

Approved Minutes

JOINT MEETING
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
9:30 a.m. June 15, 2023

Virginia Museum of History and Culture, 428 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23220

State Review Board Members Present

John Mullen, Chair
Dr. Jody L. Allen, Vice-Chair
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Dr. 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
Karice Luck-Brimmer
Trip Pollard
Dr. Ken Rutherford

Attending Online

State Review Board Members Absent

None.

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Aimee Jorjani

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
Amanda Terrell
Megan Melinat
Aubrey Von Lindern
Michael Pulice
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Kyle Edwards
Anne Cabrie Forsythe

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Brad McDonald
Lena McDonald
Marc Wagner
Joanna McKnight
Joanna Wilson Green
Mike Clem

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General (attending online)
Wes Morgan, Office of the Attorney General

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

State Review Board (SRB)

At 9:34 a.m., Chair Mullen called the SRB meeting to order. Chair Mullen noted that the meeting is public, is being held in person, is streaming online, and is being recorded. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of SRB members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Vice-Chair Allen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Breen, Dr. Klee, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rutledge, and Chair Mullen are present. Chair Mullen read the land acknowledgement statement. He next 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. Dr. Smith so moved and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes and the March 16, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Rutledge so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

Chair Lemon called the Board of Historic Resources to order at 9:42 a.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of BHR members to establish the presence of a quorum: Vice-Chair Fairfax, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, Dr. Rutherford, and Chair Lemon are present.

Chair Lemon explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. He invited BHR members to introduce themselves and introduced himself. Chair Lemon noted that some DHR staff members are attending the meeting online as are members of the public. He requested a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Dr. Rutherford so moved and Vice-Chair Fairfax seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes and the March 16, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Rutherford noted that an acronym, BIPOC, is not spelled out on its first use on page 3 of the meeting minutes. With Dr. Rutherford's one change, Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Rutherford made the motion and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon introduced Sabrina Jones, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Mariner's Museum. Ms. Jones explained the museum's concept and mission. She thanked DHR for support over the years, including administration of the Maritime Heritage Grant. Ms. Jones summarized the museum's collections, library, and archives. She explained that the museum's mission is to connect visitors to the world's waters. The museum was founded in 1930 by workers at the Newport News Shipyard. These workers undertook initial construction of the museum and established its library. The museum operates under the servant leadership model with the goal of promoting resilience and economic development. Ms. Jones explained that just 3-4% of the museum's currently are on display, but they have set a goal of building a new collections center that will make more of the collections accessible to the public.

Chair Mullen introduced Travis Voyles, Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources. Secretary Voyles thanked everyone attending the meeting for their interest in Virginia's historic resources, and thanked the members of both boards and DHR staff for their service.

Director's Report:

Chair Mullen introduced Director Langan. She thanked Secretary Voyles and the staff of the Mariner's Museum. She noted that DHR will continue to partner with the museum on future projects through the Maritime Heritage Grant program of the National Park Service. She provided updates on recent DHR projects. The state stewardship report is produced every two years to provide stewardship guidance to state agencies that own historic properties. The report also is an opportunity to remind other agencies that DHR is available at all times to assist with preservation challenges. Director Langan said that an update to the 2018 study on the economic impact of state historic rehabilitation tax credits is getting underway and will be available later in the fall. She explained that the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) grant program has accepted applications and DHR staff are reviewing them. An update on the BIPOC program will be provided at the Boards' meeting in September 2023. Director Langan said that a small model of the Barbara Johns statue has been completed. Once it has been approved by the Capitol Statuary Commission, work on the full sculpture will begin with an anticipated completion date of fall 2024. Director Langan said that DHR has hired a consulting firm to design storage shelving for DHR's expanded collections storage space in order to maximize the usefulness of the space. She also noted that DHR has hired its first Tribal Outreach Coordinator, Jess Hendrix, who previously was a tribal heritage preservation officer for the Osage Mission. Director Langan said that DHR's review & compliance division has a 98% rate of responsiveness within 30 days of receipt of a request for review. She added that DHR has just unveiled a new website that will facilitate the agency's efforts in public education opportunities. Director Langan thanked Deputy Director Stephanie Williams, Survey & Information Management Director Jolene Smith, Communications Manage Ivy Tan, and Community Services Division Director Amanda Terrell for their work with the consulting

firm that designed the website. Director Langan said that budget negotiations for the next state fiscal year. Current expectations are that a new Deputy Director position will be created at DHR and that additional funds for the BIPOC program will be appropriated. She noted that DHR will be awarding Cost Share, Certified Local Government, Battlefield Preservation, and Threatened Sites grants this summer. Director Langan concluded with a reminder that the Boards' next meeting will be in Danville.

Public Comment

Chair Lemon introduced the public comment period. Two people have signed in with a request to speak. He invited other audience members to speak if preferred. He added that a second comment period will occur when the BHR meets this afternoon to review Highway Marker and Easement program materials. Deputy Director Williams said one person is online with a request to speak. Chair Lemon explained the purpose of the public comment period and noted that speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes. He added that the BHR will not take action on any comments presented today but DHR will take the comments under consideration.

Mr. Jeff Geiger spoke about the nomination for the Hermitage Road Historic District 2023 Boundary Increase and Update.

Mr. Roger Buryn spoke about the nomination for Eyreville.

Ms. Debra McClane spoke about the nomination for Eyreville.

Chair Lemon noted that the comments made today will receive careful consideration and that the public comment period is concluded. The Boards agreed to take a break at 10:24 a.m.

The Board meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Eastern Region

1. ** Charlottesville Downtown Mall Historic District, City of Charlottesville, DHR No. 104-5994, Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration G
2. Cherry Grove, King William County, DHR No. 050-5115, Criterion C
3. **De Paul Hospital Historic District, City of Norfolk, DHR No. 122-6120, Criterion A and Criteria Consideration A
4. Eyreville, Northampton County, DHR No. 065-5126, Criteria A, B, C, and D
5. **Hermitage Road Historic District 2023 Boundary Increase, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7825, Criteria A and C
6. **High-Rise for the Elderly, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-7674, Criteria A and C

Chair Mullen asked if any of the SRB or BHR members have a conflict of interest concerning any of the nominations slated for presentation today. Mr. Rutledge has a conflict of interest regarding nomination 3 in the Eastern Region for the De Paul Hospital Complex Historic District and will recuse himself regarding the nomination as he is a member of the City of Norfolk's Architectural Review Board. Chair Mullen and Chair Lemon agreed to present the nomination for the De Paul Hospital Historic District first.

Mr. Wagner presented nomination 3 for the De Paul Hospital Complex Historic District and asked for questions. No questions were made.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve nomination 3 as presented. Dr. Klee so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. Deputy Director Williams took a roll call vote. Vice-Chair Allen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Breen, Dr. Klee, Dr. Smith, and Chair Mullen voted in the affirmative and Mr. Rutledge abstained.

Chair Lemon requested a motion to approve nomination 3 as presented. Dr. Rutherford so moved and Vice-Chair Fairfax seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nomination 3 as presented.

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

Dr. Rutherford noted that his hometown in Colorado has a pedestrian mall that was modeled after the Charlottesville Downtown Mall. Chair Lemon asked about the Register status of the adjacent buildings. Mr. Wagner responded that the buildings are within the Charlottesville and Albemarle County Courthouse Historic District, which was listed in the Registers during the early 1980s.

Vice-Chair Fairfax said that an African American neighborhood, Sherwood Park, is nearby the Hermitage Road Warehouse Historic District 2023 Boundary Increase and Update. Residents of the neighborhood included employees of the various industries in the district. The construction of I-64 cut off the neighborhood from the historic district. Mr. Pollard asked for clarification regarding the district boundaries and the proximity of the Diamond ballpark. The two resources are not contiguous. Vice-Chair Fairfax described the history of Gilpin Court, which is named for the Gilpin family, who included numerous prominent members important in the arts, entertainment, medicine, and other fields. The Gilpin neighborhood was demolished to make way for a public housing project that culminated with construction of the High-Rise for the Elderly.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1,2, 4, 5, and 6 as presented. Dr. Breen so moved and Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nominations 1,2, 4, 5, and 6 as presented.

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

Northern Region

1. Black Oak Spring, Augusta County, DHR No. 007-0180, Criterion C
2. Shenvalee Golf Resort, Shenandoah County, DHR No. 269-5003, Criterion A

Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern presented nominations 1 and 2 as a block. Chair Lemon asked if the lock set on the primary entry door is original. The property owner confirmed that it is. Dr. Rutherford asked where the Italian diplomats/prisoners went during World War II after Italy surrendered. Ms. Von Lindern said they went to multiple locations.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Dr. Rutherford so moved and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative 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. Dr. Klee so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Northern region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Western Region

1. Dameron Cottage, Town of Amherst, Amherst County, DHR No. 163-5014, Criterion C
2. Dante Downtown Historic District, Russell County, DHR No. 083-5153, Criteria A and C
3. Southwestern State Hospital Tubercular Building, Town of Marion, Smyth County, Criterion A

Mr. Michael Pulice presented nominations 1, 2, and 3 as a block. Vice-Chair Fairfax asked about the presence of a porch on the Dameron Cottage as originally constructed due to the cultural significance of front porches in African American communities. She suggested that whatever information about the Bibby family has been found can be included in the nomination. Ms. Luck-Brimmer said that genealogical research may provide more information about Archey and William Cullen Bibby, who built the original dwelling. Mr. Pulice and Ms. Esposito, author of the nomination, explained that the nomination contains what little information was available regarding the Bibby family. Ms. Shull noted that the community of Dante retains a remarkable number of historic dwellings outside of the downtown area. Mr. Pulice said currently there are no plans to consider evaluating the residential area as a potential historic district.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Ms. Shull so moved and Dr. Klee seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented.

Chair Lemon asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Dr. Rutherford made the motion and Ms. Luck-Brimmer seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented.

The SRB agreed to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Dr. Breen so moved and Mr. Rutledge seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The BHR agreed to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. following a lunch break. Chair Lemon asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Mr. Rutherford made the motion and Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The joint meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 5
Buildings: 6
Structures: 0
Sites: 0
Objects: 0
MPDs: 0

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Mariner's Museum & Park Huntington Room, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, Virginia

Board of Historic Resources Members Present:

W. Tucker Lemon, Chair
Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax
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*
Karri Richardson*

Joanna Wilson Green*
*denotes virtual attendance

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

Aimee K. Jorjani

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

Deborah Crittenden
Judy Ledbetter, Richard M. Bowman Center for Local
History
Larry Schuyler*
Raymond Crittenden
Thursa Crittenden
*denotes virtual attendance

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Emily Barksdale, Department of Budget and Planning
Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

Guests Registered in Webex:

Larry Schuyler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lemon called the meeting to order at 12:39 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 also read the following DHR Purpose Statement:

The Virginia Board of Historic Resources is an official policy-making board of the Commonwealth of Virginia created by the Code of Virginia. Its policies are implemented by the Department of Historic Resources, which day in and day out labors on behalf of our irreplaceable resources in the interest of the citizens of this Commonwealth. The Board is charged primarily with the responsibility for:

- 1. Designating historic landmarks of local, statewide, or national significance;*
- 2. Establishing historic preservation practices for the care and management of our Virginia Historic Landmarks;*
- 3. Designating state-recognized historic districts and archaeological sites and zones;*
- 4. Approving historical highway markers;*
- 5. Reviewing programs and services of the Agency, and making recommendations to the Director of DHR and the Governor regarding programs and services; and in order to preserve important sites and buildings in perpetuity; and*
- 6. Accepting voluntarily granted gifts of preservation easements over historic properties to the Commonwealth.*

The Governor of Virginia selects members of the Board from volunteer and professional leaders of Virginia's history, preservation, and museum communities. Votes taken during this meeting are official actions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Historic Resources.

Chair Lemon read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves: Vice Chair Harris, Dr. Fairfax, Ms. Luck-Brimmer, Mr. Pollard, 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 the Mariner's Museum & Park for hosting this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Schuyler and Deborah Crittenden, descendants of Stephen Bates, thanked the Board and DHR for considering the Stephen Bates Diversity Highway Marker (#1 below) and stated that Bates, who was born enslaved at Shirley Plantation in Charles City County but later became the first African American sheriff in the North, left a proud legacy.

Judy Ledbetter from the Richard M. Bowman Center for Local History also thanked DHR Highway Marker staff and especially Historic Shirley for making their archives available and for locating the marker near the intersection of Route 5 at Shirley Plantation Road.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following five (5) Diversity Markers as a block.

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1.) Stephen Bates ca. 1870-1908

Sponsors: Charles City County Richmond M. Bowman Center for Local History, Larry Schyler for the Bates family, Liz Ryan for the Stephen Bates Historic Marker Team (Vermont) and Charles Carter for Historic Shirley.

Locality: Charles City County

Proposed Location: near the intersection of Rout 5 and Shirley Plantation Roads

2.) Lucyville

Sponsor: Cumberland Middle School

Locality: Cumberland County

Proposed Location: Trent's Mill Road (route 622) at the intersection with Oak Hill Road

Dr. Loux noted that the proposed marker text has been revised to the following:

The Rev. Reuben T. Coleman, enslaved at birth, became an entrepreneur after the Civil War. About 1.5 miles north of here he established Lucyville, named for his daughter, which in the 1890s featured a bank, post office, newspaper, and mineral springs resort that drew visitors from afar. Coleman, who challenged segregation, was the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church and a local Republican leader and officeholder. His brother-in-law Shed Dungee, formerly enslaved, represented the area in the House of Delegates (1879-1882) and aligned with the Readjusters, a biracial coalition that achieved major reforms and supported public education. Many Lucyville residents left during the Great Migration.

3.) Washington Park Community

Sponsor: Washington Park Civic Association

Locality: City of Richmond

Proposed Location: 4317 North Avenue

4.) Belleville Community

Sponsor: Church of God and Saints of Christ/Temple Beth El

Locality: City of Suffolk

Proposed Location: near the intersection of Bridge Road and Townpoint Road

5.) Luther H. Foster High School

Sponsor: Luther H. Foster High School Alumni Association

Locality: Nottoway County

Proposed Location: 5285 Old Nottoway Road, Blackstone

Board Comments Summary: Board members were pleased about highway marker commemorating the legacy of Stephen Bates and asked if there is a book about Stephen Bates. Dr. Loux and the Bates descendants responded that there is no book at this time, but there are a few published articles about his life.

With a motion to approve Diversity Markers #1-#5 by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second from Dr. Fairfax, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following two (2) DHR-sponsored Markers as a block.

DHR-sponsored Markers

1.) Richmond's First Municipal African Cemetery

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: City of Richmond

Proposed Location: East Broad Street, east of I-95

2.) Arthur Crudup (1905-1974)

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Northampton County

Proposed Location: Nassawadox

Board Comments Summary: None

With a motion to approve DHR-sponsored Markers #1-#2 by Dr. Rutherford and a second from Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following five (5) Replacement Markers as a block.

Replacement Markers

1.) Grave of Patrick Henry's Mother R-60

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Amherst County

Proposed Location: Patrick Henry Highway (Rte.151), north of Winton Road (Rte. 736)

2.) Dansie-Ruffin Ferry OC-25

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: King William County

Proposed Location: Route 30 at intersection with Route 634 (Sweet Hall Road)

3.) Buckroe Beach WY-92

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: City of Hampton

Proposed Location: Intersection of E. Pembroke and S. First Street

4.) Grave of Gov. James L. Kemper F-17

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Orange County

Proposed Location: James Madison Highway*US 15) and Little Skyline Drive (County Route 674)

5.) NASA Wallops Flight Facility WY-12-a

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Accomack County

Proposed Location: Chincoteague Road (Route 175) next to the NASA Visitor Center

Board Comments Summary: Dr. Fairfax was pleased to learn that the text for the Buckroe Beach marker is being revised.

With a motion to approve Replacement Markers #1-#5 by Dr. 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 September 2023 Board Cycle:

Applications Under Consideration for September 2023 Board Cycle

- 1.) Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island (Mathews County)
- 2.) Calfee Training School (Town of Pulaski)
- 3.) James Paw Paw (New Kent County)
- 4.) Claytor Memorial Clinic (City of Roanoke)
- 5.) "Dissenters' Glebe" of the Rev. Samuel Davies (Hanover County)
- 6.) Old Folks Home (Essex County)
- 7.) Brewing in Carver (City of Richmond)
- 8.) Treble Clef and Book Lovers' Club (City of Richmond)
- 9.) Fitzhugh Lee Hill Sr. (City of Richmond)
- 10.) Belvidere (City of Richmond)
- 11.) Ancestral Home of Rachel Jackson (Accomack County)
- 12.) Ethel Graded Pughsville School (City of Suffolk)
- 13.) John Lewis Bridge (Loudoun County)

Applications #1-#5 (Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island, Calfee Training School, James Paw Paw, Claytor Memorial Clinic and "Dissenters' Glebe" of the Rev. Samuel Davies) will be presented at the September 2023 Board Meeting, and applications #6-#7 (Old Folks Home and Brewing in Carver) will serve as alternate selections.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked for an update on the foundry's progress in working through the marker production backlog. Dr. Loux responded that the foundry is currently producing 1-2 Virginia markers per week since January and working hard and consistently to clear the production backlog.

With a motion to approve September 2023 Board Cycle Applications #1-#5 and alternates #6-#7 by Dr. Fairfax and a second by Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following local marker for the Board's approval:

Virginia Beach Daughters of the American Revolution Marker

Dr. Loux noted that the Virginia Beach Daughters of the American Revolution local marker is differentiated from the DHR highway markers in size, shape, design and color. The marker(s) will be located on a walking path on the property of the Thoroughgood Education Center in the City of Virginia Beach.

Board Comments Summary: Board members confirmed the size, shape, design and color of the marker.

With a motion to approve Virginia Beach Daughters of the American Revolution Marker by Ms. Luck-Brimmer and a second by Dr. Rutherford, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Marker portion of the agenda ended at 1:10 p.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Joanna Wilson Green gave a brief presentation on burial permits:

- Between March 16, 2023 and June 15, 2023 DHR issued 3 permits on behalf of the Board:
 - 2 anticipatory, as no purposeful disturbance of human remains was proposed.
 - 1 revision to the existing recovery permit for *Historic Christ Church* (Lancaster County) to accommodate recovery of six unmarked interments.
- 2 permits were extended to accommodate project complications.
- 5 projects were closed following completion of permit conditions.
- 26 projects remain open.

Historic Christ Church – Update to 3/16/2023 Briefing

Permit revised to accommodate recovery of six unmarked burials located adjacent to the walls of the historic church prior to installation of necessary drainage utilities. To date two interments have been recovered.

All work has been done in open communication with the congregation as well as the surrounding community but recovery itself takes place discreetly within opaque shelters

Powder Magazine at Colonial Williamsburg – Update to 3/16/2023 Briefing

Archaeologists have completed recovery of four discrete (intact) burials and the contents of a surgeon's pit on the property. All remains are currently housed at the Institute for Historical Biology at the College of William and Mary.

The work has drawn the attention of the Department of Defense, which sent a delegation from its Mortuary Affairs Program to visit the site and meet with Colonial Williamsburg Foundation staff.

Hickory Hill Slave and African American Cemetery

- Established on the former Hickory Hill Plantation in Hanover County ca. 1820.

- Believed to contain several hundred interments, only 14 of which are recognizably marked.
- DHR staff provided assistance to the descendant community over the past several years by helping to research and write a successful National Register nomination, spending a day of service there clearing brush and deadfall, and providing the community with a Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund grant.
- Of particular note is a truly unique survey project that took place this past April. Timmons Group conducted a pro bono survey of the ±4-acre property and located 230 graves, all of which have been geo-referenced. The resulting maps and information have been presented to the community for their use.

Board Comments Summary: Board members requested additional information about the Department of Defense’s (“DOD”) role in the recovery of remains at the Powder Magazine at Colonial Williamsburg. Ms. Wilson Green responded that while the DOD had no jurisdiction in this project, there is interest at the Federal level in the treatment and disposition of any soldiers who have fought in any war. Colonial Williamsburg, the College of William & Mary, and DHR welcomed the DOD delegation’s interest and demonstrated best practices for the recovery of military human remains. Ms. Wilson Green noted that due to the high level of cooperation by all involved parties, this recovery project has the potential to become a flagship project in the future.

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 1:17 p.m.

EASEMENTS

New Easement Offers for Consideration

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

1. Carter Tract, Seven Pines Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust
 Offer for ±11.763 acres
 Proposed Grant Funding: ABPP, VLCF

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Carter 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 such plan shall be incorporated into the easement either directly or by reference.
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. Gilchrist Tract, Dinwiddie Courthouse Battlefield, Dinwiddie County

Easement Applicant: American Battlefield Trust
 Offer for ±7.88 acres
 Proposed Grant Funding: ABPP, VBPF

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

1. The Trust must gate or fence all access points along the southeastern boundary of the Property within 30 days from its acquisition of the Property.
2. The easement will protect Natural Heritage resources within the C2 Ecological Core as defined by DCR's Natural Heritage Division. This includes, but is not limited to, provisions for a 100' riparian buffer, maintaining native vegetative cover and avoiding permanent ground disturbances to the greatest extent possible in the forested area.
3. The Trust must remove the undocumented Southside Electrical Cooperative line that extends from the neighboring property. If removal is not possible, the line must be documented with an existing easement, new easement, or containment letter.
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 issue that require documentation or action.

Board Comments Summary: Board members requested additional information about the dwelling that served as a field hospital on the Carter Tract. Mr. Edwards responded that the current dwelling has been extensively reworked with a number of additions and no longer retains historic integrity as confirmed by Megan Melinat and Marc Wagner at their recent site visit.

With a motion to approve Easement offers #1-#2 by Trip Pollard and a second by Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Easements Recorded Since the March 2023 BHR Meeting

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

1. **Morris Tract, Tom's Brook Battlefield, Shenandoah County**
Easement Donor: Anna Morris
Acreage: ±123.36 acres
Grant Funds Awarded: ABPP, VBPF
Recorded March 23, 2023
2. **Edwards Tract, Port Republic Battlefield, Rockingham County**
Easement Donor: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Acreage: ±107.345 acres
Grant Funds Awarded: ABPP, VLCF, VBPF
Recorded April 15, 2023
3. **Vaughan Tract, Appomattox Court House Battlefield, Appomattox County**
Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage: ±8.1 acres
Grant Funds Awarded: ABPP, VBPF
Recorded April 18, 2023
4. **Jamerson Tract, Appomattox Station Battlefield, Appomattox County**
Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage: ±45.772 acres
Grand Funds Awarded: ABPP, VBPF
Recorded May 17, 2023

Board Comments Summary: None

With a motion to adjourn the meeting by Trip Pollard and a second by Ms. Luck-Brimmer, all members voted in the affirmative.

Chair Lemon adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 1:37 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

At Gallery 1828 at the Blackburn Inn and Conference Center, 106 Village Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401

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

- Julie Langan
- Amanda Terrell
- Lena McDonald
- Joanna McKnight
- Michael Pulice
- Aubrey Von Lindern
- Marc Wagner
- LaToya Gray-Sparks
- Anne Cabrie Forsythe

Other State Agency Staff Present:

none

Guests (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets): Dana Bartholomew, Thomas Gerdome, Kristin Kirchen, Debra McClane, Elizabeth Nowack (City of Virginia Beach), Mark Reed (City of Virginia Beach), Randy Shuford

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 12:58 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. The Board approved Preliminary Information Forms by voice vote.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. Bishop-Cole House, Washington County, DHR No. 095-0334, Criterion C
Comments: The Board *endorsed* the PIF without additional comments.

2. N&W Railway Class J No. 611 Steam Locomotive, City of Roanoke, DHR No. 128-6479, Criteria A and C
Comments: The Board *endorsed* the PIF without additional comments.
3. Parks-Cole Farm, Washington County, DHR No. 095-5449, Criteria A and C
Comments: The Board *endorsed* the PIF without additional comments.

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

1. Bacova Historic District, Bath County, DHR No. 008-0014, Criterion A
Comments: Bacova Historic District was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. SRB member Jeff Klee asked about the proposed period of significance and wondered if it should be reduced to only include the years the district was owned by Tidewater Hardwood and not include the period when it was owned by the Bacova Guild Ltd. It was explained that POS should include both the Tidewater and Bacova Guild eras as the buildings continued to be used for industry and because Bacova Guild was equally significant for its influence and impact on this area of Bath County. No other comments and questions were received by the board. The State Review Board voted the district is potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion A.
2. Borden House, Shenandoah County, DHR No. 085-0260, Criterion C
Comments: The Borden House was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. There were no comments or questions from the board. The State Review Board voted that the Borden House is potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.
3. Ivy Hill Cemetery, City of Alexandria, DHR No. 100-0203, Criterion C and Criteria Considerations D and F
Comments: Ivy Hill Cemetery was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and Criteria Considerations D and F. Several of the board members had questions regarding the POS for cemeteries but no other comments were made. Ivy Hill Cemetery was recommended Ivy Hill as potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and Criteria Considerations D and F.
4. Long Meadow Farm, Augusta County, DHR No. 007-0147, Criterion C
Comments: Long Meadow Farm was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. Several board members said they would like to see detailed descriptions of the log outbuildings. No other comments were made. The SRB recommended Long Meadow Farm as potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C..
5. **Randall Estates, Fairfax County, DHR No. 029-6392, Criteria A and C
Comments: Randall Estates Historic District was presented for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, Ethnic History, African American and Architecture. No comments were made. The SRB recommended Randall Estates as potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C.

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

1. }, \$, ** Beach Carousel Motel, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-0460, Criteria A and C
Comments: City of Virginia Beach Preservation Planner Mark Reed and Planner Elizabeth Nowak were present in the room and joined by PIF author/architectural historian Kristin Kirchen via virtual connection. The Board asked a few questions about the integrity of materials on the building, the signage and the windows. The matter was approved by the Board to go forward without any changes to the proposed Criteria, POS, AOS or score.

2. DAW Theater, Town of Tappahannock, Essex County, DHR No. 310-0024-0024, Criteria A and C
Comments: DAW Theater Foundation Board President Dana Bartholomew and Vice President Randy Shuford; Thomas Gerdom, historic theater consultant, were present in the room. The Board did not have many comments other than support for the restoration effort. All of the visitors commented on their efforts to get the Theater back into service. Thomas Gerdom commented on the theater's history, architecture and restoration efforts. He noted that the 1949 seats that were lost in a warehouse fire (in South Carolina where they had been sent to be restored) can still be manufactured. The matter was approved by the Board to go forward without any changes to the proposed Criteria, POS, AOS or score.
3. }, ** Gunning and Hunt Clubs of Princess Anne County Multiple Property Documentation Form, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-6037
Comments: The Board approved the proposal to prepare the Multiple Property Documentation Form. The geographic extent of the MPD was discussed, as recreational hunting clubs along the coast historically extended into Currituck County, North Carolina. Varying degrees of integrity of the examples of hunting clubs identified to date also were discussed as many of the buildings now function as private dwellings.
4. Δ, \ Havelock School, Richmond County, DHR No. 079-5141, Criteria A and C
Comments: The Board discussed the mid-twentieth century alterations and rear addition, as well as the c. 2003 side addition and how they fit into the context and integrity of the main house and setting. After in-depth discussion, the Board voted to defer evaluation of the property until they had more information about the changes on the interior and exterior of the main block; the design and construction of the rear addition; and overall integrity of the building, as a whole.
5. Δ Hampton University 2023 Update and VLR Boundary Increase, City of Hampton, DHR No. 114-0006, Criteria A, B, and C
Comments: The Board supported the effort to bring the nomination up to current scholarship and expand the boundaries of the Virginia Landmarks Register to the full 200+ acre National Register Boundary. Board member Rutledge asked whether some consideration could be given to reducing boundaries where the resources were well short of 50 years old. Wagner noted that the updated survey could determine fine tuning to the boundaries (state and federal), but he also noted that the concept of full listing of the complete historic holdings of the University may be justified with some careful research. Dr. Jody Allen noted that Ogden Hall, the University's concert and public lecture hall, may be the venue where a legal case resulted from segregated seating. Wagner noted this. Wagner noted that the POS was subject to change as research and survey identifies more history and dates of historic buildings. The matter was approved by the Board to go forward without any changes to the proposed Criteria, POS, AOS or score.
6. ** Hoopers House, Hanover County, DHR No. 042-0556, Criterion C
Comments: The Board discussed the mid-twentieth century alterations and rear addition, as well as the c. 2003 side addition and how they fit into the context and integrity of the main house and setting. After in-depth discussion, the Board voted to defer evaluation of the property until they had more information about the changes on the interior and exterior of the main block; the design and construction of the rear addition; and overall integrity of the building, as a whole.
7. }, \$, ** Pocahontas Fowling Club, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-0171, Criteria A and C
Comments: The Pocahontas Fowling Club is proposed for nomination under the Gunning and Hunt Clubs of Princess Anne County Multiple Property Documentation Form. The property's setting and extant historic resources were discussed in terms of how they continue to convey its historic use as a hunting club.
8. Ragland Mansion, City of Petersburg, DHR No. 123-0094-0115, Criterion C
Comments: The Board considered whether the building could be listed under additional criteria, possibly A and B, in addition to C, since it is already a contributing building in the Poplar Lawn Historic District. The property's connection to the slave trade in Virginia, as well as enslaved laborers' contributions to the built

environment in Petersburg, particularly those institutions and buildings owned by the Ragland Family would be an interesting angle to pursue. The Board voted the building eligible for listing with the recommendation that at least one additional criterion be included, in addition to C for Architecture.

9. #, \$ Southampton Masonic Lodge No. 116 F&AM/ Virginia Nottoway Indian Community House, Southampton County, DHR No. 183-5011, Criterion A
Comments: The Board *endorsed* the PIF without additional comments.

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 5:25 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