



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

*A Certified Local Government (CLG)
Program representing four governing bodies:*

*City of Billings
City of Laurel*

*Yellowstone County
Crow Tribe*

MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2017

First Floor Conference Room

2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present – Ed Saunders, Tracy Livingston, Kevin Nelson, Sue Mueller, Blain Fandrich, Nancy Curriden, Allen Rapacz

Members Absent –

Staff Present – Tam Rodier, Kevin Kooistra and Lora Mattox

Others Present – Alan Miller

Minutes - The minutes of the December were approved as presented.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Announcement – Lora wanted to announce that Kevin Kooistra has been named as the new Executive Director of the Western Heritage Center! With his advancement, Elisabeth DeGrenier will now be the Community Historian and our main point of contact. Congratulations to both!

CDBG Rehab – Tam Rodier, Community Development Program Coordinator, presented to the board information regarding proposed rehabilitation work on 19 Adams Street. The rehab work includes replacement of windows, exterior door, damaged eaves, soffit, fascia and correction/repair of the foundation. After review, it was determined that this property would not be eligible for the National Register and the proposed work is appropriate. Blair motion that CDBG rehab funds are appropriate for this property, Sue seconds. Approved unanimously.

2017 YHPB Roundtable – The Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, March 21st from 8:30 – 10:30 at the Western Heritage Center. Elisabeth sent out the information last week snail mail, Facebook announcements and through the City’s Notify Me list. The program will be similar to past years. Lora encourages the board to get the award announcements out.

2017-2018 YHPB Work Plan – Lora distributed a draft update of the 2017-2018 work plan for review. The work plan will be expanded to add the “Bricks and Boards” project for Laurel. This project has been done in the past with elementary and middle school students to photograph buildings/locations and discuss why they took the picture. CTA Architects in the past have been good partners on creating the story boards.

Certified Local Government Grant – As part of the grant submittal process, the YHPB is required to hear information regarding the grant submittal. Lora provided an overview of the grant including the cash and in-kind match. The Billings City Council is scheduled to act of the grant submittal at its January 23rd meeting.

Consultant's Report –

Roundtable

The 2017 Roundtable is scheduled for March 21st, 830-10am at the Western Heritage Center. Elisabeth sent snail mail invites and award nominations to attached recipients. The WHC will send out an email blast as well (does YHPB want their own email system?). A postcard reminder will be sent out in mid-February. Lisa Olmsted updated the YHPB website with the 2017 information.

North Elevation

After the announcement of the North Elevation nomination passing, Elisabeth and Kevin Kooistra were interviewed by the Billings Gazette and Last Best News. Both articles have been printed.

Elisabeth will be attending the Pioneer Park Task Force meeting with Lora Mattox on January 17th at 7pm at McKinley Elementary. Elisabeth will be doing a presentation on the North Elevation Friday, January 20th at 530pm for the Yellowstone Historical Society.

Yellowstone Kelly

Kevin will do a presentation on the Yellowstone Kelly site at the February meeting (tentatively).

WHC Notes

Kevin Kooistra is now the Executive Director for the Western Heritage Center and Elisabeth DeGrenier will be filling his role as Community Historian and will be the primary consultant to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora reported that she will attending the Pioneer Park Task Force meeting that evening. She will discuss possible locations for the National Register District Sign, the availability of signs for individual contributing properties and possibly holding a neighborhood celebration this summer. Lora will be heading to Helena on Friday to attend the Montana Historic Preservation Office Awards Ceremony. She will receive the City certificate for the North Elevation Historic District. A presentation has been scheduled for the City Council Work Session on February 21st. This will be an opportunity for the YHPB board to tell the council about the board activities.

Board Roundtable – Nancy thanked Ed for all his dedication and the research work he has been doing. The dedication of the Women of WWI is scheduled for April 6, 2017. The news made the AP! Ed states that he has approached City College about the monument base and they are very excited about being involved. Tracy expressed her concern with the historic documents located at the Irrigation Offices in Ballantine. The buildings located on this site are slated to be included on the National Register and there is concern that if no archiving or protection of the documents/maps doesn't occur soon, we could lose them. Blain suggests working with BOR or BLM with help archiving.

The next meeting will be held on February 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned.