

Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2022

Minutes of the State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting

Friday, January 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

*Lake Michigan Room, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Anderson, Daniel Bollman, Kemba Braynon, Matthew Daley (arrived: 10:25), Lane Demas, Krysta Ryzewski

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Devan Anderson, Rhonda Baker, Janet Kreger (all pre-excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Arnold, Mike Hambacher, Amy Krull, Martha MacFarlane-Faes, Nathan Nietering, Sarah Surface-Evans, Todd Walsh, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Jon Stuckey, Andrew Fillmore, Michigan Office of the Attorney General (AG)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

From list.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Kemba Braynon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda of the January 28, 2022 regular board meeting.

Motion: Demas

Second: Dean Anderson

Vote: 5-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2021

Board Comments: None

Motion to approve the minutes as proposed.

Motion: Ryzewski

Second: Bollman

Vote: 5-0

4. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS – Jon Stuckey

Motion to accept the proposed amendment to the bylaws as presented.

Motion: Bollman

Second: Demas

Vote: 5-0

5. SHPO STAFF REPORT – Martha MacFarlane-Faes

- MacFarlane-Faes acknowledged Baker and Kreger's terms on the Review Board have expired. The SHPO has submitted recommendations to the Governor's Office for new board members to fill these vacancies but these have not yet been named.
- Staffing changes within SHPO: architect Debra Johnson departed in November. Three new staff members joined the SHPO on January 10 and were welcomed by the Review Board members: Amy Krull, Federal Projects Archaeologist; Scott Slagor, Cultural Resource Protection Manager; and Sarah Surface-Evans, Senior Archaeologist.
- SHPO held the required public hearing for the new State Historic Tax Credit on December 10, 2021 and received minimal comment. This was the last required step before the entire rules and comments package was turned over to the Michigan Office of Hearings and Rules (MOHAR) and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for their final approvals, exact timeline not known. The target is still to launch the tax credit to the public in July of 2022.
- Several communities have expressed an interest in participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, including Cheboygan, Holly, Howell, Highland Park, Muskegon, Negaunee, Pontiac, Royal Oak, and Saginaw. Three new communities joined the program recently: Linden, Livonia, and Mackinac Island, bringing the number to 35 active CLG communities in Michigan.
- In 2022, SHPO intends to launch the Resilient Lakeshore Heritage Grant Program. This is enabled by a \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Preservation Grant from the National Park Service (NPS) which will create a subgrant program in Michigan designed to assist smaller maritime communities with physical building repairs. Eligible communities will be active CLG participants, or communities which participate in Michigan Main Street, or MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities program, about 24 communities in all. The program details are tentatively scheduled to be made public in April with applications due in July. Additional outreach is being planned as the launch date gets closer,
- Several applications for the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grants were received. Additional information is being sought from all applicants before selections will be made.
- Several CLG program grants are currently open, in various stages of completion, including the City of Kalamazoo's Edison Neighborhood Survey, City of Mason's Public Library Rehabilitation, City of Birmingham's Historic District Design Guidelines and the City of Manistee's Ramsdell Theatre Master Plan Update. 2022 CLG Grants have not yet been announced.
- In addition, SHPO is managing several recent NPS grant awards, including two NPS Underrepresented Community Grants for three National Register

nominations relating to Civil Rights sites in Detroit, and three African American Civil Rights program grants to survey African American housing in Inkster, survey Civil Rights sites in Muskegon County, and to replace the roof and other repairs at King Solomon Church in Detroit.

- Todd Walsh (SHPO National Register Coordinator) noted that all of the properties heard at the September Review Board meeting have been submitted to NPS and formally listed. There has been some good public outreach about some of the recent nominations in various local news outlets. SHPO intends to publish a National Register year-in-review press release in the coming weeks to recognize all listed sites from 2021.
- Mike Hambacher (SHPO Staff Archaeologist) summarized the October 23, 2021 Michigan Archaeology Day, which took place outside in the parking lot of the Michigan History Center in Lansing as a response to continued Covid-19 concerns. Attendance was down from a “normal” year, but the estimate of 450 participants was widely considered to be a success. The 2022 event date will be determined soon and planning will start all over again, this time with more archaeology staff!
- With new staff coming on board, a working group was recently formed among the archaeologists employed by the state. It includes all of the archaeologists in different state agencies including the SHPO, the DNR, and MDOT. The idea is to be able to better coordinate between archaeologists in the different state agencies, to talk about similar problems and issues, policies and procedures so that there is some consistency at the state level in terms of how archaeological resources are dealt with.

NOTE: Daley arrived at 10:25 a.m.

6. GOVERNOR’S AWARDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Nathan Nietering

Nominated Projects to receive 2022 Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation:

- Orchard Beach State Park Shelter Building relocation and rehabilitation, *Manistee Township*
- Crapo Building (The Legacy) rehabilitation, *Bay City*
- Thompson Block rehabilitation, *Ypsilanti*
- Fishtown high water mitigation efforts, *Leland*
- Olds-Merchant National Bank and Trust Building (The Milton) rehabilitation, *Battle Creek*
- Alpha House long-term stewardship, *Detroit*
- Kalamazoo State Theatre long-term stewardship, *Kalamazoo*

Motion to accept and recommend the seven nominations as presented.

Motion by Demas

Second by Dean Anderson

Vote 5-0 (recused: Braynon)

7. CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT

Individual letters of support were received in support of the Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic's Complex nomination, the Vicksburg Historic District nomination, the Middleville Depot nomination, for the Gibson Factory and Office Building nomination, for the Garfield School nomination and the Webster School nomination.

Summary of Public Comment:

NOTE: Comments offered by the public are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

- Jackie Koney – agenda item 8f., Vicksburg Historic District nomination – spoke in support of the nomination presented today.
- Patricia Rayl – agenda item 8h., Middleville Depot nomination – spoke in support of the nomination presented today.
- Katherine Schmidt – agenda item 8h., Middleville Depot nomination – spoke in support of the nomination presented today.
- Vern Gustafsson – agenda item 8b., Webster School nomination – spoke in support of the nomination presented today.

8. NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

a. **Gibson, Inc. Factory and Offices, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County**

Presented by Gene Hopkins

Board Comments: Dean Anderson inquired about the level of significance proposed for this nomination, as Gibson was a national leader in string musical instrument development and manufacturing. Hopkins responded that there was substantial discussion about the impact of Gibson and what the appropriate level was for this nomination, but the significance of the company on Kalamazoo, the local community, was deemed to be most important.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.

Criteria and Level: A, local

Motion: Bollman

Second: Demas

Vote: 6-0

b. **Elmer R. Webster School, Pontiac, Oakland County**

Presented by Jessica Quijano

Board Comments: Braynon noted she appreciated the care taken to explain the history of segregation in the school system, and these details contribute to the value of this nomination. Bollman added his overall support for the nomination and highlighted how exceptional it was to see the historical photograph included of the gymnasium where the skylights were uncovered, and how spectacular the view was. The description of the skylights, which currently covered, was greatly enhanced by the inclusion of that photo.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.
Criteria and Level: A&C, local
Motion: Dean Anderson
Second: Demas
Vote: 7-0

c. Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic Motherhouse Complex, Grand Rapids, Kent County

Presented by Jennifer Metz

Board Comments: Braynon commented that its always a pleasure to see a complex that has retained such a high level of integrity maintained throughout.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.
Criteria and Level: A&C, consideration a., local
Motion: Ryzewski
Second: Daley
Vote: 6-0

d. Garfield School, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County

Presented by Kristine Kidorf

Board Comments: Demas commented that the nomination was well assembled and did a good job of concisely illustrating the history and significance of the building.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.
Criteria and Level: A&C, local
Motion: Dean Anderson
Second: Daley
Vote: 6-0

e. Luther Burbank Elementary School, Detroit, Wayne County

Presented by Shannon Winterhalter

Board Comments: Ryzewski stated she appreciated the detailed discussion of Carducci's work, and verification of his involvement. Braynon added that it was good to see another school moving toward listing under the Detroit Public Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), which was approved about a decade ago, which can better enable individual schools to be listed.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.
Criteria and Level: A&C, local
Motion: Daley
Second: Ryzewski
Vote: 6-0

NOTE: the Board took a lunch break starting at 11:56 a.m. The meeting business resumed at 12:25 p.m.

f. Vicksburg Historic District, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo County

Presented by Cheri Szcodronski

Board Comments: Dean Anderson complimented Szcodronski on the quality of the nomination and voiced his particular support for the paragraph that discussed archaeological potential and how statements such as this can raise awareness for future archaeological work. Szcodronski responded that Vicksburg is a bit of a gem that is aware of some of its archaeological history based on the remains from earlier extant mills in the community. Braynon stated it was nice to see the wide variety of architectural styles which exist in the village.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.

Criteria and Level: A&C, local

Motion: Demas

Second: Bollman

Vote: 6-0

g. Parkwyn Village Historic District, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County

Presented by Peter Copeland

Board Comments: Walsh emphasized that this nomination was a great example of grassroots preservation largely spearheaded by Copeland to recognize the neighborhood's history. Walsh also added that the intention was to nominate Parkwyn at the state level of significance, but "local" had been included by mistake. If the Review Board is in agreement, SHPO will plan to submit the nomination at the state level, since the case for that has clearly been made. Braynon expressed appreciation for the discussion of the co-op movement and the history of how this particular area came to be.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented, revising the level of significance to the state level.

Criteria and Level: A&C, state

Motion: Bollman

Second: Demas

Vote: 6-0

h. Michigan Central Railroad Middleville Depot, Middleville, Barry County

Presented by James Miller

Board Comments: Bollman stated his enthusiasm for how intact the building was, particularly the interior integrity. Bollman continued with a question about how newer technologies, such as a digitized home video from the 1950s, might inform future nominations. Walsh acknowledged that video technologies are in fact becoming more commonly used as part of the research phase of some

nominations. Demas commented how as late as the 1950s it appears that passengers and freight were using equipment which largely dated from 1910, and how much of that appears to remain today.

Motion to approve the nomination as presented.

Criteria and Level: A&C, local

Motion: Bollman

Second: Ryzewski

Vote: 6-0

9. LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE REPORTS – Amy Arnold

a. Franklin Village Local Historic District Proposed Modification, Franklin, Oakland County

Board comments: None.

b. De-List 54 E. Square Lake Road, Troy, Oakland County

Board comments: None.

10. APPEALS

a. None.

11. PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2022; September 23, 2022; January 20, 2023; special meeting (suggested date March 18, 2022)

Motion to accept this calendar of proposed dates

Motion: Ryzewski

Second: Demas

Vote: 6-0

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Demas

Second: Ryzewski

Vote: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nathan Nietering