North Carolina
National Register Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 16, 2016

The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on June 16, 2016, in the conference room on the third floor of the Cultural Resources Building (formerly the Archives and History/State Library Building), 109 East Jones Street, in downtown Raleigh. Committee members in attendance were: Dr. Richard D. Starnes, acting chair, Dr. Kristen Baldwin Deathridge, Mr. Samuel B. Dixon, Mr. George W. Edwards, Ms. Wendy Grady, Dr. Lee Edward Gray, Dr. Valerie A. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Kluttz, Mr. David Maurer, and Ms. Terri Russ. Committee members Mrs. Millie Barbee and Dr. Linda F. Stine were absent.

State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) staff members present were: Dr. Kevin Cherry, state historic preservation officer; Ramona Bartos, HPO administrator; Claudia Brown, Survey and National Register Branch supervisor; Ann Swallow, National Register coordinator; Hannah Beckman, National Register and survey specialist; Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, National Register assistant; Anna Grantham, assistant file and photography clerk; Jason Norris, Survey and National Register Branch intern; Scott Power, Eastern Office supervisor; Erica Pippin and Sarah Rogers, Eastern Office interns; Annie McDonald, preservation specialist, Western Office; Paul Fomberg, senior restoration specialist; David Christenbury, staff architect; Kelsey Morrison, Restoration Services Branch intern; and Andrew Edmonds, GIS specialist.

Visitors in attendance included Mary Pope Furr, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and Jennifer Martin, consultant.

Dr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with welcoming comments. He explained that Mrs. Barbee was absent because she was attending the funeral of a friend and then asked everyone to introduce themselves, beginning with committee members and continuing with staff and visitors. After introductions were made, Dr. Starnes asked committee members, having had an opportunity to review the agenda, to disclose any real or perceived conflicts of interest. No one replied. He then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016, meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Maurer and second by Mr. Dixon, the minutes were approved unanimously. Dr. Starnes then asked Dr. Cherry for his report.

Dr. Cherry gave the following departmental update:

- The North Carolina film industry exhibit at the Museum of History and *The Old North State at War: A North Carolina Civil War Atlas* published by the Office of Archives and History won national awards from the American Association for State and Local History.
- Visitation at state historic sites and museums is down slightly following the end of the Civil War Sesquicentennial celebrations last year.
- Major repair and renovation projects being conducted at several sites include work at Tryon Palace; a new permanent exhibition at the Vance Birthplace; and the complete renovation of the Roanoke Island Aquarium, soon to re-open.
- The State Archives' "Treasures of the Carolinas" exhibit at the Museum of History, which includes North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights, is ending soon.

- There are three exhibits scheduled to travel and an upcoming exhibit on North Carolina and World War I at the museum.
- Planning is under way for celebrating the "Year of North Carolina Women, 1919 to 1920," to mark the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.
- The administrative component of transfers from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the new Department of Natural and Cultural Resources met all deadlines. Now the programmatic aspect of the transfer is beginning and is entailing minor changes such as additional activities for visitors to state historic sites.
- The budget under consideration by the General Assembly is among the best of the last several years, including the renewal of funding for the Office of State Archaeology laboratory and Natural Heritage Program positions. The only part of the department that might have a budget reduction is Tryon Palace (the elimination of $50,000 of non-recurring funds for one position).

Asked by Dr. Starnes to give her report on the State Historic Preservation Office, Ms. Bartos related the following:

- The national 2016 Vernacular Architecture Forum conference, held in Durham the first week of June, was planned and coordinated by Claudia Brown, conference co-chair with architectural historian/consultant Marvin Brown and considerable input by HPO staff Michael Southern and others. Ms. Bartos reviewed the agenda and stated that the conference, a huge preservation outreach event for North Carolina attended by more than 200 people from across the nation and beyond, was a rousing success and asked for a round of applause for HPO staff.
- The HPO has had the following staff changes: the CLG/local government coordinator position was vacated by Laurie Mitchell in April and is currently being advertised; Jennifer Johnson has been hired as the program assistant for the Restoration Services Branch; and Hannah Beckman has filled the National Register and survey specialist position effective June 1.
- The HPO has five summer interns: Jason Norris and Genevieve Barnes in the Survey and National Register Branch, Kelsey Morrison in the Restoration Services Branch, and Erica Pippin and Sarah Rogers in the Eastern Office. All were introduced, except for Ms. Barnes who was absent.

Ms. Bartos then announced that Mrs. Barbee, Ms. Grady, and Dr. Stine will rotate off the NRAC on June 30, 2016, as required upon completion of their third consecutive two-year term. Ms. Bartos stated that during their tenure, 229 National Register nominations and 265 Study List applications were approved by the committee. A brief ceremony then ensued during which Ms. Grady was presented with a gift. Ms. Bartos explained that gifts would be mailed to Mrs. Barbee and Dr. Stine and that all three would be given certificates of service as soon as they can be prepared. [Please note: After the meeting, staff realized that an error had been made regarding Dr. Stine's term, which in fact does not end until June 30, 2017.]

Dr. Cherry then reviewed the agenda of the next meeting of the North Carolina Historical Commission (NCHC), scheduled for July 22, 2016, in Morganton:

- Consideration of rules implementing the bill, which regulates monuments on state property regardless of ownership, that was passed by the General Assembly in 2015;
- Inspection of a monument at the Burke County Courthouse as a potential model for a documents display at the State Capitol;
- Potential de-accessions from the Executive Mansion collection;
- A visit to the Fort San Juan site;
- Review of the summary documentation of the public hearings on the placement on the Capitol grounds of a monument grounds to the accomplishments of North Carolina African Americans. The documentation will be posted for public comment and then the search for a designer of the monument will begin.

After asking everyone to silence their cell phones, Dr. Starnes asked for consideration of National Register nominations to begin with a presentation by Annie McDonald of the nomination for the Berkeley Mills Ballpark in Henderson County. There being no questions or discussion, Dr. Starnes called for a motion. Mr. Maurer moved for approval of the nomination, Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, and all voted for it.

Ann Swallow then presented four nominations for properties in the central and southeastern regions of the state (see attached agenda). After the presentation, Mr. Edwards asked about plans for the Richfield Milling Company. Ms. Swallow replied that the owner's attention has been on the building's structural stabilization and he has not made concrete plans beyond preservation and finding a new, compatible use for it other than a museum. Dr. Starnes asked if removal of the mill's elevator impacts the building's integrity, to which Ms. Swallow responded that the integrity is diminished but not to the extent that the building is ineligible for the National Register. Ms. Brown interjected that the elevator was removed in order to stabilize the roof beneath it and Ms. Swallow added that the owner plans to re-install it. Ms. Grady asked about the future of May Hosiery Mills Knitting Mill. Jennifer Martin, who prepared the nomination for the mill, said that the group of investors who own the mill have not made definite plans for it. When Dr. Starnes called for a motion, Ms. Grady moved for approval of all four nominations and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Scott Power presented a nomination for the Burt-Arrington House in Nash County. Afterwards, Dr. Deathridge asked for clarification of the property's level of significance. Mr. Power explained that it possesses local significance as one of approximately eight Federal-period houses in Nash County. Mr. Dixon made a motion to approve the nomination, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and all voted their approval.

Consideration of Study List applications began with a presentation by Annie McDonald on the William Von Cannon House in Avery County during which she explained that staff recommended that the property not be placed on the Study List due to extensive alterations. Mr. Maurer stated that he agrees with the staff assessment and asked that if the changes were to be reversed, would the property have to be re-presented for the Study List before a National Register nomination could be reviewed. Ms. McDonald answered in the affirmative. In response to a question from Dr. Deathridge, Ms. McDonald stated that the original flooring remains under carpeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Russ, the vote was

unanimous to accept the staff recommendation that the application for the William Von Cannon House be denied.

Claudia Brown presented six Study List applications for properties in the central and southeastern regions of the state (see attached agenda). During her presentation, she explained that staff recommended approval of the Windsor Cotton Mill, the Arthur Nash House, and the Cowan-Hargrave House; approval of Holt's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South with the caution that a nomination for the building is unlikely to be successful until the recently constructed mezzanine is removed; rejection of Popular Branch Landing Road due to lack of evidence supporting its significance and changes to the road over time; and rejection of the Levi P. Creech House due to its relocation and other changes to the house.

Discussion ensued after Ms. Brown's presentation. Dr. Johnson stated that she agrees with the staff recommendation regarding Popular Branch Landing Road and recommended that advocates for the road's preservation explore a possible connection between the road's crossing of a waterway and freedom-seeking behavior. She also recommended that the name of Arthur Nash's wife be added to the name of the Nash House property and that Mrs. Nash's career as an artist be explored for inclusion in the Criterion B argument for the property's significance. Mr. Edwards asked if the Nash House, a contributing property in the Chapel Hill Historic District, is being proposed for individual listing in the Register in order to highlight Arthur Nash's career as an architect, to which Ms. Brown replied affirmatively. Mr. Dixon asked if individual listing in the National Register would make the house a candidate for local landmark designation. Ms. Brown responded that consideration for local designation would not be automatic as the two programs are not related. Dr. Cherry asked if re-installation of the transom and sidelights to the main entrance of the Cowan-Hargrave House would be required for a nomination to be successful. Ms. Brown replied that re-installation of those elements would not be necessary.

Dr. Starnes asked for a motion regarding the negative staff recommendations on Popular Branch Landing Road and the Levi P. Creech House. Dr. Johnson moved for approval of staff recommendations, Mrs. Kluttz seconded the motion, and all voted for it. Dr. Starnes then asked for a motion regarding the remaining four properties presented by Ms. Brown. Mr. Edwards made a motion for approval of staff recommendations for placement of all four properties on the Study List, Ms. Grady seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Starnes called for a lunch recess at noon. When the committee reconvened at 12:40 p.m., Ann Swallow presented five Study List applications for properties in the central and southeastern regions, noting that staff recommended approval of all except for the Chronicle Mill and the Minneola Mill due to extensive alterations (see attached agenda). After the presentation, Dr. Gray asked if the designer of the Standard Chemical Products Plant is known. Ms. Swallow replied that the designer of the plant remains unknown. Ms. Russ moved for approval of staff recommendations regarding the five properties, Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and all voted for it.

Scott Power presented a Study List application for the Red Oak Farm Life High School Dormitory/Teacherage in Nash County. Mrs. Kluttz made a motion to place the property on the Study List, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and it met unanimous approval.

Ms. Bartos thanked the committee for maintaining a quorum. Ms. Swallow cautioned that the next meeting, scheduled for October 13, 2016, is likely to have a longer agenda. Dr. Starnes thanked the committee and staff for their participation. Upon a motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Ms. Russ, all voted for adjournment at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Conference Room, Third Floor, Archives and History Building
109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
June 16, 2016
Final Agenda

COUNTY	PROPERTY/LOCATION	PRESENTER

NATIONAL REGISTER

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Western Region

Henderson	Berkeley Mills Ballpark Hendersonville	Annie McDonald

Central and Southeastern Regions

Alamance	May Hosiery Mills Knitting Mill Burlington	Ann Swallow
Gaston	Cherryville Downtown Historic District Cherryville	
Scotland	St. Andrews Presbyterian College Laurinburg	
Stanly	Richfield Milling Company Richfield	

Eastern Region

Nash	Burt-Arrington House Hilliardston	Scott Power

STUDY LIST

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Western Region

Avery	William Von Canon House Banner Elk vicinity	Annie McDonald

Central and Southeastern Regions

Alamance	Holt's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South Haw River	Claudia Brown
	Windsor Cotton Mill Burlington	
Columbus	Popular Branch Landing Road Sandyfield vicinity	
Johnston	Levi P. Creech House Four Oaks vicinity	
Orange	Arthur C. Nash House Chapel Hill	
Scotland	Cowan-Hargrave House Laurel Hill vicinity	
Gaston	Chronicle Mill Belmont	Ann Swallow
Guilford	Minneola Mill Gibsonville	
Lincoln	Machpelah Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Iron Station	
Mecklenburg	Standard Chemical Products Plant Charlotte	
Union	Rodman-Heath Cotton Mill Waxhaw	

Eastern Region

Nash	Red Oak Farm Life High School Dormitory/Teacherage Red Oak	Scott Power