

**State Board of Review Meeting
National Register of Historic Places
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
State Historic Preservation Office**

Minutes of the March 22, 2013, Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present

Mr. John M. Sherrer III, Mrs. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Dr. Abel Bartley, Mr. Adam Emrick, Dr. Lydia M. Brandt, and Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (chairman).

Members Absent

Dr. Carter C. Hudgins, Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. J. Edward Lee, Dr. Louis Venters, and the Hon. Elaine Harris.

Recognition of New Board Members

Mr. Kinney recognized and welcomed a new member of the Board: Dr. Lydia M. Brandt, Assistant Professor in the Department of Art at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Dr. Brandt is an architectural historian.

Recognition of Service to Retiring Board Members

The term of Board Member Richard Sidebottom expired since the last meeting. Mr. Kinney acknowledged Mr. Sidebottom's service and contributions to the Board. Staff will forward a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Sidebottom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2012, meeting, having been distributed to the members by mail in the members' packets, Mr. Doug Taylor made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bartley, to approve them. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Dr. J. Tracy Power, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Mr. Bradley S. Sauls. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko, Ms. Sarah Stephens, and graduate assistant Jessie Childress.

Consideration of Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Oak Grove (Newberry, Newberry County)** was presented by Mr. William B. Cross, owner of the property. Dr. Bartley asked if the wallpaper in the house was original. Mr. Cross replied that there is no original wallpaper in the house. Mr. Charles Barber (meeting attendee) asked about the height of the ceilings. Mr. Cross said they are approximately twelve feet on both floors. Rep. Walton J. McLeod of Newberry County spoke in support of the nomination for Oak Grove calling it a “premier community asset in Newberry”. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked if the house was already listed in the National Register as “Gildercrest”. Mr. Chandler replied that Oak Grove was previously referred to as “Gildercret” when it was listed as a contributing property in the West Boundary Street Historic District in the early 1980s. Mr. D. Taylor asked if this required a change in the nomination for the West Boundary Street Historic District. Mr. Chandler replied that it did not. Dr. Brandt asked if Frederick Nance was significant enough for the national level of significance. Dr. Power replied that the national level of significance could be possible for architecture. Dr. Bartley moved, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, approval of the nomination at the national level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

2. **Lang Syne Plantation (Fort Motte vicinity, Calhoun County)** was presented by the preparer, Dr. John M. Bryan of Columbia. Mr. D. Taylor asked what was

known about the earlier house. Dr. Bryan replied that very little is documented about the original house. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked how future generations will know about the slave cemetery. Mr. D. Taylor asked if the number of graves is known. Dr. Bryan replied that this is not known. Mr. Emrick asked if a ground penetrating radar survey or other survey had ever been done at the cemetery site. Dr. Bryan stated this had not taken place. Mr. D. Taylor commented on the challenge of documenting and preserving the historic character of the cemetery. Dr. Bryan said this nomination is the first recording of the existence of the cemetery. Ms. Kennerly-Dance moved, and Mr. D. Taylor seconded, to approve the nomination at the state level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Central Roller Mill (Central, Pickens County) was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Allison Fowler of Preserve Carolina, LLC. Mr. Bobby Ballentine and Mr. Edward Martin, property owners, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Ballentine said they bought the property in 2008 and made stabilization repairs to save it from further deterioration. Mr. Kinney asked about future plans for the complex. Mr. Martin replied that their plan is to make the building available for special event space and may add retail space. Ms. Brandt asked for clarification about whether or not the Central Roller Mill made bread for the local schools. Ms. Fowler replied that the mill made flour used by the local schools to make bread for many years until the schools began purchasing bread already made. Mr. Sherrer asked if any other flour mills in South Carolina were listed in the National Register. Dr. Power replied that other flour mills were listed, but this would be the first roller mill to be listed in the state. Mr. Sherrer recommended the Central Roller Mill be nominated at the state level of significance. Dr. Power and Mr. Chandler stated that further contextual information would need to be added to the nomination to justify state level significance. Mr. Charles Barber (in the audience) asked if the mill used stones for grinding. Mr. Martin replied that stones were used in a vertical position for grinding. Mr. Barber also asked about power sources used by the mill. Mr. Martin said that originally the mill used steam power before switching to electric. Dr. Bartley moved, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, to approve the nomination at the state level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Owen Building (Columbia, Richland County), was presented by the author of the nomination, Ms. Jennifer Betsworth of Columbia. The owner, Mr. Tom Pioresci, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. D. Taylor moved, and Mr. Emrick seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously (with Mr. Sherrer not voting because Ms. Betsworth was hired to prepare the nomination by Mr. Sherrer's employer, Historic Columbia Foundation).

5. Catawba Rosenwald School (Catawba vicinity, York County) was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Paul M. Gettys of Catawba, along with Ms. Gladys Robinson. Former students of the school attending the

meeting spoke in support of the nomination, including Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddy. Mr. Chandler said that letters of support for the nomination had been received from the by Rock Hill School District 3 (owner of the property) and Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Catawba (steward of the property). Dr. Bartley asked to clarify the ownership of the property. Ms. Robinson stated that the school district owns the property but that Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist is the long-time steward of the property. Dr. Roddy said she had a 99-year lease on the property from the school district. The school district's letter says the church has the lease. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked if the school had been moved. Mr. Gettys said that it was moved a short distance on the same parcel about 1960 to accommodate widening of the road. The original orientation of the building was east-west, but now faces north. Ms. Allison Fowler asked if the transoms and windows seen on the interior were original (Mr. Gettys said they were). Dr. Bartley motioned, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney then recognized Mr. Chandler, who announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The summer 2013 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013.

The fall 2013 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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Minutes of the July 26, 2013, Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present

Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. J. Edward Lee, Dr. Louis Venters, Hon. Elaine Harris, Dr. Abel Bartley, Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms. Trudy Seibels, and Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (chairman).

Members Absent

Mr. John M. Sherrer III, Mrs. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Dr. Carter C. Hudgins, Dr. Lydia M. Brandt.

Recognition of New Board Members

Mr. Kinney recognized and welcomed a new member of the Board: Ms. Gertrude (Trudy) Seibels, retired architect of Columbia.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2013, meeting were distributed to the members by mail in the members' packets Mr. Emrick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Lee. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Dr. J. Tracy Power, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Mr. Bradley S. Sauls. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Ms. Sarah Stephens, Ms. Emily Dale, Mr. Dan Elswick, and graduate assistant Ms. Jessie Childress.

Consideration of Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Callawassie Sugar Works (Okatie vicinity, Beaufort County)** was presented by Dr. Power, on behalf of the author, Mrs. Francesca Denton. Mr. Colin Brooker spoke in support of the nomination, noting the “slightly primitive” character of the tabby ruins as an example of West Indies technology transposed to the South Carolina coast. Mrs. Denton spoke in support of the nomination and on behalf of the property owner, the Callawassie Island Property Owners Association. Mrs. Denton stated that the Callawassie Sugar Works serve as an opportunity to engage the public and children about the history of Callawassie Island. Mr. Ian Hill, preservation planner for Beaufort County, spoke in support of the nomination for this “unusual and unique” example of tabby in Beaufort County. Mrs. Harris praised the quality of the nomination. Mr. Emrick asked for clarification about ownership and setting of the ruins. Mrs. Denton affirmed that the ruins are situated in a residential area and owned by the property owners association. Ms. Seibels asked if further archaeology would be done at the site. Mrs. Denton said the owners would be in support of archaeological investigation. Mrs. Seibels said that any information resulting from future archaeological investigation should be added to the nomination. Dr. Bartley made a motion, and Mr. Emrick seconded, for approval of the nomination at the statewide level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

2. **Isaac Jenkins Mikell House (Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by Richard Marks of Charleston. Mr. Marks’ company, Richard Marks Restorations, has led rehabilitation work at the property. Mr. Leary Luke of Richard Marks Restorations prepared the nomination. Mrs. Caroline Jones of Columbia, a descendant of Isaac Jenkins Mikell, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Emrick made a motion, and Dr. Huff seconded, for approval of

the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. **Robert Smalls School (Cheraw, Chesterfield County)** was presented by Ms. Jessica Childress, SHPO graduate student, on behalf of the preparer, Mrs. Sarah Spruill of Cheraw. Mrs. Spruill spoke in support of the nomination and stated that historic documents associated with Cheraw, Incorporated, are now in the collection of the Matheson Library in Cheraw. Mr. John Melton, member of Cheraw Town Council and Pathfinders (property owner) spoke in support of the nomination, commenting that the Robert Smalls School is an important part of Cheraw's history. Dr. Bartley asked if there was any present connection to the local school district. Mr. Melton replied that the school district refers at-risk students to the programs of Pathfinders at Robert Smalls School. Dr. Bartley asked if the neighborhood around the school was similar to what it was during the time the school was in operation. Mr. Melton replied that it was. Dr. Bartley made a motion, and Mrs. Harris seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. **Brandon Mill (Greenville vicinity, Greenville County)**, was presented by Marcus Pollard, author of the nomination, on behalf of the owner. Mr. Frank Warlick (owner) spoke in support of the nomination and stated his intention to rehabilitate the property for a mix of low income and market rate apartments. Mr. Warlick also said that adjacent buildings would be leased for businesses (stores and restaurants) that would serve the apartments in the mill. Dr. Bartley made a motion, and Dr. Lee seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. **Prosperity Cemetery (Prosperity, Newberry County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Caroline Wilson (Upstate Preservation Consultants). Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh (Executive Director of Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation and member of Prosperity Cemetery Association) spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Emrick asked if there had ever been a ground penetrating radar survey of the cemetery. Mr. Bedenbaugh said there has not. Mr. Emrick asked if there were any wooden markers or unmarked graves. Mr. Bedenbaugh said there were no existing wooden markers and that it was very likely that there are unmarked graves. Mrs. Harris made a motion, and Mr. Emrick seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Williamson's Plantation Battlefield/Battle of Huck's Defeat (McConnells, York County)**, was presented by Michael Scoggins, Historian with the Culture and Heritage Museums of York County. The nomination was prepared by Paige Wagoner of Brockington and Associates as part of an effort to create public interpretation for the battlefield. Ms. Sarah Stephens asked if the Williamson home site was part of the battlefield (Mr. Scoggins: yes.). Ms. Stephens also asked if, at the time of the battle was the site wooded or cleared (Mr. Scoggins:

cleared). Ms. Stephens also asked how much later plowing may have disturbed the battlefield archaeology. Mr. Scoggins replied that, judging by the artifacts that have been found, not very much. Dr. Venters asked if the battlefield would be perceived by visitors as separate from or part of Historic Brattonsville. Mr. Scoggins replied that it should be transparent to visitors. Dr. Venters asked how the site is nominated at statewide, but not national, significance. Mr. Scoggins replied that he thinks it is of national significance as being an important part of how the British lost the war in the south. Dr. Power added that the site is being nominated at the statewide level of significance because of the relative difficulty of listing sites at the national level, and the national perception of other important battles of the revolution. Mrs. Harris said this is part of a new awareness of the importance of South Carolina in the American victory. Dr. Power offered that staff could inquire with National Register staff in Washington to get their advice about nominating this site at the national level. Mr. Kinney suggested that the Board follow Dr. Power's suggestion and approve the nomination at the state level and request staff to seek advice on listing it at the national level. Dr. Lee commented that Historic Brattonsville is a treasure of the Catawba region. Dr. Lee said he was pleased to have another stop on the itinerary when his Winthrop University history students visit the site. Mr. Kinney said that the general public is not aware of the different levels of significance in the National Register and of more importance is how it is interpreted for the public at the site. Dr. Huff recommended proceeding with the nomination at the statewide level of significance.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:
The fall 2013 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2013.
The spring 2014 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the November 15, 2013, Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Mr. John M. Sherrer III (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. Louis Venters, Hon. Elaine Harris, Dr. Abel Bartley, Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Mrs. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Dr. Lydia Brandt.

Members Absent

Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. J. Edward Lee, Dr. Carter C. Hudgins.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 26, 2013, meeting were distributed to the members by mail (or e-mail) in the members' packets. Mr. Emrick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Kennerly-Dance. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney recognized three classes of graduate students attending the meeting. Present were students from the University of South Carolina Public History program with Dr. Robert Weyeneth, the Masters of Real Estate Development program at Clemson University with Dr. Robert Benedict, and the Clemson University/College of Charleston Historic Preservation program with Mrs. Katherine Saunders Pemberton.

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Dr. J. Tracy Power, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Mr. Bradley S. Sauls. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Ms. Sarah Stephens, Ms. Emily Dale, Mr. Dan Elswick, Mr. John Sylvest, and graduate assistant Ms. Stephanie Gray.

Special Presentation

Mr. Kinney recognized the upcoming retirement of Dr. J. Tracy Power after 28 years of service to the Department of Archives and History and presented him with a framed collage of images of just a few of the hundreds of National Register properties and state historical markers that Dr. Power has worked with over the years. Today's Review Board meeting is the 80th meeting attended by Dr. Power. Dr. Power received a standing ovation from all present. The collage included the following statement in honor of Dr. Power: "With appreciation for his 28 years of service to the National Register of Historic Places program in South Carolina and his unwavering dedication to excellence in researching, writing, and presenting South Carolina's history."

Consideration of Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Port Royal School (Port Royal, Beaufort County)** was presented by Dr. Eric Plaag, preparer of the nomination. Mr. Joe Lee, member of Port Royal Town Council, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Lee commented that the Town co-sponsored the nomination for this walkable community school that the town has worked to preserve over the years. Port Royal Elementary School Assistant Principal Clay Fowler spoke in support of the nomination and commented that one can easily feel a sense of history at the school. Mr. Bill Evans, Chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Education, spoke in support of the nomination, noting that it is a unique and desirable school in a growing district. Dr. Venters noted that maintaining and investing in a historic school goes against recent trends and asked how is that the school is still here? Mr. Tom Klein, member of Port Royal Town Council, replied that the school is part of the fabric that ties the town together, it is a very desirable school, and that the town has fought off multiple

closure attempts. Dr. Plaag commented that the boundary would include the entire historic parcel donated for the school. Dr. Venters made a motion, and Dr. Bartley seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. Mr. Douglas Taylor asked if only the 1911 part of the school could be listed. Mr. Kinney clarified that only the 1911 and 1954 sections are contributing and Mr. Chandler confirmed that, noting that you cannot draw a boundary through the middle of a building. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

2. Old Georgetown Road (McClellanville vicinity, Charleston County) was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Selden Hill of the Village Museum in McClellanville. Mr. Michael Prevost of White Oak Forestry spoke in support of the nomination. His organization has worked with the Nature Conservancy and the Village Museum of McClellanville to help preserve historic lands along the road. Mr. George Geer, of the vestry of St. James Santee Parish, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Mark Robertson, State Director for the Nature Conservancy, spoke in support of the nomination. The Nature Conservancy holds conservation easements on thousands of acres along the road and also owns land along the road. Mr. Robertson said that the preservation of the road helps achieve the Nature Conservancy's goals. Ms. Katherine Saunders Pemberton of Historic Charleston Foundation spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Douglas Taylor asked how much of the property along the 6.6 miles of nominated road is protected by easements. Mr. Hill replied about 95%. Mr. Michael Prevost said this included national forest and private easements. Mrs. Elaine Harris asked if other roads in the state were listed in the National Register. Mr. Chandler replied that listed roads in South Carolina include the Ashley River Road, Wescott Road on Edisto Island, and segments of Nation Ford Road in York County, and that other roads have been determined eligible, particularly in the lowcountry. Mr. Emrick noted that a portion of this same road is preserved in Horry County. Dr. Brandt commented on the fascinating history behind the road and the great use of primary documents in the nomination and recommended that information about when the road was widened to accommodate 20th century vehicle traffic be added to the nomination. Dr. Bartley asked if there was any hurricane damage along the road. Mr. Hill said that many trees were lost as a result of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 but minimal damage to the road. Mr. Prevost said that this may be one of the largest intact sections of this road along the east coast. Mr. Hill encouraged the students present to visit the St. James Santee Church that is located along the road. Mr. Emrick made a motion, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Lexington County Courthouse (Lexington, Lexington County) was presented by Ms. Jessica Childress, preparer of the nomination. Ms. Childress is a student in the Public History program at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Joe Mergo III, Lexington County Administrator, spoke in support of the nomination but said that the County Council had no communication about the nomination other than a letter. Mr. Mergo invited Ms. Childress to make her

presentation before Lexington County Council so that they would better understand the National Register and so that the community could appreciate the history of the property. Mr. Mergo commended Ms. Childress for her interest and initiative in taking on the project. Mr. J. R. Fennell, director of the Lexington County Museum added that the land for the court house was originally owned by Barbara Corley (“Granny Corley”) and her sale of the property helped begin the Town of Lexington. Mrs. Harris asked who requested the nomination. Ms. Childress said nobody asked her to do it but that is was for her class in the Public History program at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Chandler noted that anyone can prepare a nomination and that students often do nominations as part of class projects and that SHPO staff determined the courthouse eligible for the National Register in 2000. Dr. Robert Weyeneth (USC Public History Program) said that this was an opportunity to provide information about the National Register to Lexington County and generate more interest in historic preservation. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance asked when the additions were made to the courthouse. Ms. Childress replied that the additions were in the 1970s. Mr. Douglas Taylor, as a resident of Lexington County, noted that he is pleased to see this great building being nominated. Mr. Sean Taylor commented that this was a good reminder to keep owners informed to alleviate concerns about the implications of National Register nominations. Mr. Douglas Taylor made a motion, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Schuyler Apartments (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County), was presented by Mr. Martin Meek, architect of Spartanburg, and preparer of the nomination. Dr. Robert Weyeneth asked if this is a tax credit project and Mr. Meek confirmed that it is. Mr. Sauls informed the Board that Mr. Donald Love, chair of the Spartanburg Historic Architecture Review Board, submitted a letter from the Board in support of the nomination. Mr. Kinney asked what the use of the building would be. Mr. Meek said it will be 88 apartments. Mr. Meek added that in the 1980s copper tubing in the concrete floors used for heating had corroded and caused water infiltration in the apartments. Mr. Sherrer asked what the roof will be used for. Mr. Meek replied one of the penthouses will be for a resident manager and the other for a leasing office. Mr. Kinney asked about configuration of the apartments. Mr. Meek said the middle apartments were one bedroom and the end apartments on each floor were two bedrooms. Mr. Dan Elswick said there would not be any “hanging gardens” on the roof. Mrs. Harris recalled when she worked in Spartanburg City Hall, how prominent the building was downtown, and was always curious about the views from the penthouses. Mr. Meek mentioned that the developer and architect David William Cecil had his office in one of the penthouses. Dr. Bartley asked if these would be high end apartments. Mr. Meek responded that they would not, but rather would be targeting young professionals interested in live-work units. Dr. Brandt commended the planned rehabilitation of this unique building and appreciated the use of city directories in the research for the nomination. Mr. Douglas Taylor asked if City Hall and the Post Office designed by Cecil were listed. Mr. Meek replied that they are not. Mrs.

Kennerly-Dance asked if the first floor would have retail again. Mr. Meek said the first floor may include an art gallery. Dr. Venters asked if there was really going to be no landscaping in the parking lot. Mr. Meek said no and that the parking lot is a character defining element for this property. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance made a motion, and Mrs. Harris seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:
The spring 2014 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014.
The summer 2014 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 25, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.