All work has been done at the request of the Bridger family (Randall herself has no descendants) and in open communication with the surrounding community.

3. Powder Magazine at Colonial Williamsburg

- Permit issued to accommodate archaeological recovery of a human burial unexpectedly encountered during preparation for construction of visitor amenities.
- Since we issued the permit, investigation has resulted in the identification of additional human remains.
- All work has been done under public notice, but descendant community outreach will wait until anthropological and DNA analyses provide information allowing us to better understand the individuals’ origins.

Board Comments Summary: Board members questioned the need for a burial recovery permit at St. Luke’s Church and Ms. Green stated that DHR does not generally issue these types of burial permits except to families/descendants.

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 2:00 p.m.

EASEMENTS

New Easement Offers for Consideration

Mr. Edwards presented the following new easement offers for consideration:

1. **Lee Tract, Cedar Trevilian Station Battlefield, Louisa County**

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for ±98.765 acres

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

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

1. Receipt of a legible copy of the 1989 survey that forms the basis of the current legal description.
2. Final review of the 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. Davis Tract, Reams Station II Battlefield, Dinwiddie County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for ±3.0 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program

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

1. Demolition of the existing non-historic buildings and structures and rehabilitation of the battlefield landscape shall be completed within three years from the date of easement recordation. Such rehabilitation of the battlefield landscape shall be conducted according to a written rehabilitation management plan negotiated by DHR and the Trust and shall be incorporated into the easement either directly or by reference.
2. Receipt of a containment letter for the undocumented Southside Electrical Cooperative electrical line prior to easement recordation.
3. Receipt of a Transmission Corridor Conservation Plan prior to easement recordation.
4. Final review of the 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.

Board Comments Summary: Board members requested additional information about transmission corridor conservation plans. Mr. Edwards stated that these plans focus on the conservation of historic and natural resources within large transmission corridors. Ms. Musumeci added that the goal of these plans is to mitigate the impact of the transmission corridor on the overall feeling and setting of the battlefield. While these plans focus on the addition of native grasses and plants to attract wildlife, they also incorporate a trail along the edges of the corridor and interpretive signage about the historic events that took place on the property.

3. Haskins Tract, New Market Heights Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Applicant: Capital Region Land Conservancy

Offer for ±49.09 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program and Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

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

1. Prior to recordation of the historic preservation easement, receipt of the recorded Henrico County utility easement that includes the existing 30' sewer line easement, a 30' wide utility easement, and temporary construction easements to either side. VDHR shall approve the terms and provisions of such easement prior to its recordation.
2. Prior to recordation of the historic preservation easement, receipt of revised comprehensive plan letter from Henrico County removing its previous request to include public infrastructure improvement (PIE) language in the easement.
3. Final review of the 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.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked why a 200-foot wide utility corridor was needed. Ms. Musumeci explained that when the original sewer line was installed in the 1980s both the permanent and temporary construction easements utilized 200 feet and the soil in this area had been disturbed as a result. However, Henrico County only

installed a 30 foot wide easement at the time. Additional easement area is needed for future repair and replacement of the line.

4. New Market Road Tract, Malvern Hill Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Applicant: Capital Region Land Conservancy

Offer for ±41.019 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program and Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

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

1. Prior to recordation of the historic preservation easement, receipt of a revised comprehensive plan letter from Henrico County removing its request for the historic preservation easement to allow for the widening of New Market Road.
2. Final review of the 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. Thomas Chapel, Bedford County

Easement Applicant: Portiuncula Guild

Offer for ±1.419 acres

Grant Funding/Tax Incentives: none

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

1. Receipt of a recorded copy of the quitclaim deed (or other legal document) in which the Methodist Church formally disclaims its interest in the Property.
2. Portiuncula Guild obtains and grants a perpetual access easement to the Property for DHR staff and the general public.
3. Inclusion of a term in the easement that affirms that the conveyance of the easement by PG is a voluntary action and PG also agrees that the easement, its restrictions, and the review processes established therein do not present a substantial burden on its religious exercise.
4. Inclusion in of a term in the easement that protects the exterior (and not the interior) of the Chapel.
5. Final review of the 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.

Board Comments Summary: Board members requested additional information as to why the easement restrictions will not extend to the interior of the Chapel. Mr. Edwards stated that due to the current owner's plans to allow religious services inside the Chapel, the easement will not impede the practice of religion. The easement will focus on the exterior of the Chapel and the grounds to protect the Property's integrity and conservation values.

With a motion to approve the New Easement Offers #1-#6 by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second by Vice Chair Fairfax, all members voted in the affirmative.

Easement Offer for Reconsideration

Mr. Edwards presented the following Easement Offer for Reconsideration:

1. **Mair Tract, Great Bridge Battlefield, City of Chesapeake**

Applicant: American Battlefield Trust

Offer for ±0.6648 acres

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

The Board approved the Mair Tract easement offer on March 18, 2021, subject to the following condition:

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

Project Status:

- Reasons for the delay in recording:
 - (i) DHR did not provide the initial easement draft to the Trust until over one year after the BHR's approval of the easement offer.
 - (ii) Extended discussions between the Trust, the City of Chesapeake, and DHR about an electronic sign the City proposed to install on the property.
- The Trust, City of Chesapeake, and ABPP reviewed the draft easement. Final review by the Office of the Attorney General of applicable documents and a baseline documentation site visit are still needed.

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

1. Final review of the title work, title commitment, survey and draft easement by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

Board Comments Summary: Board members requested clarification on the length of the March 18, 2021 Board approval. Mr. Edwards confirmed that this easement was approved for two years and therefore will expire on March 18, 2023. Board members also requested additional information about the electronic sign proposed by the City of Chesapeake. Ms. Melinat stated that staff is working with the City to refine the design of the sign and the precise location either on the property or possibly within the VDOT right of way along Battlefield Boulevard, which falls outside of the easement boundary.

With a motion to approve the Easement Offer for Reconsideration by Mr. Pollard and a second from Dr. Rutherford all members voted in the affirmative.

New Easements Recorded Since the December 2022 BHR Meeting

Mr. Edwards briefed the Board about the following recently recorded easements:

1. **Drexel-Morrell Center, Powhatan County**

Easement Donor: Belmead on the James, Inc.

Acreage: ±56.4 acres

Recorded February 15, 2023

2. **Levien Tract, McDowell Battlefield, Highland County**

Easement Donor: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Acreage: ±19.0912 acres

Recorded February 17, 2023

Board Comments Summary: None

With a motion to adjourn by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second from Vice Chair Fairfax, all members voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 2:34 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

At Garden Hall, Maymont, 1700 Hampton Street, Richmond, Virginia

State Review Board Members Present

Chair John Mullen
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Jeffrey E. Klee
Greg Rutledge
Carol Shull
Dr. Larissa M Smith

State Review Board Members Absent

Vice-Chair Dr. Jody L. Allen

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Amanda Terrell
Joanna McKnight
Michael Pulice
Aubrey Von Lindern
Marc Wagner
LaToya Gray-Sparks

Other State Agency Staff Present:

none

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

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Forms (informal guidance session).

The following Preliminary Information Forms were *endorsed* by acclamation, 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. The Board approved Preliminary Information Forms by voice vote.

Western Region

1. Crockett, John, Farm, Wythe County, DHR No. 098-0004, Criteria A and C
The Crockett Farm PIF was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Exploration and Settlement and Criterion C, Architecture. The board voted to approve the PIF and concurred with the PIF's author that there appears to be high potential for archaeological deposits related to the settlement period and the Civil War Battle of the Cove.

2. Firebaugh-Armentrout Farm, Rockbridge County, DHR No. 081-0077, Criteria A and C
The Firebaugh-Armentrout Farm PIF was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Agriculture and Criterion C, Architecture. The board voted to approve the PIF without comment.
3. Hart Motors Showroom, City of Salem, DHR No. 129-5171, Criteria A and C
The Hart Motors Co. PIF was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Commerce, and Criterion C, Architecture. The board voted to approve the PIF but requested that a nomination provide information about any changes that have been made to the service wing of the building.
4. **Keiser House, City of Lynchburg, DHR No. 118-5718, Criterion C
The Keiser House PIF was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. The board voted to approve the PIF without comment.
5. Rosenwald-Felts School, City of Galax, DHR No. 113-5041, Criteria A and C
The Rosenwald-Felts School was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Education and African-American Ethnic Heritage. The board voted to approve the PIF and concurred with the staff evaluation committee's assertion that a good written context on education in the City of Galax will be necessary for a nomination.

Northern Region

1. **Creek Hollow Farm, Loudoun County, DHR No.053-6284, Criterion C
Creek Hollow Farm was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. The owner of the property was present and presented additional information regarding the property and that she had access to previous property owners with additional information on the property. The State Review Board approved the PIF for the Creek Hollow Farm.
2. Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery, Augusta County, DHR No. 007-6089, Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration G
The Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Exploration and Settlement and Criterion C, Architecture. There were no comments or questions from the State Review Board. The State Review Board approved the PIF for the Dutch Hollow Hanger
3. Ewing House, Rockingham County, DHR No. 082-0254, Criterion C
The Ewing House was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. The house's addition and changes that occurred during the renovation of the house were discussed. SRB member The Board noted that the interior was well preserved even with the addition of two salvaged mantels, but concerns about changes made to the first story façade, including the change in brickwork, also were discussed. The Board approved the PIF.
4. **Staunton Coca-Cola Plant, City of Staunton, DHR No. 132-5071, Criteria A and C
The Staunton Coca-Cola Bottling Works was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Commerce and Criterion C, Architecture. The SRB asked questions regarding the interior and whether or not materials existed from when it was originally constructed ca.1927. SRB members also discussed the suggested period of significance and whether the end date should be 1961, when the updates to the façade were made, or if it should be extended to 1973 if it could be argued

that the company continued to be locally significant in the area of Commerce to that time. The board approved the PIF.

Eastern Region

1. Ebony Historic District, Brunswick County, DHR No. 012-5368, Criteria A and C
The Store/Post Office building that was left outside of the proposed district was discussed. The preparer for the PIF did not have the permission to include the property at the time of PIF submission but would seek it if the matter goes forward for nomination preparation. The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.
2. Δ Cuckoo School, Louisa County, DHR No. 054-5479, Criteria A and C
The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.
3. Δ# Helping Hand Cemetery, Town of Courtland, Southampton County, DHR. No. 201-5004, Criteria A and C
The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.
4. Δ Woburn Winery, Mecklenburg County, DHR No. 058-0122, Criteria A and C
More information about the very early house on the property is expected as more research on the building proceeds if the matter goes forward to the nomination preparation work. The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.
5. ** Scottish Rite Temple, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-6076-0049, Criteria A and C
The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.
6. }Scottsville Tire Cord Plant, Town of Scottsville, Albemarle County, DHR No. 298-5003, Criteria A and C
The board unanimously approved the PIF and concurred with the recommendation of Register eligibility.

Chair Mullen requested a motion for the SRB to adjourn. Dr. Breen made the motion and Mr. Klee seconded. The SRB meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

- * Cost Share Sponsored Project
- ** Certified Local Government
- *** Certified Local Government Grant 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
- } Sponsored by Local Government (no grants utilized)
- < Threatened Sites state grant
- { African American Outreach state grant
- | National Trust for Historic Preservation private grant