

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting  
February 10, 2018  
Museum Classrooms  
Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, KS**

**Board Members**

*Present:* Jennie Chinn, Timothy Hersh, Kathryn Herzog, John Hoopes, Joseph Johnson, Laura Murphy, David Sachs, Gregory Schneider and Toni Stewart.

*Absent:* Eric Engstrom and Sharron Hamilton.

A quorum was established.

**Staff**

*Present:* Rick Anderson, Bethany Emenhiser, Kristen Johnston, Lauren Jones, Marsha Longofono, Amanda Loughlin, Jillian Love, Katrina Ringler, Tim Weston 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 members and staff.

**Approval of Minutes**

The board approved the meeting minutes of November 18, 2017.

**Cultural Resources Division Director's Report**

Patrick Zollner reported that there are now 1,451 Kansas listings in the National Register of Historic Places and 26 Kansas Register-only listings with 6 new listings, 1 new additional documentation and 1 relocation request since the last meeting. Zollner announced the retirement of Virginia Wulfschle, SHPO Public Archeologist, who retired in December. Zollner also announced that today is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Allen White's birthday; in honor of this event, Red Rocks State Historic Site will be open for free tours for the public today.

Dr. Laura Murphy was introduced as the newest addition to the Historic Sites Board of Review. Murphy fills the second archeologist position vacated by Dr. Margaret Wood.

**HERITAGE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS**

***The Norton Apartments***

1111 & 1115 E Iron Avenue, Salina, Saline County

**Criteria A & C:** Architecture & Community Development

**Period of Significance:** 1926-1928

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 2 contributing buildings

**Summary:** The Norton Apartment Buildings are adjacent brick apartment buildings designed and built in 1926-1928 by Frank C. Norton and Willis B. Crowther. The buildings are locally significant as representatives of Salina's growth and expansion in the 1920s. Low-Rise Walk-Up Apartment Buildings, including the Norton Apartments, addressed the city's expanding population and housing shortage following World War I. This new building type provided efficient use of land in locations already served by public infrastructure and provided multiple dwelling units in a common setting with similar amenities to compete with single family homes that were in short supply in Salina as well as other communities across the nation.

**SHPO Note:** This is a federal tax credit project.

*Presented by:* Brenda Spencer

*Discussion:* David Sachs asked if the glass block around the front doors were original, to which Spencer replied no. Greg Schneider asked about the planned use for the building, to which Spencer responded apartment units.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson                      Second: Toni Stewart  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention<sup>1</sup>

***Madonna of the Trail***

11 E Main Street, Council Grove, Morris County

**Criteria A & C:** Social History & Art

**Period of Significance:** 1927-1928

**Level of Significance:** National

**Resource Count:** 1 contributing site, 1 contributing object

**MPS:** Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail

**Summary:** One of 12 Madonna monuments erected across the United States along the National Old Trails Road by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Council Grove Madonna of the Trail Monument plays tribute to the pioneer women who helped settle the West. The Council Grove Madonna is one of only three (of the 12) that are specific to the Santa Fe Trail. The monument reflects the early twentieth century movement to commemorate historic roads and trails, a movement initiated by the DAR.

**SHPO Note:** The DAR claims ownership of the monument itself; the city is the owner of the park. Both entities support the nomination.

*Presented by:* Brenda Spencer

*Discussion:* Joseph Johnson asked for clarification regarding the location of other Madonna monuments on the Santa Fe Trail. Kristen Johnston, KSHS staff, replied that there is one statue

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<sup>1</sup> Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.

in Arizona and another in New Mexico. Patrick Zollner, KSHS staff, remarked that the state of Kansas only has 1 statue.

Motion to approve: Kathryn Herzog                      Second: John Hoopes  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

***Harmon Park Swale*** -- 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Johnson County

**Staff Comments:** This nomination was initially included in the February agenda at the request of one of the Prairie Village city council members. The mayor, council and city administrator tentatively support the nomination. The city administrator requested that this nomination be tabled until the May HSBR, in order to give Amanda a chance to present it to the Prairie Village Parks Department for their approval.

***Neodesha City Hall***

102 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Neodesha, Wilson County

**Criterion A:** Government & Commerce

**Period of Significance:** 1872-1966                      **Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 contributing building

**Summary:** The Neodesha City Hall building, constructed in 1872, is locally significant for its association with the growth and development of the town of Neodesha, Kansas and its city government. The City Hall is the oldest known government or commercial building in Wilson County. It served as a hub for municipal operations, including offices, meeting rooms, a utility payment counter and the Chamber of Commerce, from the year of its construction until 1992, when City Hall moved to 1407 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1966 the second story was vacated by the Neodesha Library, ending the continued use of this building for civic functions.

*Presented by:* Susan Ford

Motion to approve: David Sachs                      Second: Kathryn Herzog  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

***Pawnee Tipi Rings & Golden Beach Resort***

Hays vicinity, Ellis County

**Criteria A, C & d:** Archeology, Ethnic Heritage, Exploration/Settlement, Entertainment/  
Recreation

**Period of Significance:** 1844-1948                      **Level of Significance:** National

**Resource Count:** 1 contributing building, 2 contributing sites, 2 contributing structures, 1 non-contributing building

**Summary:** The roughly 23 acres that contain the nominated district includes a concentration of historic material that represents the shift in occupation and ownership of land in Central Kansas beginning in the mid-1800s into the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1844 John Fremont's second expedition encountered a Pawnee hunting camp that consisted of several tipis on a high point overlooking the Smoky Hill River, which may have been this location. By 1867, Euro-American settlers

claimed the property, choosing to permanently live in the region and participate in ranching and crop-growing. The earliest Euro-American resources at this site include ancillary structures to an 1870s farmstead; the current house, built in 1948, replaced the earliest farmhouse. During the 1920s and 1930s, the property was partially utilized as a private outdoor recreation spot for locals known as the Golden Springs Beach. The district is significant for its tangible reflection of this ownership and use transition and is especially significant as one of the best-preserved tipi sites in the state.

**SHPO Note:** This nomination was prepared primarily by Tim Weston with information provided by Jack Hofman and Chris Hord. The owner requests the location information be withheld, but you have been provided with a non-redacted version.

*Presented by:* Tim Weston

*Discussion:* Many questions from the HSBR members prompted speculation by researchers Jack Hoffman (University of Kansas) and Chris Hord (Kansas Anthropological Association).

*Public Discussion:* Kurt Kraus spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion to approve<sup>2</sup>: John Hoopes                      Second: Laura Murphy  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

<sup>2</sup>*SHPO Note:* The motion to approve was based on Criteria A & D.

The board took a 10-minute break at 10:43 A.M. The meeting resumed at 10:54 A.M.

## **REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES – NOMINATIONS**

### ***Powell Building***

1749 KS-9 Highway, Goff, Nemaha County

**Criteria A:** Commerce; Entertainment/Recreation; Social History

**Period of Significance:** 1894-1968                      **Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 contributing building

**Summary:** During its first 20 years the Powell Building was home to three mercantile/general stores but by 1916 it housed the city's first opera house and theater. By 1919 the theater, called the "Electric Theater," offered entertainment to the citizens as well as acting as a center for community events such as the Armistice Day celebration at the end of WWI. The building served the town's civic organizations including the Odd Fellows Lodge, the American Legion Post and the Lions Club and also functioned as the city's community hall for 20 years (1940-1960). While multi-purpose use of buildings is not uncommon in small towns, the Powell Building is significant in its broad utility for the town, likely touching the lives of every citizen for several generations and as one of the only relatively intact historic commercial buildings remaining in the town of Goff.

**SHPO Note:** The building is ineligible for the National Register due to the covered storefront (loss of integrity). National Register eligibility may be reassessed if the façade was restored.

*Presented by:* Brenda Spencer

*Discussion:* John Hoopes asked about the bell property, to which Spencer replied it is a separate property. David Sachs remarked that this building is “spectacularly unremarkable.” Sachs opined that the building has lost its context, which makes it not eligible for listing. Spencer replied that a state register nomination is appropriate; she remarked that the building is important to the community despite its loss of integrity.

Motion to approve: David Sachs                      Second: Joseph Johnson  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

***Fox Theatre***

612-614 Commercial Street, Atchison, Atchison County

**Criteria A:** Entertainment/Recreation  
**Period of Significance:** 1949-1970                      **Level of Significance:** Local  
**Resource Count:** 1 contributing building  
**MPS:** Historic Theaters & Opera Houses

**Summary:** The site of the 1949 Fox Theatre illustrates a long association with the motion picture business in Atchison; prior to the Fox, the parcel was the location of the Royal Theatre, subsequently known as the Fox Royal Theatre, from circa 1911 to 1947. From 1949 to 2011, the nominated Fox Theatre operated as downtown Atchison’s neighborhood movie theater, serving a significant entertainment and recreation function in the city. Built in 1949, major interior alterations occurred in 1970 when the primary theater space was altered to create a separate theater in the balcony.

**SHPO Note:** The building is ineligible due to the significant interior alterations.

*Presented by:* Rachel Nugent

*Discussion:* Kathryn Herzog asked if the original signage was destroyed, to which Nugent replied they might still have it. David Sachs remarked that the value of this nomination is to see the way in which a historic building can be abused. Gregory Schneider remarked that the owners made two mistakes: creating a pedestrian mall and splitting up the theater. Joseph Johnson asked for clarification regarding the ineligibility of this property, to which Amanda Loughlin replied it is ineligible for National Register listing.

Motion to approve: Kathryn Herzog                      Second: Gregory Schneider  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

**BOUNDARY DECREASE – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

***North Topeka Avenue & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District***

1065, 1103, 1109 & 1113 N Topeka Avenue, Wichita, Sedgwick County

**Listed:** February 14, 1983

**Resource Count when listed:** 5 contributing houses; 1 contributing outbuilding; 2 non-contributing outbuildings

**Current Resource Count:** 4 contributing houses; 1 contributing outbuilding

**Summary:** The North Topeka Avenue & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 14, 1983. When listed, the district contained seven contributing buildings and two non-contributing buildings. Since listing, one house and three support structures have been demolished. The house at 1108 N Topeka Avenue was the only resource in the district located on the east side of North Topeka Avenue. The parcel is now a parking lot. This boundary decrease shrinks the historic district's area to include only those resources on the west side of Topeka Avenue.

**SHPO Note:** The district's north, west and south boundary lines remain the same from 1983; the entire east boundary is now the east property line of each of the remaining four parcels. SHPO is submitting this documentation as a way to keep records up-to-date.

*Presented by:* Amanda Loughlin

*Discussion:* Patrick Zollner, KSHS Staff, remarked that because the boundary has changed, it was necessary to bring this to the attention of the board.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson                      Second: Timothy Hersh  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

## **REMOVAL REQUEST – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

### ***Barton County Bridge #650***

NE 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver vicinity, Barton County

**Listed:** July 2, 2008

**Demolished:** circa 2016

**Summary:** Bridge #650 was listed for its local significance in the areas of architecture, social history and government under the New Deal-era Resources of Kansas. Built by the Works Projects Administration between 1938 & 1940, Bridge #650 was one of three similar limestone and concrete bridges constructed in Barton County by the WPA. In circa 2016, the county removed and replaced Bridge #650.

**SHPO Note:** The bridge was removed after a state law review (KSR&C #14-08-165).

*Presented by:* Amanda Loughlin

Motion to approve: David Sachs                      Second: John Hoopes  
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

**Other Business:**

There was no further business to discuss.

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be May 5, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Kansas Museum of History in the Museum Classrooms. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

ATTACHMENT 1

**Report of the 2018 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee**

On February 9, 2018, after a public hearing, the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee met to discuss its final selection of the 2018 Heritage Trust Fund grant applications and to prepare a list of recommendations to this board. The members of the committee are Kathryn Herzog, Gregory Schneider and Toni Stewart. The committee reviewed 53 applications requesting a total of \$3,586,036 in grant funds.

The committee evaluated the applicants, employing the criteria stated in the legislation that created the grant program in 1990. The criteria include 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 2018 round of Heritage Trust Fund grants. They are listed alphabetically by county.

<b>County</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Award</b>
Atchison	Dawson Property/WR Stebbins House	\$ 90,000
Cowley	Cowley County Natl Bank Building	\$ 43,276
Doniphan	Kelley General Store & Opera House	\$ 45,600
Ellsworth	Ira E Lloyd Stock Farm	\$ 7,190
Franklin	Lyman Reid House	\$ 33,100
Hamilton	Potter's Opera House	\$ 43,878
Kingman	Kingman County Courthouse	\$ 90,000
Lincoln	Cross & Morgan General Store	\$ 15,417
Lincoln	Marshall-Yohe House	\$ 19,661
Lyon	Richard Howe House	\$ 19,896
Marion	Marion County Poor Farm	\$ 59,520
Marion	William & Ida Schaeffler House	\$ 34,923
Marshall	Charles JD Koester House	\$ 29,760
Meade	John & Eva Dalton Whipple House	\$ 50,787
Morris	Morris County State Bank	\$ 62,400
Neosho	Oak Grove School District #20	\$ 56,400
Shawnee	Constitution Hall	\$ 35,120
Sherman	United Telephone Building	\$ 66,260
Woodson	Waymire Block	\$ 21,118
Wyandotte	St John the Divine Catholic Church	\$ 29,280



These 20 awards total \$853,586 in proposed grant funding. The selected projects include many 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  
Kathryn Herzog  
Gregory Schneider  
Toni Stewart