



Preserving America's Heritage

**ACHP COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SUMMARY OF EVENTS
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FEDERAL AGENCY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jordan Tannenbaum called the meeting to order and welcomed incoming ACHP Chairman Aimee Jorjani as an observer of the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Staffing and Recruitment Update

Office of Federal Agency Programs Director Reid Nelson announced Emily Choi, a former ACHP intern, will join the Federal Permitting, Licensing, and Assistance Section in September.

Digital Information Task Force

Blythe Semmer provided an overview of four issues that emerged from the May meeting of the ACHP's Digital Information Task Force. The Task Force is charged with formulating recommendations for how the availability of digital and geospatial information about historic properties can be improved to inform federal project planning. The input of an advisory group of technical experts provided perspectives from the field in both cultural and natural resources management helped shape the definition of these issues. She requested input from the committee on the issue areas and whether others should be added.

Tom Cassidy (NTHP) said the output of the Task Force should be specific policies, examples and best practices, and funding recommendations. Maureen Sullivan (DoD) noted that any funding recommendations should be supported by information about the benefit that funding would bring to federal projects in terms of reduced time or costs. Members discussed the use of geospatial information about historic properties and some of the hurdles, including state disclosure laws, funding for technological platforms, and protecting sensitive information about federal facilities.

On the topic of funding, Caroline Henry (DOI) reminded the committee that industry representatives on the Task Force's advisory group indicated a willingness on the part of private enterprise to help fund state and tribal GIS improvements if they saved time and effort in the planning process. State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and tribes are already managing this data, but levels of digitization, system platforms, and accessibility vary widely. Mark Wolfe (NCSHPO) said states sometimes have to direct resources to other, more immediate needs, though GIS and databases are a priority to them.

While the Task Force needs to make the point of quantitative efficiency in project delivery, one place to begin may be the time savings of more readily-accessible information, particularly to industry in pre-planning stages. Reno Franklin mentioned the value of this data to the disaster recovery process. One suggestion for gathering metrics to support funding proposals was to survey agencies about their experiences, or the experiences of their applicants, in using GIS data at SHPOs. While full supporting

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information may not be available at this time, Brad White suggested the ACHP should talk about the fact that funding needs to be explored to advance the goal.

Ms. Semmer said funding opportunities might not be confined to requesting new sources of funds for states and tribes but could also include exploring how existing agency programs may be used to greater advantage for purposes like facilitating SHPO knowledge-sharing or providing training on the use of GIS. Mr. Nelson asked how the National Park Service (NPS) could play a greater role through technical assistance.

Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Workgroup

Mr. Nelson explained how the proposal to create a Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Workgroup is a means of supporting the recommendations in the 2018 Section 3 Report to the President. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has agreed to work with the ACHP on running the Workgroup as an outgrowth of the agency's interest in improving its use of Section 111 lease provisions and other shared issues of promoting historic building re-use. Proposed members are the Forest Service, Department of Defense, General Services Administration, US Postal Service, VA, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and NPS. The consensus of the committee was that Federal Preservation Officers are the appropriate level of representation.

Ms. Sullivan declined the invitation for the Department of Defense.

Mr. Nelson asked if there were other new developments since the publication of the Section 3 report. Dan Jiron (USDA) proposed including new Farm Bill provisions for Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies. There was general discussion about the goals and purpose of the Workgroup and the varying levels of expertise among property-managing agencies in using the out-leasing provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). USDA and VA are interested in the topic for this reason, and Mr. Cassidy noted the potential applicability for the NPS in addressing maintenance backlogs through partnerships with non-federal entities. Mr. Nelson summarized that the effort is partly about removing impediments to leasing and reusing historic buildings but will also build awareness of Sections 110 and 111 among all federal agencies. Agencies reporting for the 2018 Section 3 report cycle noted they needed assistance in this regard. The discussion concluded with an acknowledgement that since all agencies consult with the ACHP in using the Section 111 lease provisions, the ACHP plays an appropriate role in providing information on this topic.

ACHP Section 106 Training Update

Katry Harris provided an update on new developments in the Section 106 training program. She described a completely updated suite of classroom courses, which are designed for the learning needs of the ACHP's typical training audience: 50 percent federal agency staff, 25 percent applicants or contractors, and 25 percent all other categories of Section 106 participants. Feedback from previous courses and current adult learning techniques were used for the redesign, which emphasizes interaction rather than lecture for a mostly professional audience.

Ms. Harris also announced that five e-learning courses are available for free until September 30 on the ACHP E-Learning Portal, including the newest course on early coordination with Indian tribes developed with the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA). Three of the ACHP's most popular webinars are being converted to the e-learning format at this time, and they will be available on the Portal in the near future. A new webinar schedule will be announced around Labor Day. Committee members were encouraged to publicize these training opportunities within their organizations and constituencies.

Update on Major Activities

Rail Rights-of-Way Program Comment Guidance

Jaime Loichinger passed out an outline of guidance under development for the Rail and Transit Rights-of-Way Program Comment. She noted a review copy would be emailed to stakeholders the next day for a three-week review period. A teleconference for ACHP members to discuss the guidance draft will be scheduled about midway through that period. Colleen Vaughn (DOT) noted that the Department of Transportation will be distributing the draft to its transportation stakeholders at the same time for review. Betsy Merritt (NTHP) asked what role congressional staff played in the development of the guidance, and Ms. Vaughn replied none.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program Comment on Twilight Towers

Mr. Nelson reviewed the issue of “twilight towers,” or those cell towers constructed during an interim period before execution of the FCC’s Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Telecommunications Projects for which no Section 106 review can be documented. He explained the FCC’s previous exploration of a Program Comment to allow collocations on such towers following the process of the FCC’s Nationwide PA for Collocation, objections to the FCC’s proposed language, and the ACHP’s recommendations to FCC about responding to stakeholder concerns and considering other ways to resolve longstanding effects to historic properties that may be unknown, such as those incorporated in the Program Comment for Positive Train Control. Jill Springer (FCC) explained how the FirstNet program is motivating FCC’s interest in this issue, since it prioritizes collocating tower infrastructure. She reminded the committee of FCC’s previous public comment opportunity on the draft Program Comment in December 2017. Mr. Nelson recommended a panel of ACHP members to advise FCC before the agency advances a Program Comment request. The NTHP, NCSHPO, and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) expressed an interest in being on the panel. Shasta Gaughen (NATHPO) registered an objection to FCC’s contention the agency cannot locate twilight towers. Ms. Merritt noted the NTHP opposes this type of Program Comment.

Providence Viaduct I-95 Consultation Update

Ms. Loichinger reported recent progress on this case. After consultation was terminated last year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reinitiated consultation, and there has been considerable activity in the last couple of months. FHWA proposes the transfer of three properties to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, with preservation covenants to ensure preservation and access by the Narragansett Indian Tribe in perpetuity. Management plans for each property will be developed to ensure their setting is maintained. A new Programmatic Agreement has been drafted that includes these stipulations, and FHWA has communicated its interest in finalizing the new PA soon.

Implementation of the Vacant and Underutilized Properties Program Comment to the Department of Veterans Affairs

Doug Pulak (VA) explained that VA is currently reviewing comments received in response to its recent request that stakeholders examine lists of properties to which the Program Comment will apply. Twelve comments were received, from seven SHPOs, one tribe, one city, and three preservation organizations. A webinar on the Program Comment has been drafted and should be ready by the end of the fiscal year.

Proposed Revisions to National Register Regulations

Chairman Tannenbaum noted a final update on the ACHP’s efforts to advise the Department of the Interior (DOI) of comments and concerns with the proposed revisions was included in the meeting book. Serena Bellew (NPS) told the committee there was much interest in two *Federal Register* notices on the proposed revisions, returning 3,300 comments that the NPS is now sorting and categorizing. There is no set schedule for next steps. A second notice was specific to Indian tribes, and DOI staff attended a National Conference of American Indians meeting. Vice Chairman Leonard Forsman noted the unanimous opposition to the changes at that meeting as well as a sense by the tribes in attendance that the

consultation effort was inadequate. Valerie Grussing (NATHPO) observed that efforts to raise awareness among tribes about the proposed changes are especially important and that DOI's outreach has not constituted real tribal consultation. For instance, no letters were sent directly to tribal leaders. Mr. Franklin expressed disappointment that a good relationship between NPS and Indian tribes has been sacrificed over a small issue. John Fowler noted that the ACHP met with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), along with NCSHPO and NATHPO, to discuss regulatory review procedures. Ms. Merritt offered that only five out of more than 3,000 comments received in response to the first *Federal Register* notice were positive, an overwhelmingly negative reaction.

Defense Infrastructure: Additional Actions Could Enhance DoD's Efforts to Identify, Evaluate, and Preserve Historic Properties

Chairman Tannenbaum asked Ms. Sullivan to comment on her agency's response to the recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report titled, "Defense Infrastructure: Additional Actions Could Enhance DoD's Efforts to Identify, Evaluate, and Preserve Historic Properties." Ms. Sullivan characterized the findings as principally focused on data errors in DoD's property databases, which are inevitable given the very large number of properties the department manages.

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Reno Franklin called the meeting to order and welcomed Ms. Jorjani, the ACHP's first full-time chairman, to the committee meeting. He explained that while she has been confirmed, she is not officially onboard but is attending as an observer.

Traditional Knowledge Initiative

Chairman Franklin opened the discussion with a summary of the committee's thoughts from the March meeting as well as ACHP's recent efforts. He reminded the committee that it recommended the ACHP focus on education efforts. Chairman Franklin also noted that there has been overwhelming support for the ACHP to do something to help Indian tribes build respect for their traditional knowledge.

ONAA Director Valerie Hauser explained that staff has drafted an information paper. The paper is very basic, meant to introduce the reader to the concept of traditional knowledge and to explain that the term "special expertise" in the regulations essentially means traditional knowledge. She also explained that the audience is primarily federal officials, SHPO staff, applicants, and other Section 106 participants who have not worked with Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) or who do not understand the relationship of traditional knowledge to the Section 106 process. Finally, Ms. Hauser explained that the ACHP is not trying to define traditional knowledge but provide examples of how other organizations have defined it. The draft will be sent to tribal and Native Hawaiian staff, and ONAA will begin a new series of discussions about the paper to ensure this subject is treated with the utmost sensitivity and respect.

Mr. Fowler drew members' attention to the fact that when the ACHP revised the regulations, it included a requirement for federal agencies to acknowledge the special expertise Indian tribes and NHOs have to evaluate the eligibility of historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them. Robert Stanton asked how to preserve the wide array of traditional knowledge, thus making a regulatory basis for the ACHP's initiative on traditional knowledge. He suggested that staff continue to emphasize this. Katherine Slick suggested that traditional knowledge be tied to language preservation and noted the need for examples. She also said the connection to place is what everyone is trying to protect, and examples of successes would be helpful. Chairman Franklin reiterated the importance of language to tribal identity and even citizenship. Mr. Tannenbaum reminded the committee that indigenous languages were not allowed to be spoken at points in U.S. history, and Native peoples were punished for speaking them. Ms. Gaughen

again reminded the committee that traditional knowledge is “whatever a tribe says it is” and that the ACHP should not try to define it. She went on to suggest that federal agencies need to be comfortable with the knowledge that Indian tribes may not share traditional knowledge and that the ACHP needs to include confidentiality in the traditional knowledge discussion. She also reminded the committee that traditional knowledge is “an ancient way of knowing.” Dorothy Lippert recounted her recent experience in New Zealand and how everyone simply accepts that the land is Maori land, uses Maori place names, and knows Maori concepts, culture, and history. Ms. Bellew suggested ONAA staff meet with the FPO Forum to talk about traditional knowledge in the Section 106 process.

Early Coordination with Indian Tribes

Chairman Franklin referred to the draft handbook in the meeting book and reminded members that this is one of several ACHP initiatives to improve tribal involvement in federal agency infrastructure. Ms. Hauser provided a brief background about why the ACHP has created this handbook and how it is organized. She and Ira Matt explained that staff has coordinated with others including a tribal working group, industry representatives, and federal permitting agencies. They also pointed out that the handbook includes examples from an Indian tribe, an energy company, and a transportation agency. Ms. Harris announced that the companion e-learning course on early coordination just launched online. Members suggested the ACHP partner with the Council on Environmental Quality to promote the handbook and ensure that the course is promoted to other audiences, such as contractors. Staff explained that the goal is to publish the handbook in September; therefore, any input from members must be received in 30 days.

Status of ACHP-Salish Kootenai College Partnership

Mr. Tannenbaum provided an update on the ACHP delegation visit to the college in late May. He reported that Ms. Slick, Mr. Matt, Ms. Hauser and he met with college officials to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and ways in which the ACHP and the college could partner. It was a successful trip and upon his return, Mr. Tannenbaum secured funding to establish two scholarship funds, one of which is an endowed and named scholarship. The ACHP hopes to have the MOU in place in September.

GAO Report on Tribal Consultation in Infrastructure Projects

Ms. Hauser explained that there was a congressional request to GAO to review federal agency processes for tribal consultation on infrastructure. GAO looked at policies for consultation with tribes and Alaska Native Corporations, key factors that tribes and federal agencies identify as hindering effective consultation, and the extent to which federal agencies have taken steps to facilitate consultation on infrastructure projects. The 21 federal agency members of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council were selected. GAO also reviewed all written testimony from the 2016 consultations and interviewed officials from 50 Indian tribes in 2017 and representatives of eight intertribal organizations. Most of the findings and recommendations have been addressed over the years on guidance issued by the ACHP. The three reports from GAO, the ACHP, and the interagency group create a useful record of tribal concerns and potential agency actions that could help resolve them. A GAO representative will meet with the members during the business meeting to offer a summary of the report including its findings and recommendations.

Mr. Fowler suggested that the members consider ways in which the ACHP can respond to the report given that the ACHP has done a great deal of work, including issuing guidance, on federal agency consultation with Indian tribes. Ms. Slick suggested the ACHP send its early coordination handbook to the congressional members who requested the GAO report. Vice Chairman Forsman suggested that the ACHP emphasize “collaboration” between federal agencies and Indian tribes and that agencies be advised to frontload their project budgets with funding for tribal consultation, cultural resource management, and mitigation. Mr. Nelson suggested that agencies invest more in the beginning of the Section 106 process to avoid problems later.

COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chairman Robert Stanton called the meeting to order and started the discussion about the Touching History: Preservation in Practice program. Molly Baker from the National Trust's HOPE Crew said the Morgan State students will be doing projects both on their campus and again at the Peale Center in Baltimore. Patricia Knoll discussed the upcoming field trip the students were going to take to Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland, with an archaeology presentation and tour by former ACHP Expert Member Julia King.

The six Morgan State students were in attendance at the committee meeting and discussed their feelings about participating in the program. Student Terry Mayo said he never thought he would travel to Wyoming and was appreciative of the experience they had at Grand Teton National Park. He noted that he always wondered why people do not seem to take care of buildings like they should, and that is a reason he was drawn to historic preservation as part of his architecture degree. Student Stephanie Walker said she hopes to change the situation of abandoned buildings; this internship opened her eyes to so much. Student Tyriq Charleus said he started off not knowing what historic preservation was all about, but now he thinks it is time for him to teach it to others. He said many things need to be changed in his neighborhood in southeast Washington, D.C. Student Danasha Kelly said she wanted to be a more well-rounded architect, and taking this internship has helped that. Student Zahaira Williams said this experience has caused her to be more considerate of historic properties. Student Devin Funderburk said the Grand Teton experience made him see that it is larger than him and his colleagues; that preserving what is there for the next generation is important. Professor Dale Glenwood Green said diversifying the architecture profession is grossly important.

Susan Glimcher noted the ACHP is participating in the arts and humanities cluster of agencies as part of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It will also be part of the Initiative's annual conference in September hosting a breakout session about grant writing as well as a booth. Initiative Senior Associate Director Arthur McMahan said the Touching History program is exactly what he wants to see—students strengthening their communities and being the inspiration.

Mr. Tannenbaum said this is a program the ACHP branded, and it should continue. He suggested the Rosenwald schools as a possible preservation project. Dr. McMahan asked about the strategy to get the message down to high schools. There was discussion about trades, technical schools, and recreation centers, as well as social media and technology. Mr. Charleus said it is important to get the message to younger students, too; hands on activities for elementary kids would be useful.

Mr. Franklin encouraged the students to take in all the experiences they are offered and honor their ancestors. He said that will influence the way they design in their architecture careers. Dr. Lippert said the world needs these students' voices and thoughts. Terry Guen advised them not to be dissuaded from studying. Mr. Tannenbaum stressed the needs for a video about Touching History. Ms. Jorjani noted trades education is an area she will be focusing on during her chairmanship.

Outreach

Lynne Richmond discussed the recent outreach regarding the Apollo Mission Control Center. While in Houston for the grand opening of the newly-restored center, she posted to social media various times and conducted Facebook Live interviews with Chairman Donaldson before the main ceremony and with Johnson Space Center Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Tetley following the festivities. Those two interviews have been viewed more than 700 times.

Awards

Patricia Knoll announced that the next day's presentation of the ACHP Chairman's Award for

Achievement in Historic Preservation would acknowledge the efforts of NASA Johnson Space Center and its partners for the restoration of Apollo Mission Control. It is timely, as the nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing later this month. Several honorees from Texas will be present to make remarks and receive certificates.

She also explained the ACHP-HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation jury would meet the next afternoon. The ceremony will take place during the November business meeting.

Conferences

Ms. Knoll reported that, in addition to the HBCU Week conference in September, the ACHP will be sponsoring a table at the National Trust conference in mid-October in Denver, Colorado. Also, as part of the transition to a new chairman, OCEO will be exploring potential conferences that the new chairman might attend as a way to meet the preservation community.

PRESERVATION INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

America 250: The United States Semiquincentennial

After welcoming attendees to the meeting, Committee Chairman Brad White introduced Jim Campi of the American Battlefield Trust, which is serving as the administrative secretariat for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. Mr. Campi briefed the group on the status of planning for the celebration that has been branded as "America 250." Events and activities will take place from 2020 through 2027, with July 4, 2026, being the focal point. The initiative will celebrate not just the American Revolution, but also the 250 years of history since 1776. He asked the group for feedback on how to involve the ACHP and the preservation community.

Ms. Bellew (NPS) suggested reaching out to the British government, and Luis Hoyos recommended also coordinating with Mexico, Spain, and France. Mr. Stanton stressed the need to use the celebration to teach youth about civics and American history. Mr. Hoyos said NPS theme studies are an education vehicle, and that interpretation of historic places can be used to educate. Jeff Durbin (NPS) noted that a place-based focus on what was happening in the whole country in 1776 would help to promote inclusion.

Erik Hein (NCSHPO) reminded the group that the Historic Preservation Fund was established during the Bicentennial and suggested this might be the opportunity for another major preservation advance. Mr. Fowler noted that 2026 also will be the 60th anniversary of the NHPA. Mr. Cassidy (NTHP) suggested the possibility of new funding initiatives or creation of new national parks.

Ms. Gaughen (NATHPO) said the initiative offered an opportunity to acknowledge that the United States was "built upon the backs" of Indian tribes. Ms. Guen mentioned the need to address immigrant groups, such as the Chinese, who have come to America since 1776. Mr. Cassidy suggested looking carefully at what made the Bicentennial celebration a success and being sure to include the places and stories of all Americans. Mr. Stanton asked if the Semiquincentennial Commission will be having listening sessions to engage citizens, and Mr. Campi confirmed that they will.

New Notable Legislation and Legislative Actions

Chairman White, Mr. Stanton, and Mr. Tannenbaum serve on the Board of Directors of the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Campaign. They briefed the group on legislation that has been introduced that would require NPS to undertake a special resource study of sites associated with philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, particularly the schools that he funded. This is the first step toward possible creation of a discontinuous National Park.

Office of Preservation Initiatives (OPI) Director Dru Null briefed the group on several pieces of

legislation. The DOI appropriations bill that was included in a minibus of bills in the House includes favorable funding levels for historic preservation programs. However, Ted Monoson (NCSHPO) noted that the House and Senate still needed to reach a budget deal regarding spending caps for the next two years. He also mentioned that recently passed disaster recovery legislation includes \$50 million for the Historic Preservation Fund. NCSHPO and NPS have been in discussions about how to expedite distribution of this money given delays that occurred with last year's funding.

Ms. Null reported that the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act, which would make an approximately 10-mile protective zone around Chaco Culture National Historical Park off limits to federal mineral leasing, has received new support from the Administration. After Interior Secretary David Bernhardt visited Chaco, he declared a one-year moratorium on federal oil and gas leasing in the proposed 10-mile protective zone, and the Bureau of Land Management testified at a congressional hearing that DOI has no objection to the bill. Also of interest, the Explore America Act—which would authorize technical assistance to applicants under the Preserve America program in years where grant funds are not appropriated—has been reintroduced in Congress.

The Committee then turned to consideration of proposed motions to support four preservation-related bills. A question was raised regarding when a bill is considered to have Administration support since that would affect how federal agencies might vote on the motions. Ms. Null explained that if there is no official Statement of Administration Policy, other public pronouncements of a position—such as testimony before Congress by the agency involved—is deemed to reflect the Administration position. In the case of the Restore Our Parks/Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act, the President's FY 2020 budget included the funding program as set forth in the latter bill. There was general consensus in the Committee to support the proposed motion on these related bills.

Regarding the National Heritage Area Act, Nancy Boone (HUD) questioned whether the bill was ripe for comment, and Beth Savage (GSA) noted that NPS had not been clear in its congressional testimony regarding problems with the bill. Ms. Jorjani questioned whether the ACHP should dictate to NPS on reforming the program. Chairman White said the focus was on the codification of what is now an ad hoc program, and Mr. Fowler noted that OMB supports a more comprehensive approach to National Heritage Areas. Despite the issues raised, the general sense of the Committee was to advance the motion to the full membership.

There is no Administration position on the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act. While noting this might lead the federal agency representatives to abstain from voting on the bill, Ms. Null pointed out that the ACHP consistently has supported legislation to maintain and enhance preservation tax incentives. Shaw Sprague (NTHP) noted that the bill has a high level of support and momentum in Congress. There was a general consensus that the Committee supported bringing the proposed motion to the full membership.

NPS has testified in opposition to the African American Burial Grounds Network Act, recommending that it be amended to provide for a study to determine the most appropriate way of recognizing historic African American burial grounds in lieu of establishing another network-style program. Mr. Cassidy said the National Trust supports the bill. Mr. Wolfe (NCSHPO) expressed sympathy for the NPS concern regarding lack of resources to implement the several newly created Networks. Mr. White suggested amending the motion to support the NPS call to first do a study. Mr. Cassidy suggested tabling the motion and reaching out to advocates of the bill. The general consensus was to table the motion.

White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council

Ms. Boone announced that she had brought a letter from HUD Secretary Ben Carson declining the ACHP's request to be added to the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council (WHORC).

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the ACHP vote on a resolution asking HUD to reconsider its decision.

Mr. Fowler noted that HUD also chairs the new White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing, which was created on June 25. The Executive Order creating the new council identifies “historic preservation requirements” as one of the regulatory barriers. Ms. Null provided background on the ACHP’s previous involvement with affordable housing, including a policy statement that promotes flexibility in applying historic preservation review requirements. Mr. Wolfe noted there is a push in many communities to outlaw single family housing.

Mr. White suggested that the ACHP ask to be added to the affordable housing council in addition to seeking reconsideration of HUD’s decision on the request to join the WHORC. Ms. Savage asked what would be cited to HUD as the reason for reconsideration. Mr. Fowler responded that the ACHP could cite contributions to other Administration interagency groups, such as the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council. Ultimately, there was a general consensus on recommending that the full membership consider asking HUD to 1) reconsider its rejection of the request regarding the WHORC, and 2) add the ACHP to the affordable housing council.