



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 16, 2018
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present –Kevin Nelson, Sue Mueller, Tracy Livingston, Blain Fandrich and Jim Graff

Members Absent –Allen Rapacz

Staff Present –Elisabeth DeGrenier and Lora Mattox

Others Present – Alan Miller

Welcome – Lora and the board welcome Jim to the meeting. Members go around and introduce themselves.

Minutes - The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Tracy.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Chair/Vice-chair Election – With Nancy Curriden term limited out, a new chair needs to be selected. Lora suggests a Vice Chair also to cover in the chairs absence. Blain expressed interest with Kevin stating he would be available for Vice Chair. Tracy nominates Blain as Chair and Kevin as Vice Chair, seconded by Sue. Approved. Blain takes over chairing of the meeting.

FY18 Certified Local Government Grant – Lora reviewed this year’s submittal. Once again we are applying for \$5500 with local match from the City of Billings (\$1031), City of Laurel (\$469) and Yellowstone County (\$1000). Out of the \$8000, \$7000 goes towards the contract with the Western Heritage Center for consulting services. Sue motions to submit the grant and authorizes the Chair to sign, seconded by Tracy, approved.

2018 YHPB Roundtable – Elisabeth informed the board that the Roundtable is scheduled for March 20th at 8:30 a.m. at the Western Heritage Center. Email invitations went out a couple weeks ago with hard copies going out soon. Invitation to submit nominations for the Eugene Carroll and Best Practices Awards were included.

2018-2019 YHPB Work Plan – Lora presented the draft of the 2018-2019 Work Plan for board review. Lora reviewed the draft project with the board, the projects included finishing the National Register nomination for McKinley School (SHPO), host the North Elevation Historic District signage ribbon cutting, identify and prioritize local individual and district properties for survey and nomination, and continue the creation of a National Register nomination for Pioneer Park through the A T & T mitigation cell tower project. Lora asked

the board to forward any additional suggestions or edits to Lora. The Work Plan will be reviewed and acted on at next months meeting.

Consultant's Report –

Roundtable

Website has been updated with the March 20th, 830am, and Western Heritage Center details. An email invite with nominations was sent out two weeks ago. The Montana History Foundation and Big Horn County Museum have already expressed interested in participating. Physical invites and nominations will go out this week. Board providing breakfast again?

Demolitions

Elisabeth received three demolitions from Lora, the WHC intern Amy Elmer is assigned to go take photographs of the buildings this week. Addresses: 519 North 32nd street, 429 N. 16th Street, and 430 N. 16th Street.

Conferences in Billings, 2018

Montana/Wyoming Archaeological conference: April 26-29, Red Lion – WHC hosting walking tour and reception

Mountain Plains Museum Association: September 10-14th – Elisabeth has been asked to be a part of a roundtable discussion about how to combine National Register locations with the public

Montana Historical Society: September 27-29th

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora asked the board to consider Jim's request to look at backing up the time for the board meeting. Blain and Kevin both report that the time works well for them to get to their jobs, Jim states that the current time is fine. Blain encourages him and the rest of the board to not hesitate to bring up if the topic needs to be discussed further. Lora had nothing further.

Board Roundtable – None

The next meeting – February 20th