



***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**  
**October 17, 2017**  
**First Floor Conference Room**  
**2825 3rd Avenue North**

**Members Present** –Kevin Nelson, Sue Mueller, Tracy Livingston, Blain Fandrich

**Members Absent** –Allen Rapacz, Nancy Curriden, Ed Saunders

**Staff Present** –Elisabeth DeGrenier, Tam Rodier and Lora Mattox

**Others Present** – None

**Minutes** - The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

Lora Mattox asked the board to consider adding an item to the agenda. The item was a CDBG housing rehab review project for Community Development. Sue motioned to add the review to the agenda, seconded by Kevin, approved unanimously.

**CDBG Rehab – 31 Rhea Lane** – Tam Rodier presented this project to the board. Work includes the replacement of the windows, roof, eaves, soffit, fascia, rear exterior door and open up the crawl space entrance for egress. The residence has been previously renovated and is not eligible for the National Register. Blain motions to approve the request of federal funds for the rehabilitation of the property, Sue seconds, approved unanimously.

**Member Tenure** – Lora reviewed the current board’s tenure on the board. She informed the board that they would probably receive a notice from the County to reapply for board appointment in the next few weeks. Nancy is the only board member that is not eligible (term limited) for re-appointment.

**What’s Next?** – Lora and the board discussed the review of the YHPB Work Plan and the projects included. In the next couple months, members of the board will identify some potential projects that would fit within the board dynamics. Projects that could be implemented and completed within a reasonable timeline. There are several projects on the work plan that haven’t been feasible to complete and would need further vetting.

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## **App Hosting**

Lisa Olmsted may possibly be changing the hosting of the walking tour app, will update as we know more.

## **McKinley School Nomination**

Kate Hampton from SHPO recently contacted Elisabeth for information on McKinley elementary school. She is going to be the National Register nomination process.

## **121 S. 26<sup>th</sup> Street – Mrs. Browning’s Furnished Rooms**

Demolition will begin soon. Elisabeth went to photograph the home on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The WHC is working with Riverstone Health on their Kresge grant and hope to provide interpretation on site of the home and Browning family. A few photos of the home and the historic property record are attached.

## **Hear Here**

La Crosse, WI has a program titled ‘Hear Here’.

In downtown La Crosse, orange street-level signs with the *Hear, Here* logo show you where stories are located. With your mobile phone, dial the toll-free number on the sign to access a first-person account of things that happened in the exact location where you stand. Access these same stories by clicking the icons in the map above to experience our history from the comfort of your own home.

**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora reported that she recently submitted the Semi-Annual CLG report to the State, everything is on its normal track. Lora mentioned that the North Elevation District Signs arrived in the last couple weeks. Lora is suggesting that with the lateness of the year and the change in the weather, that a Grand Opening or recognition event be held next May as part of Preservation Month. Parks has agreed to place one of the signs in a triangular park near the neighborhood boundary, another location will be identified. Also, some of the residents have expressed an interest in purchasing at their own expense, light pole banners announcing the historic neighborhood. Lora finally mentioned the Ethics Training offered by the City

**Board Roundtable** – Elisabeth mentions the final 2 walking tours of the year:

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Minnesota Avenue

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Mountview Cemetery

The next meeting – December 19<sup>th</sup> @ Moss Mansion