

National Register Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom, streamed online via YouTube

Chair Dr. Alicia McGill called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Attending National Register Advisory Committee members were Fred Belledin, David Bergstone, Mary Lynn Bryan, David Dennard, Tamara Holmes-Brothers, Matt Jorgenson, Alicia McGill, Shawn Patch, Barbara Snowden, and Josi Ward. David Ruffin was absent, Josi Ward attended the training session, and Mary Lynn Bryan and Tamara Holmes-Brothers left the meeting early.

Attending Historic Preservation Office staff were DSHPO Ramona Bartos, Hannah Beckman-Black, Claudia Brown, Beth King, Jeff Smith, Audrey Thomas, Deputy Secretary / SHPO Darin Waters, John Wood, and Sarah Woodard. Matt Zeher from the Department of Cultural Resources' marketing department attended to assist with the streaming and online meeting platform.

Dr. McGill noted that this was her last meeting as her last term drew to a close and thanked everyone. She reminded everyone that the livestream was beginning, and that the auditorium was open for in-person viewing of the meeting. She noted that NRAC meetings are public meetings, not public hearings, so comments in the YouTube stream can be shared as a courtesy. She reviewed chat use, muting, and conflict-of-interest requirements, and she asked members to advise her of any conflicts of interest. Dr. McGill also stated that votes will continue to use a roll call process, and she addressed breaks and lunch.

She asked for corrections to the February minutes. Dr. Bryan moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Jorgenson seconded approval. Vote: 8-0 (chair does not vote and Ms. Ward had left the meeting)

Following introductions of committee and HPO staff, Dr. McGill turned the meeting over to Ramona Bartos who thanked Dr. McGill for her service. Ms. Bartos provided a brief update from the division, including personnel changes.

HPO staff then provided a training session covering National Register significance and integrity, committee by-laws, and National Register nomination processing.

Darin Waters, the State Historic Preservation Officer, joined the meeting during the training.

After training, Dr. McGill introduced Dr. Waters, who thanked staff and the committee for their work. He provided an update on legislative activity, highlighting the Governor's budget's inclusion of support for historic resources.

Claudia Brown began the National Register presentations with **Pilot Life Insurance Company Home Office in Guilford County**. Ms. Brown provided a tour of the buildings and campus. She explained the boundary and the justification for the boundary, which excludes a now-drained lake, and she reviewed the building's history and significance. The building is proposed to be eligible for the Register under Criteria C for its architecture. The period of significance begins in 1927 and ends in 1965.

David Bergstone asked what material was covering the front of the building. Ms. Brown described plastic sheeting to cover places where the brick veneer has come off.

Mary Lynn Bryan made a motion to recommend the nomination. Matt Jorgenson seconded the motion. Vote: 8-0.

Sarah Woodard next presented **Westside High School in Columbus County** as the first of her slate of presentations. She described the school noting that it was a segregation-era school for African American students. She noted that staff has concerns about technical aspects of the application, but that staff believed that the school is a good candidate for the National Register under Criteria A in the areas of Education and Black Ethnic Heritage and Criteria B for its association with Erastus and Lucy Campbell. The period of significance was proposed from 1948 to 1969.

Ms. Woodard continued with **Kimberlee Apartments in Mecklenburg County**. She described the Modernist apartment building and where it fits in the history of Charlotte's post-war development. The site includes carports, a rock garden, landscaping, and a kidney-shaped pool. The building is significant for its Modernist architecture under Criterion C with a period of significance of 1965, which is the year construction was completed.

Ms. Woodard then moved to **City Motor in Salisbury in Rowan County**. City Motor is significant as an early post-World War II car dealership in Salisbury. The site includes the main showroom and service building, an office, two parts storage buildings, and another service building. The complex is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C, and the period of significance begins in 1947, the year the showroom was built, and ends in 1958.

David Dennard moved to vote on resources separately. Barbara Snowden seconded the motion. Vote: 8-0.

Mr. Bergstone brought forward concerns about Westside High School. He noted some copy-editing corrections, but he went on to note concerns about the level of statewide significance the nomination attempts to achieve and about the period of significance. He asked about the possible success of the nomination at the proposed levels of significance. Ms. Woodard stated that the staff has no doubt about eligibility, but does share Mr. Bergstone's concerns regarding significance, and she noted that staff believes local significance is the better path forward. She stated that staff had worked with the applicant, but that the applicant had made the decision to submit the application in its current state. Dr. McGill asked questions about what happens when nominations are returned from the Park Service.

The committee asked questions to clarify what the committee is considering: the eligibility of the building or the completeness or thoroughness of the nomination. The committee also asked questions about staff's ability to successfully assist the applicant with needed changes and continued debating how to move forward in a way that strengthens the nomination.

Shawn Patch made a motion to approve the nomination of Westside High School with the preparer reconsidering the period of significance and level of significance. Fred Belledin seconded the motion. Vote: 8-0.

Ms. Snowden moved to recommend nominating Kimberlee Apartments. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion. Vote: 8-0.

The committee then turned its discussion to City Motor Company. Dr. Dennard recalled alerting the applicant that the windows needed to be in place based on their earlier Study List feedback. Mr. Bergstone noted that the façade is key to significance and reiterated that the committee had clearly stated that the building needed windows. Dr. Dennard stated that the committee continued their commitment to their earlier Study List-phase recommendation regarding the windows. Ms. Snowden recalled again that it was not only a staff recommendation that the windows be in place, but she noted that the committee itself had recommended windows. Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to recommend that the SHPO not send the nomination forward. Mr. Bergstone seconded. Mr. Belledin asked for an amendment to not recommend approval until windows are in

place. Mr. Jorgenson accepted amendment, but Mr. Bergstone questioned the intent or necessity of the condition. Discussion ensued and Belledin withdrew his amendment. Mr. Jorgenson clarified that his motion is to not recommend the nomination for National Register listing. Vote: 8-0.

The committee adjourned for a break from 1:03 until 1:10.

Hannah Beckman-Black began her slate of presentations with the **William and Barbara Mutschler House in Wake Forest in Wake County**. She included Barbara Mutschler's original hand-drawn sketches for house's plans. Ms. Beckman-Black moved through an exterior and interior tour and set the house into the context of Modernism in Wake Forest providing numerous comparable examples. The house was proposed to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the area of architecture. The house however was completed in 1973.

Ms. Beckman-Black proceeded with her presentation regarding the **Eunice Waymon Birthplace in Tryon in Polk County**. She presented interior and exterior photos and noted changes to the building. She then presented a short history of Eunice Waymon's life. Ms. Waymon exhibited progeny-level musical talent, and ultimately studied at Julliard with plans to become a classical pianist. After being rejected from another music program, she began playing jazz and took on the stage name Nina Simone. The family left this house when Simone was still a young child, but the family's next house has been demolished. Ms. Beckman-Black also presented information to illustrate how this building is the best representative of Simone's early life and formative years even though she only lived here a few years. The house was proposed to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion B for its association with Waymon.

Ms. Beckman-Black moved forward with a presentation about the **Lynncote Historic District in Polk County**, eligible for the Register under Criterion B in the areas of social history and literature and Criterion C for its architecture. Ms. Beckman-Black described how the Lynncote Estate, already listed in the National Register, and the proposed new district are related. The period of significance would run from 1896 with the construction with the first Lynncote mansion to 1928 with the completion of the second mansion.

Dr. Dennard asked about letters of support for Lynncote.

Mr. Jorgenson moved to consider the nominations separately. Dr. Dennard seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0 (Dr. Bryan and Dr. Holmes-Brothers had to leave the meeting by this point.)

Regarding the Mutchler House, Mr. Jorgenson made a motion recommending the SHPO not submit the nomination because the house is only 49 years old. Mr. Bergstone seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Dr. Dennard made a motion to recommend the Waymon Birthplace nomination. Mr. Bergstone seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Regarding the Lynncote Historic District, Mr. Jorgenson moved to approve. Mr. Belledin seconded. Vote: 6-0.

At 1:55, the committee stopped its work and began a lunch break; they then reconvened at 2:29.

Beth King began her Study List presentations with **Westview United Methodist Church in Catawba County**. Ms. King provided the location of the church in Hickory, very near the Burke County-Catawba County line. She provided images of the interior and exterior. She also presented comparable examples of churches and noted that the church was not added to the Study List when Hickory was surveyed in 2015. She reviewed the Criteria guidelines for churches and noted that HPO staff was not able to discover significance. Staff did not recommend Study Listing due to its lack of eligibility under any criteria.

She continued with the **Garfield Street Historic District in Iredell County**. She began by acknowledging and thanking the Study List preparers and welcomed them to the meeting. She placed the neighborhood on a map of Statesville and described its overall appearance. Ms. King reported that she had made a site visit and believed that the district boundary is well-considered. She noted the neighborhood's architectural highlights, including the Holliday House. She concluded by recommending the district for the Study List under Criterion A for social history and Black ethnic heritage, and possibly under Criterion C. The period of significance would likely run from approximately 1900 to the mid-1970s.

Dr. McGill offered a comment that she recalled one of her classes created a report associated with the Garfield Street neighborhood.

Dr. Dennard moved to approve staff recommendations for Ms. King's presentations. These recommendations were not to list Westview United Methodist Church and to list the Garfield Street neighborhood. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Ms. Woodard presented the **Coan-Gray House in Forsyth County**. She described Reynold Park, which is the subdivision in which the house stands. She noted that Coan-Gray is one of several Georgian Revival houses designed by Charles Barton Keen in Reynold Park. Ms. Woodard went on to describe the house's exterior and interior. Staff recommends that the house be added to the Study List for its architecture.

Ms. Woodard continued with the **Thompson-Jones-Anderson-Allen-Robertson House in Wake County**. The house is listed as a contributing resource to the Oakwood National Register Historic District. She located the house in Raleigh and provided the house's history. She quoted from the application and explained why staff does not believe the house to have neither the requisite significance nor integrity.

Mr. Bergstone noted that he had been in the Thompson-Jones-Anderson-Allen-Robertson House, and then asked if there was a move to list the Kent Road area of Winston-Salem as a district.

Mr. Patch made a motion to accept staff recommendations to add the Coan-Gray House to the Study List and not add the Thompson-Jones-Anderson-Allen-Robertson House to the List. Mr. Bergstone seconded. Vote: 6-0.

Mr. Smith began his presentations with the **Phillips 66 Service Station in Lee County**. He recounted the building's history and discussed Phillips 66's iconic station design. Mr. Smith described outstanding architectural integrity for the resource. This building was constructed around 1965, and staff recommends that it be added to the Study List under Criterion C for its architecture.

Mr. Smith continued with the **Simmons Tourist Inn in Lee County**. He described the building's design as a two-story, U-shaped, masonry building. He provided the building's history as a tourist home or apartment building for African American tenants. He concluded that staff believes the building is a candidate for the Study List under Criterion A for its association with African American history in Sanford.

Dr. McGill asked for comments or questions, but Mr. Jorgenson moved to approve both resources. Ms. Snowden seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Claudia Brown presented the **Downtown Albemarle Historic District in Stanly County**. She introduced the district by describing Albemarle's existing National Register and locally designated historic districts. She recalled the district proposed at the February meeting and explained questions and concerns that staff had about that proposal. She then provided a description of the newly proposed Study List district and how staff went about evaluating the district. She described the new boundary, which she helped delineate on a site visit.

Dr. Dennard moved to approve Study Listing of the Downtown Albemarle Historic District. Mr. Belledin seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Julie Smith presented the **Ruth and Golden Frinks House in Chowan County**. She located the house as a contributing resource in the Edenton Historic District. The house was the home of Ruth and Golden Frinks, who were nationally known Civil Rights advocates. Ms. Smith recommended that the house be Study Listed under Criterion A in the areas of Social History, African American Ethnic Heritage, and Civil Rights. It may also be eligible under Criterion B in the area of Civil Rights.

Ms. Beckman-Black then presented the **Clinchfield Mill No. 2 in McDowell County**. She described the evolution of the town of Marion, where Clinchfield Mill No. 2 is located, and set Mill No. 2 into the history of industry in Marion. She also provided comparable examples of other mills in Marion. Staff recommends Study Listing Clinchfield Mill No. 2 under Criterion A and C in the areas of Industry and Architecture.

She moved on to the **“Dirty Dancing Steps” in Rutherford County**. She described how the iconic 1987 movie was filmed at several iconic locations with a large portion of the movie filmed at the Chimney Rock Boys Summer Camp at Lake Lure. The primary dance scenes were filmed at the Boys Camp, and a set of stone steps are the only remaining resource from the Boys Summer Camp. The application argued that the steps are significant for their association with the filming of the movie. Staff did not recommend Study Listing for this resource because it has not met the fifty-year criteria.

The committee voted on all three resources, the Ruth and Golden Frinks House, Clinchfield Mill No. 2, and The Dirty Dancing Stairs. Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to follow staff’s recommendations to list the Frinks House and Clinchfield Mill No. 2, but to not list the Dirty Dancing Stairs. Mr. Bergstone seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

Ms. Snowden made a motion to the adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual Link- <https://youtu.be/gBtqwRVETcQ>

Please note: There will also be an option to view the meeting in-person at the Auditorium of the Archives and History Building, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh.

June 9, 2022
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

NATIONAL REGISTER AND STUDY LIST AGENDA

| COUNTY | PROPERTY/LOCATION | PRESENTER |
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NATIONAL REGISTER

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Central and Southeastern Regions

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| Guilford | Pilot Life Insurance Company Home Office Greensboro | Claudia Brown |
| Columbus | Westside High School Chadbourn | Sarah Woodard |
| Mecklenburg | Kimberlee Apartments Charlotte | |
| Rowan | City Motor Company Salisbury | |
| Wake | William and Barbara Mutschler House Wake Forest | Hannah Beckman-Black |

Western Region

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| Polk | Eunice Waymon Birthplace Tryon | |
| | Lyncote Historic District Tryon vicinity | |

STUDY LIST**SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH*****Central/Southeastern Regions***

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| Catawba | Westview United Methodist Church Hickory | Beth King |
| Iredell | Garfield Street Neighborhood Historic District Statesville | |
| Forsyth | Coan-Gray House Winston-Salem | Sarah Woodard |
| Wake | Thompson-Anderson-Allen-Robertson House Raleigh | |
| Lee | Phillips 66 Service Station Sanford | Jeff Smith |
| | Simmons Tourist Inn Sanford | |
| Stanly | Downtown Albemarle Historic District Albemarle | Claudia Brown |

Eastern Region

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| Chowan | Ruth and Golden Frinks House Edenton | Julie Smith |
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Western Region

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| McDowell | Clinchfield Mill No. 2 Marion | Hannah Beckman-Black |
| Rutherford | The Dirty Dancing Stairs Lake Lure | |