

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting
February 4, 2017
Museum Classrooms
Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Sharron Hamilton, Timothy Hersh, Kathryn Herzog, John Hoopes, Joseph Johnson, David Sachs, Gregory Schneider and Toni Stewart.

Absent: Jennie Chinn and Eric Engstrom.

A quorum was present.

Staff

Present: Rick Anderson, Kristen Johnston, Lauren Jones, Marsha Longofono, Amanda Loughlin, Katrina Ringler and Patrick Zollner.

Proceedings

In Chairman Eric Engstrom's absence, Gregory Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and asked for introductions from the board and staff.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the meeting minutes of November 19, 2016.

Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner gave a legislative update, noting that budget hearings have begun. Zollner reported that there are now 1,431 Kansas listings in the National Register of Historic Places and 172 Kansas Register-only listings. Since the last meeting, there have been 9 new listings, 1 boundary expansion and 2 removals. In addition, a new National Historic Landmark – the Wyandotte National Burying Ground – was designated on January 11, 2017 [AL: since the meeting, we found out this was actually designated December 23, 2016]. There are now 26 National Historic Landmarks in Kansas. Zollner announced that a new Review & Compliance online project review system would launch this quarter. He also noted that staff member Jillian Love gave birth to a baby girl in January and will be on maternity leave until March, 2017.

HERITAGE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The recommendations of the Heritage Trust Fund grant review committee (Attachment 1) were read by committee chairman Toni Stewart. The board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Soffietti-Boccia Store

313 Fleming Street, West Mineral, Cherokee County

Criterion A: Commerce; Social History

Period of Significance: ca. 1915 to 1967 **Level of Significance:** Local
Resource Count: 6 (2 contributing and 1 non-contributing buildings; 1 contributing site; 2 contributing structures)

The story of the Soffiotti-Boccia Store is one that represents the wider history of the Cherokee-Crawford coal field. In this store, which was active between circa 1915 and 1982, the Soffiotti and Boccia families not only provided groceries, hardware, cloth, and feed, they provided a welcome contrast to the “company stores” owned by the various coal companies dominating the region. Where company stores exploited the miner, the owners of the Soffiotti-Boccia Store went out of their way to support their customers and neighbors. This customer base was comprised mostly of Eastern and Mediterranean European immigrants who arrived in Cherokee County seeking a better life than the ones they left in Europe.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: There was discussion about whether it was appropriate to tell the stories of the immigrants “in their own words.” This was in reference to page 10 of the nomination. Sachs was in favor of leaving out the dialogue; Schneider & Hoopes spoke in favor of leaving it in. Loughlin concluded the discussion by stating that she would take the board member comments under consideration.

Public Discussion: Owner John Boccia spoke in support of the nomination. Kathryn Herzog asked if there were plans to keep and restore all of the items in the store, to which Boccia replied yes.

Motion to approve: Toni Stewart Second: John Hoopes
8 votes yes

R. W. Hocker Subdivision, Lot K Spec House (Walker House)
5532 Knox Avenue, Merriam, Johnson County

Criteria A & C: Community Development; Architecture
Period of Significance: ca. 1905 to ca. 1911
Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 2 (1 contributing & 1 non-contributing building)

Summary: The Walker House was one of two speculative Shirtwaist-style houses constructed around 1910 in Merriam’s 40-acre R.W. Hocker Subdivision. Richard Weaver (R.W.) Hocker was a prominent local banker and developer in the Kansas City area. He platted his eight five-acre lot subdivision concurrently with his development of the Hocker Interurban Line. Begun in 1904 this trolley line eventually connected downtown Kansas City, Missouri, with Merriam and points west; it was discontinued in 1927. The house’s parcel now only includes a portion of Lot K due to later residential development. The Walker House is significant for its association with early suburban development associated with the Kansas City regional streetcar lines and for its architecture as a suburban example of the Shirtwaist style.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: David Sachs remarked that he appreciated seeing interior photographs in the presentation and requested he see them prior to the board meeting, to which Loughlin replied she will make a point to include them in future.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Heidi Walker spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: Toni Stewart
8 votes yes

Mugan-Olmstead House

819 Avalon Road, Lawrence, Douglas County

Criteria A & C: Community Development; Architecture

Period of Significance: 1866-1956

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 (1 contributing & 1 non-contributing building)

MPS: Historic Resource of Lawrence

Summary: The Mugan-Olmsted House is significant as an example of a residence that evolved during development patterns associated with the growth of Lawrence between 1866 and 1956. Patrick Mugan, a trained stonemason, built the first portion of the house around 1866 as a gable-front dwelling. The house was soon expanded, taking on a gable-front-and-wing form. This form was a common building type in the mid-1800s and the two-story version was mostly popular in the northeastern and midwestern states. The Mugan-Olmsted House is atypical in this form due to its construction of stone rather than wood, which was more common. The house continued to change through its ownership by the Mugan and Olmsted families, acquiring a front porch, south sunporch, interior bathrooms, and millwork.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

Discussion: Loughlin referred to two letters of support for the nomination included in the board member packets.

Public Discussion: Dennis Brown, President of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance, spoke in favor of the nomination and provided historical information about the current owner (now deceased) involvement in local preservation efforts. John Hoopes asked if Olive Hare Stanford's name could be added to the name of the property, to which Loughlin agreed to add it to the alternate name.

Motion to approve: John Hoopes Second: Joseph Johnson
8 votes yes

Ness County Bridge FS-450

County Road 20, Bazine vicinity, Ness County

Criterion C: Transportation; Engineering

Period of Significance: ca. 1935

Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 1 contributing structure
MPS: Masonry Arch Bridges of Kansas

Summary: Built in circa 1935, Ness County Bridge FS-450 is nominated for its local significance as a native limestone triple-arch bridge. Although built within the time period of the New Deal era, no known primary information ties this bridge's construction to a New Deal projects. What is known is that Ness County Bridge FS-450 is one of at least ten similar bridges constructed in the county between circa 1928 and circa 1941; although, it is the only one of the ten with decorative sidewalls.

SHPO Note: The impetus for this nomination was a Section 106 case that involved the demolition of a similar bridge built during the same period. The proposal to demolish the bridge required a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency. The bridge was determined eligible and the demolition was considered an adverse effect. The county agreed to nominate FS-450 to mitigate the loss.

Presented by: Lauren Jones

Discussion: Greg Schneider questioned whether this project was funded by federal versus private grants, to which Loughlin agreed to further research and provide clarification.

Public Discussion: Craig Crosswhite spoke in favor of the nomination and supplemented Loughlin's presentation with additional information about the effect of modern farm equipment on bridges constructed during this period.

Motion to approve: Kathryn Herzog Second: Gregory Schneider
8 votes yes

Giles, Leanna, House
202 Pottawatomie Street, Leavenworth, Leavenworth County

Criteria A & C: Architecture; Community Development
Period of Significance: ca. 1860-1966
Level of Significance: Local
Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Summary: Built in circa 1860, the Giles House is nominated for its association with Leavenworth's residential development. Once a common house type, especially for working class families, this house is one of the few remaining examples of pre-statehood National Folk houses in Leavenworth. The house is named for the Leanna Giles, who was the longest tenant-owner in the house's history.

SHPO Note: Since determining this house was potentially eligible for the state register, a fire damaged the rear of the house. The current owner has also removed a significant amount of lath and plaster and the historic front door; however, he has opened up the front porch. No structural changes have occurred on the interior.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

There was no discussion.

Motion to approve: Kathryn Herzog Second: Tim Hersh
8 votes yes

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES – REMOVAL

Rooks County Record Building

501 Main Street, Stocking, Rooks County

Criteria A & C: Architecture; Communications

Period of Significance: 1911-1955

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 contributing buildings

Summary: The Rooks County Record Building (F.E. Young Building) was listed in 2005. Constructed in 1911 at a prominent downtown corner, the Rooks County Record Building was a two-story red brick commercial building designed to house businesses. It was an example of the Progressive Era Commercial style and included a flat roof, parapet, and an angled entrance. The post office, local telephone company, and the local newspaper occupied space in the building. It was nominated for its association with the growth and development of Stockton and for its architecture.

SHPO Note: The building was demolished in December 2013 after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #13-12-048). The loss of the resource negatively affects its historic integrity.

Presented by: Amanda Loughlin

There was no discussion.

Motion to approve: David Sachs Second: Toni Stewart
8 votes yes

Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be May 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Kansas Museum of History in the Museum Classrooms. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Report of the 2017 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee

On February 3, 2017, after a public hearing, the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee met to discuss its final selection of the 2017 Heritage Trust Fund grant applications and to prepare a list of recommendations to this board. The members of the committee are Sharron Hamilton, Gregory Schneider and Toni Stewart. The committee reviewed 38 applications requesting a total of \$2,670,250 in grant funds.

The committee evaluated the applicants, employing the criteria stated in the legislation that created the grant program in 1990. The criteria includes the property’s level of historic significance, condition of the property, urgency of the work proposed, level of endangerment, administrative ability of the applicant, potential benefit to the community and state, community support for the project, and the property owner’s financial need.

Following is the list of properties recommended for funding in the 2017 round of Heritage Trust Fund grants. They are listed alphabetically by county.

1	Chase	Carter Building/Chase County National Bank Building	36,825
2	Ellsworth	Ira E. Lloyd Stock Farm	19,167
3	Ford	Mueller-Schmidt House	70,689
4	Lincoln	Cummins Block	22,800
5	Lyon	Cross, Col. H. C. & Susan, House	86,841
6	Marion	Elgin Hotel	90,000
7	Marion	Pioneer Adobe House	69,340
8	Morris	A.F. & A.M. Lodge/Electric Theater	29,914
9	Ness	Ness County Bank	90,000
10	Republic	Woodland Place Stock Farm	44,448
11	Sedgwick	Anawalt House	55,716
12	Sedgwick	Fresh Air Baby Camp	9,315
13	Sedgwick	Wey Mansion/Carriage House	40,481
14	Sedgwick	William Sternberg House	34,080
15	Shawnee	North Topeka Baptist Church	53,818

These 15 awards total \$753,434 in proposed grant funding. The selected projects include a number of significant properties drawn from locations across the state. We believe the recommended projects will benefit these historic resources and the communities in which they are found. We hope these projects meet with your approval and that you will choose to endorse our recommendations. I therefore move that this report be accepted by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, pending the availability of funds.

Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee
 Sharron Hamilton
 Gregory Schneider
 Toni Stewart