

MINUTES
GOVERNOR'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE
ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

October 11, 2016

The meeting was held at the Maryland Historical Trust office, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland.

Members present:

Nancy Schamu, Richard Longstreth, Robert Vogel, Peter Pearre, Julie Earnstein
Damie Stillman (comments by email)

Member absent: Adam Goodheart

MHT Staff:

Peter Kurtze, Nancy Kurtz, Kacy Rohn

Guests:

Len Bush & John Roe, owners of Union Brothers Furniture Company

Called to order by Chairman Longstreth, 10:00 AM

Minutes of March 10, 2016 meeting

Nancy Schamu made a motion to approve the minutes, Robert Vogel second, all in favor.

Union Brothers Furniture Company, Baltimore City

Criteria considered A, B, C; Criteria recommended A, B, C

Peter Pearre questioned Criterion B; Peter Kurtze explained owners were prominent within limited context of furniture manufacturing in Baltimore. Robert Vogel indicated that furniture was among the city's major industries.

Richard Longstreth stated that nominations proposed under Criterion C must address the physical aspects of the property's significance.

Nancy Schamu made a motion to recommend nomination, Peter Pearre second, all in favor.

Remington Historic District, Baltimore City

Criteria considered A, C; Criteria recommended A, C

Nancy Schamu observed that block-by-block description doesn't readily convey a sense of the neighborhood. Provide a "word picture." Richard Longstreth notes concentration of automobile dealerships. Julie Earnstein suggests list of non-contributing resources might provide comparative info. Peter Pearre offers additional information on the hospital, a pivotal element in the district.

Richard Longstreth made a motion to recommend nomination, Julie Earnstein second, all in favor.

Lime Kiln Bottom, Baltimore County

Criteria considered A, C; Criteria recommended A, C

Kilns are currently under restoration.

Peter Pearre made a motion to recommend nomination, Robert Vogel second, all in favor.

Phillips Packing Company Plant F, Dorchester County

Criteria considered A, C; Criteria recommended A, C

Richard Longstreth reiterated that nominations must address the physical significance of the resource, a huge urban-scale industrial plant in a modest-size town

Peter Pearre mentions the economic impact of the Phillips family's operations on the Eastern Shore and suggests adding Criterion B.

Richard Longstreth made a motion to recommend nomination, Nancy Schamu second, all in favor.

Crisfield Historic District (Boundary expansion), Somerset County

Criteria considered A, C; Criteria recommended A; C

The Crisfield Historic District was established in the 1980s. Following damage to the area as a result of Hurricane Sandy, a comprehensive reevaluation was undertaken to assess the integrity of the district and to consider including adjacent areas. Nancy Schamu pointed out the value of documenting the condition of each resource in ascribing contributing/non-contributing status.

Peter Pearre made a motion to recommend nomination, Nancy Schamu second, all in favor.

Craig, Capt. Robert S., Summer Cottage, Worcester County

Criteria considered A, C; Criterion recommended A

Following extensive discussion, the Committee recommended revising the nomination to focus more closely on the association with the Ocean City Beach Patrol and its lifesaving activities.

The cottage was the location of Patrol meetings before an official lifesaving station was established. The nomination does not present context to support Criterion C.

Richard Longstreth made a motion to recommend nomination, Nancy Schamu second, all in favor.

Other business:

Julie Ernstein informed the Committee that the Department of Interior Ethics Office requires that she resign to avoid potential appearance of conflict. The Committee thanked her for her service and offered a round of applause.

Date for next meeting February 14, 2017

Adjourned 12:02 PM.