



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
February 19, 2019
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present –Blain Fandrich, Sue Mueller, Evan Bruce, Becky Jeter, Allen Rapacz, Keith Edgerton and Kevin Nelson

Members Absent –

Staff Present –Lora Mattox, Lauren Hunley and Tam Rodier

Others Present –

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

Public Comment – No public comment.

CDBG Property Review –

912 South 29th Street – The property was constructed in 1936 and the work proposed includes the replacement of a portion of the asphalt roof, repair or replace soffits, fascia and trim. No real architectural features. Kevin motions for approval, Sue seconds, approved.

1238 Howard – The property states it was constructed in 1943, however, this property is a split-level and the board suggest a later construction date. Work includes the replacement of a portion of the asphalt roof, repair or replace soffits, fascia, flashing and trim, replacement of windows and the addition of egress window(s) and replacement of garage doors. Split level very common, no issues with the rehab. Keith motions for approval, Allen seconds. Approved.

621 Ave. D – Constructed in 1951 with some windows replaced. Work includes replacement of windows, addition of egress window(s) and replacement front entry door. Kevin motions for approval, Evan seconds. Approved.

130 Adams – Constructed in 1950. Work includes replacement of windows, replacement of overhead garage door, and repair/painting or replacement of siding, soffits, fascia and trim. Keith motions for approval, Sue seconds. Approved.

CLG Grant - Lora introduced the 2019 CLG grant application for board review. The board did not have any comments or additions. Keith motions for Lora to submit the grant application as presented to the State, Becky seconds. Approved.

2019-2020 Work Plan – Lora reviewed the updated work plan with the board and asked for any additions or edits. Blain states that it looks good. Lauren asks for direction with the Electronic Walking Tour. Lora will look into it and work with Lauren and the WHC on the tour. Lora also informs the board that an anonymous donor has bestowed an additional \$2,000 upon the board for historic preservation activities. This is in addition to the \$2,000 received last year. These funds are from the same donor. Keith motions to approve the work plan as submitted, seconded by Sue. Approved.

2019 Roundtable/Awards Review – At the time of the board meeting Lora had received one nomination for a Best Practices award and no nominations for the Eugene Carroll award. Lora asked if the board wanted to discuss potential recipients for the Eugene Carroll award. Blain nominated Lynelle Peterson, Principal and Owner of Ethnoscience. Blain explains that Lynelle has worked in historic preservation since the 1990's, both in Yellowstone, Montana and nationally. She is very involved in state organizations including State Archaeology and Plains Anthropology. She has been very dedicated to bringing conferences to Billings. Lora also mentioned Ed Saunders. Ed was a previous board member and has done so much in bringing the local military history of Yellowstone County forward. Between his efforts to recognize the women from Yellowstone County who served in WWI, to preserving the military medallions inlaid around the courtyard of the Yellowstone County Courthouse, to his book about the creation of the Yellowstone National Cemetery and to his work nationally on the advisory committee on cemeteries and memorials. Blain nominated Ed as well for discussion by the board. Both are very different nominees and very important to the county. Lora reminded the board that we can carry over a nomination to next year for review. Keith motions to nominate Ed Saunders for the 2019 Eugene Carroll award, Sue seconds. Approved.

As mentioned, Lora received one nomination for the Best Practices Award at the time of the meeting. The submittal was received from Griffin Development for the Sawyer Building located at 2223 Montana Avenue. This building was previously known as a warehouse and cold storage building for a local grocery chain, and then became the Spaghetti Depot and finally the Antiques Depot. The board reviewed the COA for this building in 2017 and recommended conditional approval. Kevin states that with the work that has been done with the fire escape and patio on the alley side of the building has really changed the atmosphere of the alley. It is a welcoming space. Evan motions to approve the Sawyer Building for the 2019 Best Practices Award, seconded by Becky. Approved.

Blain will present Ed with the Eugene Carroll Award and Kevin will present Griffin Development with the Best Practices Award.

2019 Roundtable details include assigning a few board members to bring refreshments to the Roundtable. Kevin and Allen will bring some fruit. Blain and Becky will bring pastries. Lauren has sent 45 invitations; slides/photos are due early March.

Sonny O'Days – Evan and Lora have been discussing this building in Laurel. Lora suggested that Evan approach the board for approval to have WHC dedicate some of their monthly hours to looking closer at this building, the owner and events. The building has an original neon sign that is currently being restored, a ghost sign and according to Evan, quite a bit of historic personal items from the bars history still inside. Evan motions to direct the WHC to dedicate time on research of this property, Sue seconds the motion. Approved.

Consultant's Report – *Attached at the end of the minutes.*

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora shared the following with the board:

- Lora, Kevin Kooistra, Evan and Blain will attend the Laurel Park Board meeting on March 7th at 5:30 to discuss Riverside Park. The board needs additional information on the National Register and what it means to renovation/demolition of buildings on the site.
- Lora mentions that Dr. Rust of MSU-B and his students are looking at some investigation work at Boothill Cemetery. Dr. Urbaniak, Kevin Kooistra and Shelli from Boothill Inn are all involved. As the project progresses, Lora will keep the board apprised.

Board Roundtable –

- Becky inquires about whether the grant fund announcement sent by Lora would be available for the Molt Community Center. She was approached and asked about the board and activities and she said she would discuss with the board. The community center is in need a bathroom facility. After discussion it was determined that this building is actually in Stillwater County and would need to go through the Stillwater CLG. Does appear that the building is not original to the site but moved there from Billings. Historic preservation dollars are usually only available for sites on the National Register or eligible. Lora will pass on the Stillwater CLG HPO to Becky.

The next meeting – March 19, YHPB Roundtable

Adjournment.

Consultant’s Report:

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report for December 2018

Lauren Hunley – February 19, 2019

Goals & Objectives of YHPB:

- I. Promote the preservation of historic buildings, sites, or neighborhoods
- II. Increase community awareness on the benefits of historic preservation activities
- III. Promote increased awareness of preservation activities and the work of the YHPB through the four governing bodies represented on the Board
- IV. Comply with the duties and responsibilities of historic preservation organizations under the state Certified Local Government Program and the requirements of the Inter-local Agreement

Community Work

Invitations and nomination forms were mailed to 45 recipients. Any submitted nominations to WHC will be forwarded to Lora Mattox and the YHPB. Lauren is awaiting slides.

The WHC will be attending the Laurel park board meeting in March to answer any questions about moving forward with a Riverside Park nomination.