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Adding a letter that Stephanie Meeks had previously sent requesting a meeting to discuss a proposed transmission line across the James River.

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From: Christine Luthy <CLuthy@savingplaces.org>
Date: Fri, May 12, 2017 at 3:45 PM
Subject: RE: Meeting request for Secretary Zinke and the National Trust for Historic Preservation
To: "SIO, Scheduling" <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Scheduling SIO <scheduling@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Caroline,

Attached you will find our completed form. Please let me know if you require anything else from us at this time.

Thank you!

Christine

From: caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov [mailto:caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** SIO, Scheduling
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Christine Luthy <CLuthy@savingplaces.org>
Cc: Scheduling SIO <scheduling@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting request for Secretary Zinke and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Hi Christine,

Apologies for the delay, things have been crazy here. I have attached our office's meeting request form. Please fill it out and return it to us! Is there a specific week you had in mind for the meeting?

Best,

Caroline

On Wed, May 10, 2017 at 9:55 AM, Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: **Christine Luthy** <CLuthy@savingplaces.org>

Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 4:20 PM

Subject: Meeting request for Secretary Zinke and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Hello Ms. Boulton:

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of Tom Cassidy, Vice President of Government Relations and Policy, I am writing to request a meeting with Secretary Zinke, Tom, and Stephanie Meeks, the President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Dan Jorjani recommended that I reach out you to start this scheduling process. If you could lead us in the right direction, that would be most helpful!

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Christine

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Meeting Proposal Information Form

*Please complete this form and send to scheduling@ios.doi.gov

Specific request to the Secretary:

We request a meeting with Secretary Zinke and Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Meeting date:

We request a meeting on either the morning of Friday, May 26th or the morning of Tuesday, May 30th. Should the Secretary be unavailable, we would be happy to suggest dates in early June.

Meeting location:

Department of the Interior.

Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):

Christine Luthy, CLuthy@savingplaces.org, (202) 588.6115

Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:

Introduction to the National Trust for Historic Preservation

- o The Secretary is by statute an ex officio member of the National Trust board. Dr. Stephanie Toothman was the most recent designee but she is retiring.
- o A new designee should be named.

Federal Historic Tax Credit

- o This is the most significant federal investment in historic preservation. Since President Reagan signed it into law in 1981 it has resulted in the rehabilitation of more than 42,000 buildings, the creation of 2.4 million jobs, and the generation of \$131 billion of private investment.
- o The Secretary takes the opportunity to participate in a HTC project ribbon cutting and raise the profile of this NPS program in either an urban or rural setting.
- o The Secretary advocates for the protection and enhancement of the HTC as part of the President's tax reform program.

National Park Service maintenance backlog and infrastructure

- o NTHP has been actively and successfully involved in advocacy for NPS maintenance budgets and also for dedicated funding.
- o Our HOPE (Hands On Preservation Experience) Crew projects also provide opportunities for youth and veterans to engage in rehab projects in parks.
- o The Secretary could take the opportunity to participate in a HOPE Crew project.

Historic Preservation Fund, including competitive grant programs

- o We are a principal advocate for the HPF FY17 levels were exceptional.
- o Successful competitive grant programs, including for civil rights, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, are essential to telling the stories of all Americans.

National Monuments

- o The National Trust has advocated for multiple national monuments for many years, including President Lincoln's Cottage (one of our historic sites), Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument (we are in the chain of title), Chimney Rock, Canyons of the Ancients, and Bears Ears.
- o We are involved in commenting on the President's Executive Order.
- o We have questions concerning public involvement in any report the Secretary may issue.

Expected meeting participants (names and titles):

Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Tom Cassidy, VP of Government Relations and Policy, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Desired length of time for the meeting:

One hour

Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?

All are identified above.

Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:

The National Trust has long collaborated with the Department of Interior and the Secretary. We look forward to establishing a strong collaborative relationship with Secretary Zinke.

With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?

The National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management.

If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?

The President of the National Trust has traditionally met with the Secretary of the Interior and we seek to continue that practice. If the days identified in this request do not meet the Secretary's schedule we will work to find another date.



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OFFICE OF THE
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March 15, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Department of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and our members, I am writing to express our concerns regarding a federal permit application from Dominion Virginia Power to construct a high voltage transmission line across the James River near Jamestown in Virginia. Today, visitors to Colonial National Park and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail experience a landscape that remains much the same as it was when the first permanent English settlement was founded on the shore of the James River in 1607. The proposed transmission line would cause severe negative impacts to these resources.

If constructed, the project would require that 17 towers, some up to 295 feet tall and equipped with flashing safety lights, cross the river. The towers would be visible from scenic overlooks along Colonial Parkway in Colonial National Historical Park. Visitors to the Captain John Smith Trail would be forced to travel underneath them. Constructing a transmission line in this location would permanently damage these federally managed resources, degrade the park visitor experience, and would devalue the federal investments that have been made to protect these sites.

The permit for the project is currently under review by the Army Corps of Engineers. The project has been proposed to address the long-term need for additional electrical capacity in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia caused by the retirement of two older coal generating plants. Last fall, the National Trust retained an engineering firm to develop technically feasible, reasonable alternatives. The firm determined that there are other feasible project alternatives that could be pursued rather than building a transmission line in this sensitive location. These results confirmed conclusions reached by other independent experts retained by other organizations, including James City County, during the state and federal review process.

Throughout the federal permitting review process for this project, the National Trust has requested that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared as required by the

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National Environmental Policy Act. Former Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and former National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis also supported preparation of an EIS due to concerns about the impacts that this project would have on park resources. A full review of alternatives continues to be the National Trust's goal.

The National Trust respectfully requests an opportunity to meet and brief you on this important project. We hope that we can secure your support for pursuing a solution that satisfies the power needs of the Hampton Roads area of Virginia and preserves the historic resources along the James River for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie K. Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Stephanie K. Meeks

President & CEO, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Cc: Michael Reynolds, Acting Director of the National Park Service