

North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee Minutes
13 June 2019

The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on 13 June 2019 in the third-floor conference room of the Archives and History Building at 109 East Jones Street in downtown Raleigh. NRAC members attending the meeting were Chairman David Maurer, Dr. Kristen Baldwin-Deathridge, Mr. Samuel B. Dixon, Dr. Tamara Holmes-Brothers, Mr. Matt Jorgenson, Dr. Alicia McGill, Ms. Terri Russ, and Ms. Barbara Snowden. NRAC members not in attendance were Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, Ms. Margaret Klutz, and Dr. Chris Fonville.

State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) staff in attendance were Dr. Kevin Cherry, Deputy Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer; Ramona Bartos, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer; Jeff Adolphsen, Senior Restoration Specialist; Hannah Beckman-Black, National Register and Survey Specialist; Debbie Bevin, Historic Preservation Specialist for Disaster Recovery; Jenn Brosz, National Register Coordinator; Kristi Brantley, National Register Assistant; Chandrea Burch, HPO File Room Manager; David Christenbury, Non-Income Producing Tax Credit Coordinator; Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Tax Credit Program Assistant, Sarah Woodard David, Survey and National Register Branch Supervisor; Andy Edmonds, GIS Analyst; Mary Beth Fitts, Assistant State Archaeologist; Anna Grantham, File Room Assistant; Beth King, Architectural Survey Coordinator; Annie McDonald, Western Office Preservation Specialist; John Mintz, State Archaeologist; Michele Patterson-McCabe, Grants Coordinator; Scott Power, Eastern Office Supervisor; Amber Stimpson, Local Commissions Coordinator; Brett Sturm, Restoration Specialist; Melissa Timo, Historic Cemetery Specialist; Mitch Wilds, Restoration Branch Supervisor; and John Wood, Eastern Office Preservation Specialist.

Visitors included Mary Ruffin Hanbury; Mary Glenn Krause; Joseph Beatty, Department of Archives and History; Department of Transportation Historians, Shelby Reap, Mary Pope Furr, Kate Husband, and Vanessa Patrick; Robert Davie with the Town of Warrenton; and property owners, Susan and Dwight Bellinger.

Chairman David Maurer called the meeting to order at 10:03 and made welcoming remarks and introductions.

Ramona Bartos introduced Kristi Brantley as the HPO's new National Register Assistant and Sarah Woodard David as the new Survey and National Register Branch Supervisor.

John Mintz introduced Melissa Timo as the Office of State Archaeology's new Historic Cemetery Specialist.

Ramona Bartos made remarks regarding the potential for historic preservation-focused disaster recovery money and distributed a FEMA map with designated disaster counties. Ms. Bartos reported that Representative David Price and Senator Richard Burr and the NC Congressional delegation supported legislation that included \$50 million for historic preservation efforts in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and the Marianna Islands for areas of declared disaster. Ms. Bartos noted that 20% of our National Register-listed properties are in the most affected part of the declared disaster area in North Carolina.

Ms. Bartos noted that Mr. Dixon is concluding his term on the committee, and she thanked him for his dedicated service. Dr. Cherry presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a copy of Laura Phillips' book, *Grand Illusions*, which is about North Carolina interior decorative painting, and Dr. Cherry continued by describing some of Mr. Dixon's current projects in Edenton.

Mr. Maurer asked Dr. Cherry for a report.

Dr. Cherry noted that the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has a more generous budget than in recent years with \$500,000 for maintenance for Historic Sites; \$1.5 million for Freedom Park between the Governor's Mansion and the Legislative Building; \$8 million for Fort Fisher's visitors' center; and \$45 to \$60 million for improvements and renovations at the history museum. The House budget proposes restoring a position at Historic Halifax and Museum. Legislators have expressed interest in creating a State Historic Site in Milton for Thomas Day. The Department is funding moon landing and women's suffrage commemorations, and possibly participating in an upcoming commemoration for the Greensboro sit-ins. Dr. Cherry reported that National History Day saw 5,000 kids participate across the state, which was one of the most successful ever. State historic site visitation is down, possibly due to hurricanes.

Mr. Maurer thanked Dr. Cherry. He then reminded everyone that this is a public hearing, and he reviewed the committee's conflict-of-interest policy and asked the committee members if they had any conflicts of interest with any of the National Register nominations or Study List applications on the agenda. No members had any conflicts of interest. Mr. Maurer noted that the committee has 12 members, with 8 in attendance.

Mr. Maurer commended Annie McDonald for her work on the minutes, and he called for amendments, corrections, or changes to the minutes.

Terri Russ moved to approve the minutes; Barbara Snowden seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

National Register Nominations

Mr. Maurer recognized Scott Power to present the **Caramount Mills-Burlington Industries Plant** in Rocky Mount for listing on the National Register. Mr. Power presented the mill as eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for its significance in Industry. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to approve the nomination, and Mr. Dixon seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Annie McDonald presented **Taylorsville Milling** in Alexander County and the **Carolina and Northwestern Railroad Freight Station** in Caldwell County. Taylorsville Milling is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent and intact example of roller mill architecture. The freight station is eligible for listing under Criteria A and C. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Dr. McGill made a motion to approve the nomination, and Ms. Snowden seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Jenn Brosz presented the **Gem Theater** in Cabarrus County and the **Austin and Ernestine Finch House** in Davidson County. Ms. Brosz presented the Gem Theater as eligible under Criteria A and C for

entertainment and architecture. The Finch House is eligible for listing under Criterion C for its Renaissance Revival design. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked if the theater's architect was male or female. Ms. Brosz responded that the architect was male. Dr. McGill asked about other theaters designed by the Gem Theater's architect; Ms. Brosz stated that this is the only one of his designs that retains its function. There were no further questions and Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge moved to approve both nominations; Ms. Russ seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Hannah Beckman-Black presented the **Bunyan and Edith Womble House** in Forsyth County and the **Sanford Tobacco Company Redrying Plant and Warehouse** in Lee County, both under Criterion A. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Mr. Dixon asked if the Womble House is in a district; Ms. Beckman-Black responded that it is not. Dr. McGill asked a clarifying question about the greenhouse at the Womble House, which is not contributing because it has been moved. Ms. Snowden confirmed that the staff considers the Womble House eligible for listing even with several notable changes, and Mr. Jorgenson confirmed that the Womble House was nominated only under Criterion A. Without further questions, Mr. Maurer called for a motion and Dr. Holmes-Brothers moved to approve the nomination. Mr. Dixon seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Study List Proposals

Mary Beth Fitts, Assistant State Archaeologist in the Office of State Archaeology, presented the **Millstone Creek Quarry** in Richmond County as a candidate for the Study List under Criteria A and D in the areas of industry and engineering. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Ms. Russ and Mr. Jorgenson asked questions about the extent of archaeological investigations and the granite in the area. Without further questions, Mr. Maurer called for a motion. Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Mr. Jorgenson seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Sarah Woodard David presented findings from the **Warrenton Historic District Survey Update** and presented recommendations for the Study List that included boundary expansions and contractions to the existing Warrenton National Register Historic District under Criteria A and C, the **Riggin-Creech House** under Criterion C, and **Hamme's Mill** under Criteria A and C. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Mr. Dixon made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Dr. McGill seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

At 11:38, the committee paused its business for lunch with instructions to reconvene at noon if possible. The committee reconvened at 12:11.

Mr. Power presented the **Bailey Historic District** and the **Whitakers Historic District** for the Study List. Both districts would be eligible under Criterion C, and both may also be eligible under Criterion A, which would become clear if/when nominations move forward. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Ms. Russ made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Mr. Jorgenson seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Ms. McDonald presented **Valdese Weaving Company** in Burke County and the **Sitton-Whiteside Homeplace** in Swain County for Study Listing. The weaving company was proposed as eligible under Criteria A and C for industry and architecture, and the Sitton-Whiteside Homeplace would be eligible under Criterion C. Ms. McDonald's presentation regarding the Sitton-Whiteside Homeplace included a description of boxed framing and a brief history of boxed houses. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Mr. Jorgenson asked a general question about the Period of Significance. With no additional questions, Mr. Maurer called for a motion. Dr. McGill made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Beth King presented the **John Quinton and Annie Blalock Adams House**, in a deviation from the order presented in the agenda. This move allowed time for the owners of the Thompson House to arrive for their property's presentation. Ms. King's Adams House presentation included a discussion about whether 1950s changes to the original Queen Anne style house had achieved significance in their own right. The house is a Queen Anne I-house with a full-height, full-width, Colonial Revival portico and one-story wings added in the 1950s.

Staff recommended against putting this house on the Study List because the house was not a complete expression of either Queen Anne design or Colonial Revival design.

Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Mr. Maurer commented on purity of style and noted that staff did not think the 1950s porch was so significant that the committee could construct an argument for significance around the Colonial Revival porch. Dr. Cherry asked if the Colonial Revival porch was a trend; Mr. Maurer asked about change over time. Committee-wide discussion about changes generally, older changes (such as a Greek Revival porch on a Federal-era house), porch alterations specifically, and the changes to this particular house. The committee engaged in a deep discussion regarding the significance of Mount Vernon-ization/Colonial Revival-ization.

Mr. Dixon made a motion to place the Adams House on the Study List. The motion was not seconded and failed. Mr. Jorgenson moved to not place the Adams House on the Study List. Ms. Russ seconded that motion. The committee noted that the owner can return with additional evidence. Mr. Maurer called for a vote and the motion passed, 7-1, with Mr. Dixon voting against.

Ms. King then presented the **Nicholas and Lucretia Van Hook Thompson House** in Caswell County as a study list candidate under Criterion C for its Greek Revival design and its outbuildings. She recognized the owners, Susan and Dwight Bellinger. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked questions about the boundary, archaeology, and potential for listing under D. Ms. King responded that OSA would need to address archaeology. Ms. Snowden asked about earlier buildings on the property; Ms. King was not sure where the courthouse had been and asked the owners. The owners also did not know, but the County Historical Society has been investigating.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Maurer called for a motion. Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Dr. McGill seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Ms. Brosz presented the **Bowman and Elizabeth Gray House** in Forsyth County as eligible under C. Mr. Jorgenson asked to be recused due to a conflict of interest, and he left the room, and a quorum was yet maintained. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Hearing none, Mr. Maurer called for a motion. Ms. Russ made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Mr. Dixon seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 7-0. Mr. Jorgenson returned to the room.

Ms. Brosz also presented the **McCrorey Heights Historic District** in Mecklenburg County for study listing. Ms. Brosz proposed that the district would be eligible under Criteria A and C for its architecture and representation of an African American neighborhood. Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments from the committee, audience, and staff. Dr. Holmes-Brothers and Dr. McGill asked clarifying questions: specifically requesting that the information about the district go to Johnson C. Smith University, and a question about the applicant (Tom Hanchett).

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Maurer called for a motion. Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to approve the study list proposal. Mr. Dixon seconded it. There was no further discussion and the motion passed, 8-0.

Mr. Dixon, in his last official act as an NRAC member, moved to adjourn. Ms. Russ seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12.

NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Conference Room, Third Floor, Archives and History Building
109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
June 13, 2019

NATIONAL REGISTER AND STUDY LIST AGENDA

COUNTY	PROPERTY/LOCATION	PRESENTER
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NATIONAL REGISTER

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Eastern Region

Nash	Caromount Mills - Burlington Industries Plant Rocky Mount	Scott Power
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Western Region

Alexander	Taylorsville Milling Company Roller Mill Taylorsville	Annie McDonald
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Caldwell	Carolina and Northwestern Railway Freight Station Lenoir	
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Central and Southeastern Regions

Cabarrus	Gem Theatre Kannapolis	Jennifer Brosz
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Davidson	T. Austin and Ernestine L. Finch House Thomasville	
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Forsyth	Bunyan S. and Edith W. Womble House Winston-Salem	Hannah Beckman-Black
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Lee	Sanford Tobacco Company Redrying Plant and Warehouse Sanford	
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STUDY LIST

OFFICE OF STATE ARCHEOLOGY

Richmond	Millstone Creek – Millstone Quarry Ellerbe vicinity	Mary Beth Fitts
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SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Survey Projects

Warren	Warrenton Architectural Survey Update See Attachment	Sarah David
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Eastern Region

Nash	Bailey Commercial Historic District Bailey	Scott Power
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Nash and Edgecombe	Whitakers Historic District Whitakers	
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Western Region

Burke	Valdese Weaving Company Valdese	Annie McDonald
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Swain	Sitton-Whiteside Homeplace Bryson City vicinity	
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Central/Southeastern Regions

Caswell	Nicholas and Lucretia Van Hook Thompson House Leasburg	Beth King
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Wake	John Quinton and Annie Blalock Adams House Willow Spring	
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Forsyth	Bowman and Elizabeth Gray House Lewisville	Jennifer Brosz
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Mecklenburg	McCrorey Heights Historic District Charlotte	
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Warrenton Architectural Survey Update

Proposed Study List Properties

Districts

Warrenton Historic District: Boundary Increase, Decrease

Residential

Riggin-Creech House, ca. 1922

Industrial

Hamme's Mill, 1937