

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

Minutes of the April 1, 2016, 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.

Members Present

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Millicent Brown, Dr. Lydia Brandt, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Dr. Andrew White, Dr. Louis Venters, Ms. Meg Gaillard

Members Absent

Dr. Edward Lee, Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms Amalia Leifeste.

Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of Board Members, Recognition of Retiring Board Members, and Recognition of New Board Member

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney recognized two Board Members with expiring terms: Mr. Adam Emrick and Dr. Louis Venters. Mr. Kinney thanked these retiring members for their service and presented Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. Kinney then introduced the newest member of the Board, Ms. Meg Gaillard, archaeologist at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Election of Vice-Chair

Due to the absence of Vice-Chair Mr. Adam Emrick, and due to his term expiring after this meeting, Mr. Kinney entertained motions to nominate a new Vice-Chair. Mr. Kinney then nominated Dr. Lydia Brandt. Dr. Huff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Lydia Brandt was elected as the new Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the November 20, 2015, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Huff made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney welcomed all present.

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: Mr. Brad Sauls, and Dr. Ehren K. Foley. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. Dan Elswick, Mr. John Sylvest, Ms. Emily Dale, Ms. Adrienne Daggett, and graduate student assistant Ms. Casey Lee.

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. **Gippy Plantation (Moncks Corner vicinity, Berkeley County)** was presented by Ms. Brittany V. Lavelle Tulla (consultant, BVL Historic Preservation Research), preparer of the nomination. Dr. Brown asked if the property was still privately owned and Ms. Lavelle Tulla indicated that it was. Dr. Brown if there were plans to interpret the slave dwelling on the property. Ms. Lavelle Tulla stated that she was not aware of any plans. Dr. White asked how much property was included in the nomination. Ms. Lavelle Tulla replied that it was about four acres. Dr. White suggested that there was the possibility for archaeological resources on the property primarily near the outbuildings. Mr. Kinney asked about the origin of the name Gippy. Ms. Lavelle Tulla suggested that the name may have been taken from a nearby swamp. Dr. Brandt suggested that the nomination, while appropriately recognizing the Greek Revival elements of the house, should also more explicitly recognize the significance of the early twentieth century alterations in the Colonial Revival style. Dr. Brown moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, with a second by Dr. Brandt. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Hampton Plantation (Additional Documentation, McClellanville vicinity, Charleston County)** was presented by Mr. Al Hester, Historic Sites Coordinator, and Mr. David Jones, Archaeologist, for the South Carolina State Park Service. Dr. White asked if there were any prehistoric resources identified. Stacy Young, an archaeologist who assisted the State Park Service with this project, said that there was potential for resources associated with the Mississippian period and early Native American occupation. Mr. Jones said that there are scattered sites associated with

the pre-historic period that still need further testing. Dr. Brown asked if in addition to cemetery access, was there was access to grasses for present day cultural activities such as basket-making. Mr. Hester said that the cemetery is still owned by the Rutledge family which is available for community access in perpetuity. Mr. Hester added that he was not aware of the local community accessing the park for grasses but occasionally people do collect plants for traditional medicinal purposes. Dr. Venters made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brown, for approval of the additional documentation nomination at the national and state levels of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. **William and Harriet Wilkins House (Greenville, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Kyle Campbell, consultant with Preservation South LLC in Anderson. Mr. Kinney asked about the future use of the property. Mr. Campbell said that the owner will use it as rental event facility and there will also be a residential unit on the first floor. Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, spoke in support of the nomination and remarked on the almost miraculous process of saving and relocating the house. Mr. Bedenbaugh added that the Trust will hold a preservation easement on the house that includes provisions to make the house accessible to the public for tours and for fundraising events for local nonprofits. Dr. Brandt asked for clarification regarding National Register eligibility for moved properties. Dr. Foley explained that moved properties may be considered eligible if the property can still be considered significant for architecture in the new location. Dr. Brandt asked how rare it was for moved properties to be listed. Mr. Sauls replied that the most recent example in South Carolina he could recall was the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House in Spartanburg which had successfully maintained its National Register listing after it was moved in 1999 [additional documentation approved by National Park Service in 2009]. Dr. Brandt stated that she thought the house was definitely eligible and recommended adding more detail to the nomination regarding the extent to which there is remaining original fabric. Dr. Venters commented that the new location appears to be a better fit for the house now after the original setting had experienced so many changes. Dr. Brandt commented how other historic properties like this one that had been adapted for funeral homes without much loss of historic fabric. Dr. Brown remarked that the community needs to know more about the story of how the property was preserved. Mr. Kinney asked about the completion date. Mr. Campbell said they hope to be finished by the end of the year. Dr. Huff made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Venters. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. **Tillman School (Tillman, Jasper County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms Sarah Ward, Consultant with Ward Architecture + Preservation of Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. White. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. **Carolina Life Insurance Building (Seibels-Bruce Building, Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Meg Southern on behalf of Historic Columbia Foundation. Mr. Robert Lewis, attorney of

Columbia, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Brandt suggested that the nomination document would benefit from a more developed description of the exterior elevations as modern abstractions of traditional details. Dr. Brown asked if there were other similar buildings constructed in the state around this time or if Columbia was leading the way. Dr. Brandt listed other contemporary buildings in Columbia such as Cornell Arms and the Veterans Administration Regional Office as further examples of modern design in the city. Dr. Venters made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Brown. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. Poinsett State Park Historic District (Wedgfield vicinity, Sumter County) was presented by Mr. Al Hester, Historic Sites Coordinator for the South Carolina State Park Service. Mr. Thomas Zabo McCants III, Park Manager at Poinsett State Park, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Francis Marion Dwight III of Bamberg, son of the first superintendent of Poinsett State Park, spoke in support of the nomination and recalled the coquina stone used in many of the buildings. Dr. Dwight explained how the coquina stone could be cut with a saw to shape it for use in construction. Mr. Kinney asked if the coquina was found inside the park. Mr. Hester said it was quarried about a mile from the park property. Dr. Brown asked how long the park had been closed during desegregation. Mr. Hester said the park was closed for a year then reopened and integrated. Dr. Venters asked if there was any public interpretation related to African American history associated with the construction of the park. Mr. Hester said that one of the park signs briefly mentioned the roles of African Americans in building the park. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the statewide level of significance, seconded by Ms. Seibels. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:
The summer 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016.
The fall 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2016.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

**State Board of Review Meeting
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Minutes of the July 22, 2016, 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.

Members Present

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. J. Edward Lee, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Ms. Meg Gaillard, Ms. Amalia Leifeste, Ms. Amy Moore, Ms. Katherine Saunders Pemberton

Members Absent

Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Andrew White, Dr. Millicent Brown, Dr. Lydia M. Brandt

Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of Board Members and Recognition of New Board Members

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney then introduced the newest members of the Board, Ms. Amy Moore, preservation planner with the City of Columbia, and Ms. Katherine Saunders Pemberton, Manager of Research and Education with Historic Charleston Foundation.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the April 1, 2016, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Seibels. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney welcomed all present.

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: Mr. Brad Sauls, Dr. Ehren Foley, and Ms. Virginia Harness. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. Dan Elswick, Mr. John Sylvest, Ms. Emily Dale, Ms. Adrienne Daggett, and Ms. Morgan Jones-King.

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. **Warren Mill (Warrenville, Aiken County)** was presented by Ms. Caroline Wilson, Consultant with MacRostie Historic Advisors of Charleston, on behalf of the preparer, Mr. Richard Sidebottom of MacRostie Historic Advisors. Ms. Wilson's remarks included a statement from the property owner in support of the nomination and their excitement about beginning rehabilitation of the property for apartments and events and retail space. Ms. Leifeste asked for clarification regarding the contributing status of the water towers. Ms. Wilson stated that the non-contributing water tower was constructed after the period of significance. Ms. Seibels asked if the property was going to be used for apartments. Ms. Wilson confirmed that this was the owner's plan. Ms. Leifeste moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, with a second by Ms. Moore. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **James Phinney House (Chester vicinity, Chester County)** was presented by the preparer and property owner, Ms. Joanna Angle. Mr. Paul Gettys, retired from the Catawba Council of Governments, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Ehren Foley informed the Board that letters of support had been received by George Kanellos and Hamilton Kanellos, descendants of previous owners of the house. Letters of support were also received from Mr. Lindsay Pettus, President of Lancaster County Society for Historical Preservation, Mr. Mark Grier, president of the Katawba Valley Land Trust, Ms. Willie Rodman Drews (born in the Phinney House in 1930) and Ms. Nancy L. Wylie (her husband's family had owned the Phinney House 1937-1982). Ms. Leifeste asked about chicken coop and woodshed. Ms. Angle said they were non-historic. Ms. Meg Gaillard noted the strong potential for archaeological resources to exist on the property based on a previously recorded site and recommended adding information to the nomination to reflect this potential. Ms. Angle acknowledged the potential and the lack of time and resources to conduct further archaeological investigation. Dr. Foley stated that archaeology is discussed without making a case for a Criterion D argument due to the lack of additional investigation needed to do that. Ms. Leifeste asked if the house was built all at once or if there was a later addition. Ms. Angle said that the architectural historians who investigated the house theorized that the kitchen was built first followed by the rest of the house. Ms. Katherine Saunders Pemberton complimented Ms. Angle on her passion for the project and for doing a great job with the nomination. Dr. Lee made

a motion, seconded by Ms. Seibels, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. American Spinning Company (Greenville vicinity, Greenville County) was presented by Mr. Scott Lambert and Mr. Josh Bucher, both of Lambert Architecture and Construction Services, Columbia. Ms. Amy Moore asked if any other wood windows beyond what was shown still exist. Mr. Lambert said they were not aware of any remaining beyond the one found in a crawl space. Ms. Leifeste asked about the building chronology for what is contributing and non-contributing versus the narrative description that goes through the 1990s. Mr. Lambert said that they worked out in the Part 1 of the federal tax application that was approved what was contributing and non-contributing. Dr. Foley added because this is a tax project the nomination includes more detail about additions and alterations that most because it is part of the tax review process. Ms. Pemberton made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Leifeste. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Oconee County Courthouse (Walhalla, Oconee County) was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Meg Southern, Consultant with Historic Columbia. Dr. Robert Weyeneth of the University of South Carolina history department asked if there was any evidence of the architecture of racial segregation. Ms. Southern said that she did not observe any existing physical evidence. Dr. Weyeneth asked about the racial demographics of the area at the time the courthouse was built. Ms. Southern replied she did not know but that the white population was likely a large majority. Ms. Pemberton asked about future plans for the vacant courthouse. Mr. Tom Markovich, a partner in the planned rehabilitation of the Oconee County Courthouse replied that he has an agreement in place to acquire the building with plans to adapt it for a boutique hotel with events and retail space. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Leifeste. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. Melrose Heights-Oak Lawn Historic District (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by Mr. John M. Sherrer, III (co-preparer of the nomination with Mr. Robert Olguin), on behalf of Historic Columbia Foundation. Dr. Robert Weyeneth asked if the research for the nomination uncovered anything about racial segregation as part of the development. Mr. Sherrer noted that some African-American owned or occupied properties existed in some areas of the district that later were removed and some persisted for quite a while. Mr. Sherrer also noted that some houses in the district still have evidence of the architecture of racial segregation in the form of bathroom facilities downstairs in finished spaces or “glorified crawlspaces.” Mr. Sherrer said he did not conduct deed research that may have shown racial restrictions. Dr. Weyeneth, as a property owner in the district, expressed his support for the nomination. Mr. Andrew W. Chandler asked about any architects that were identified as designers of houses in the district. Mr. Sherrer said research did not uncover any architects but there are likely some kit or pattern book homes. Mr. Sherrer noted that one 1924 airplane bungalow has been attributed to J. H. Sams. Mr. John Newman, resident of the neighborhood, spoke in support of the nomination and acknowledged efforts since receiving local designation by the

City in 2003. Ms. Seibels noted that this nomination was needed for many years to rectify facts about the history of the neighborhood. Ms. Leifeste asked if there is a comprehensive photo survey of the district. Mr. Sherrer replied that there is and that copies will reside with Archives and History, the Melrose Neighborhood Association, Historic Columbia Foundation, and Richland County Conservation Commission. Ms. Seibels asked if it would be published in book form. Mr. Sherrer said perhaps a few images here and there. Mr. Chandler asked about the name Fairview associated with the neighborhood and could it be considered for addition to the historic name of the district. Mr. Sherrer said he had no objection as it certainly was historically accurate. [The nomination was submitted to the National Park Service with the name “Melrose Park-Oak Lawn-Fairview Historic District”.] Ms. Pemberton asked if outbuildings conveyed the transition from trolley service to automobile traffic. Mr. Sherrer said that trolley service ended just outside the neighborhood in walking distance in Old Shandon. Mr. Sherrer added that the neighborhood was early on billed as a trolley neighborhood but automobile garages began appearing soon in the neighborhood’s development. Ms. Moore said this nomination is a great resource for City preservation staff. Ms. Martha Fowler, property owner in the district, spoke in support of the nomination and in appreciation of City preservation staff. Ms. Seibels made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Lee. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Pine Street School (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County)** was presented by Ms. Katherine Ferguson of MacRostie Historic Advisors, on behalf of the preparer, Ms. Roysin Younkin, also of MacRostie Historic Advisors. Mrs. Anne Chapman Jeter, current Principal of Pine Street Elementary School, spoke in support of the nomination. Mrs. Jeter said she also spoke in support of the nomination on behalf of the Superintendent of Spartanburg District Seven and Mr. Donnie Love [resident of nearby Converse Heights neighborhood and architect with McMillan Smith Partners, design firm for the Pine Street School 1999-2001 addition]. Mr. Al Jeter, employee of Spartanburg District Seven also spoke in support of the nomination, commenting that the community insisted that the historic school be preserved and maintained rather than replaced. Mr. Chandler noted that this was a very important building by a very important architect (Charles Coker Wilson) and asked if the name of architect Harold Tatum appeared on any drawings for the school. Ms. Ferguson said she did not see that name. Ms. Ferguson also noted she was impressed by the great awareness and appreciation of the school’s history by its students and teachers. Ms. Pemberton made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Moore. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:
The fall 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2016.
The spring 2017 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017.
The summer 2017 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

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Minutes of the November 18, 2016, 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.

Members Present

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Ms. Meg Gaillard, Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr., Ms. Trudy Seibels, Ms. Amy Moore, Dr. Lydia M. Brandt (Vice-Chair), Ms. Katherine Saunders Pemberton

Members Absent

Dr. J. Edward Lee, Dr. Andrew White, Dr. Millicent Brown, Ms. Amalia Leifeste

Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of Board Members

Mr. Kinney introduced the board members.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the July 22, 2016, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Huff made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Moore. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney welcomed all present.

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 commended Mr. Kinney's attendance at the meeting despite recently suffering a broken leg. Mr. Kinney noted that he had only missed one meeting in thirty years. 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. Ehren Foley and Ms. Virginia Harness. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. John Sylvest, Ms. Emily Dale, Ms. Adrienne Daggett, Ms. Morgan Jones-King, and Mr. Justin Davis.

Amendment to the Agenda

Mrs. Johnson announced that the sponsors of the Pelzer Historic District nomination had requested that it be pulled from the agenda in order to add to the nomination. Mrs. Johnson requested that Mr. Kinney call for a motion to formally amend the agenda. Mr. Kinney asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove the consideration of the Pelzer Historic District. Dr. Huff moved that the agenda be amended and Dr. Brandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Dr. Foley briefly commented on the timeline for listing on the National Register after approval by the review board.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **St. Luke's Parish Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery (Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County)** was presented by Mr. Lou Benfante, co-preparer and President of the Heritage Library Hilton Head, South Carolina. Ms. Iva Welton, a life member, past President of the Heritage Library, and co-preparer of the nomination spoke in support of the nomination. Ms. Linda Piekut, Executive Director of the Heritage Library, was also present. Mr. Kinney asked if the Baynard family buried in the cemetery was the same Baynard family associated with the Stoney-Baynard House. Mr. Benfante confirmed that it was the same family. Ms. Saunders Pemberton asked if any enslaved people were buried in the cemetery. Mr. Benfante stated that there was no evidence of the burial of enslaved people in this cemetery, but that there are some fourteen African-American cemeteries on Hilton Head Island. Dr. Brandt recommended that the lack of burials of enslaved people be included in the nomination. Dr. Brandt also suggested the the Baynard Mausoleum should be classified as a structure or an object, not a building, based on the guidelines of the National Park Service. Dr. Brandt then asked about the fate of the destroyed chapel. Mr. Benfante explained that the speculative answer is that freed slaves dismantled the chapel and reused the building materials during or right after the Civil War. Dr. Brandt recommended that this be added to the nomination. Ms. Gaillard asked about the methodology of planned archaeological investigations on the site. Mr. Benfante stated that Dr. Sangar would be conducting the investigations with the aid of a student. They hoped to use ground-penetrating radar and shovel test pits to carry out

the work. Dr. Huff moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, with a second by Ms. Seibels. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Charleston Consolidated Railway, Electric, and Gas Company Car House (Charleston, Charleston County) was presented by the preparer Ms. Hillary King, Professor of Computer Aided Drawing at the American College of the Building Arts (ACBA). Mr. Jay (James) Waddell, Vice-President of the ACBA, spoke in support of the nomination and noted the careful restoration of the car house currently underway. Ms. Saunders Pemberton commended the ACBA for their restoration work. Ms. Saunders Pemberton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brandt, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. General Asbestos and Rubber Company Main Mill (North Charleston, Charleston County) was presented by the preparer, Ms. Katherine Ferguson, Consultant at MacRostie Historic Advisors. Mr. Andrew Chandler, retired Senior Architectural Historian at the State Historic Preservation Office and current independent consultant, remarked that on a site visit to the site in the early 1990s that all of the GARCO buildings were still standing and that he was glad to see the last remaining building nominated to the National Register. Mr. Chandler also asked about mill worker housing in the area and suggested that a discussion of worker housing could be added to the nomination. Ms. Moore asked about what type of mitigation for asbestos occurred in the building. Ms. Ferguson stated that the City of North Charleston undertook asbestos abatement in the building about ten years ago. Ms. Saunders Pemberton asked about 1972 as the end date for the period of significance. Ms. Ferguson explained that this date coincided with the end of NASA's Apollo program, for which GARCO provided key materials. Dr. Brandt requested that the architectural description of the additions for Criterion C be expanded upon. Mr. Kinney asked about the proposed new use of the building. Ms. Ferguson stated that it would be used for offices and restaurants. Dr. Foley made a statement regarding the role of Criterion Consideration G and its proper application. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Saunders Pemberton. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Old Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery and Kilgore Cemetery (Simpsonville vicinity, Greenville County) was presented by Dr. Ehren Foley of the State Historic Preservation Office on behalf of the preparer, Mr. Kyle Campbell, who was unable to attend due to illness. Dr. Brandt asked about the number of cemeteries, arguing that there are three distinct sites as opposed to two. Ms. Moore asked if any work had been done to determine the age of undated stones. Dr. Foley answered that he was not aware of any such effort apart from some oral history. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Huff. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. Columbia Commercial Historic District – Additional Documentation (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by the preparer, Mr. Andrew Chandler. Mr. Freeman Belser, owner of the property, and Mr. Ben Rex, a future

tenant of the property, briefly spoke in support of the nomination and thanked the Columbia preservation community for their support. Ms. Martha Fowler noted that her great-grandfather had been involved in the construction of five buildings on the 1600 block of Main Street and commended the creation of the Columbia Commercial Historic District. Mr. Robert Lewis commended Historic Columbia for their work on the Columbia Commercial Historic District nomination and noted that it has helped bring business back to Main Street. Dr. Brandt cautioned the removal of slipcovers, noting that in some cases the slipcovers of buildings may themselves be historic (citing King's as an example). She also asked about the plans for the windows on 1608 and 1634 Main Street. Mr. Chandler said that new windows would be made to match the originals as closely as possible. Dr. Huff commented that he had many memories of shopping in these buildings in the 1940s and that it was fascinating to see their evolution over time. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Gaillard. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. Columbia Commercial Historic District – Boundary Increase (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by Mr. Andrew Chandler on behalf of the preparer, Janie Campbell. Mr. Robert Lewis thanked Mr. Chandler for his work on the boundary increase to the nomination and explained that a boutique hotel was planned for the two buildings (along with the Powell Furniture building). Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Moore. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

7. Olympia Union Hall (Columbia vicinity, Richland County) was presented by Mr. John M. Sherrer III of Historic Columbia on behalf of the preparer, Ms. Meg Southern. The owner, Mr. Richard Burtt, spoke in support of the nomination and thanked Historic Columbia, with special thanks to Mr. Sherrer and Ms. Southern. Dr. Brandt asked about the substantial brick buttresses, noting their uniqueness. Dr. Foley stated that he believed them to be symbolic rather than structurally necessary. Dr. Huff noted that it was hard to underestimate the hostility between Olympia Mill Village and the City of Columbia, and Ms. Seibels noted that vestiges of that animosity were still present. Mr. Kinney expressed his desire to know more about the buttresses and Ms. Saunders Pemberton noted the unusual corner entrance of the building. Mr. Sherrer noted that there was some evidence that the brick used to construct the buttresses was recycled. Mr. Chandler noted that the boundary between Columbia and mill villages had remained unchanged until very recently. Dr. Brandt expressed her general enthusiasm for the union hall building. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Moore. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The spring 2017 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017.

The summer 2017 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2017.

The fall 2017 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Saunders Pemberton moved to adjourn and Dr. Brandt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.