



***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 17, 2009*

**Members Present** –Emelie Eaton, Maisie Sulser, Kathleen Armstrong, Bill DuBeau

**Members Absent** – Warren Osik, Brian Roberts, excused.

**Staff Present** – Kevin Kooistra-Manning, Lora Mattox and Dave Green

**Others Present** – Mike Tuss, Karen Kelly and Leslie Gilmore, CTA Architects and Lynda Woods and Tammy Johnston, Community Development Department.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by chair Emelie Eaton. The minutes of the January meeting were approved by a motion made by Kathleen, seconded by Maisie. Minutes approved.

**Public Comment** – None.

**McKinley and Broadwater Elementary School Proposed Exterior Building Design – Mike Tuss** – Mike presented an overview of the proposed exterior design of new building construction being discussed by School District #2 on the site of McKinley and Broadwater Elementary Schools. Both are estimated to cost \$12 million. Both appear to respect and preserve the historic character of the existing schools while being able to enhance accessibility.

**CDBG Property Rehab Reviews** – The board reviewed 2 properties for Community Development Block Grant Rehabilitation Program through the Community Development Division. The addresses are: 3923 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South and 1648 Lewis. After review of the proposed work on each property, the board voted on a 4-0 vote to concur with Community Development that the properties are probably not eligible for the National Register and the proposed work for the rehab was appropriate. The board did make the following recommendations on the rehab elements:

3923 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South:

- Recommends that a dark gray color be used for shingles, not silver
- Recommends that no grid work be included on the windows

**Member Application** – Dave reviewed an application for the board from Julie Larsen. Lora informed the board that previously appointed member Kate Hamlin had to resign from the board due to a conflict of meeting dates. The board unanimously approved Julie Larsen's application to the board on a motion by Bill and a second by Kathleen.

**Website Review** – Kevin discussed the option to purchase a website program called Dream Weaver and that Kaili and Ann Kooistra-Manning would be available to work on the development. The program costs about \$300. Lora asked that the board delay action until further information is available on the status of the Planning Division and the ability to continue administering the CLG Program and the YHPB.

**Roundtable Award Nominations** – The board next discussed this year’s nominees for the Eugene Carroll and Best Practices Awards.

Eugene Carroll – We received 4 nominations this year for the Eugene Carroll award. After discussing all of the nominations a motion was made by Bill to award Vernon Drake, seconded by Kathleen. Mr. Drake passed away a couple years ago but still has family in the area. Discussion included concern about awarding a person who is deceased, but the board felt Mr. Drake needed to have this recognition. The board hopes that all other nominees will submit next year and they will all be honored at the Roundtable.

Best Practices – The board received 3 nominations for the Best Practices Award, they are: CTA Building, Klos Building and a Craftsman Home. Again, all 3 nominations are excellent and all will be mentioned at the Roundtable and encouraged to re-submit next year. On a motion by Bill, seconded by Kathleen, CTA will be awarded this year. Maisie abstained due to her connection with High Plains Architects and the Klos Building.

**Committee Reports –**

**Historic Preservation Month Committee** – None

**Publicity Committee** – None.

**Building Permit Review Committee** – None

**Project Reports** - None

**Consultant Report** – See next page

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The Donna Healey / Billings Gazette article about Ingvald Anderson, the local builder who built homes in the North Elevation neighborhood, was published in January.

Kevin reviewed three cell tower proposals (in Billings-Coburn Road, Laurel-Cottonwood Creek, and north of Shepherd-Old Divide Road) and responded with comments. Each of the towers has existing towers in place. An archaeological ground survey was required for each tower.

Phone calls and questions about house histories for North Elevation property continue. Kaili is finishing the latest forms with her research on the WHC shared drive. Kevin went to one of the library sessions to see how the research was going. He found out that Thomas Molesworth, one of the pioneers of western rustic furniture design occupied one of the homes – the homeowner was thrilled! WHC purchased the Longenecker book that outlines the work of Ingvald Anderson's homebuilding in the downtown neighborhoods. A couple people requested the property record form for typing up their own forms. I received photographs of a couple homes from the homeowner.

Kevin Kooistra-Manning moderated a panel session on historic preservation on the evening of January 28, 2009. Brian Roberts, Kim Olsen, Tom Rust, and Randy Hafer were on the panel. Stephen Aaberg, the archaeologist, was supposed to be on the panel, but canceled. About thirty people, including many from the Billings Preservation Society, attended. The session was well received.

On the evenings of January 20 and February 4, Kevin attended task force meetings related to the preservation of McKinley School. On the evening of February 16, 2009, Kevin attended the School Board meeting to hear the formal Broadwater School and McKinley School presentations.

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Annual Roundtable is March 17; 8:00 AM. Kevin received calls from Red Lodge, Bozeman, and Livingston about the event. The local newspapers, the Outpost and Billings Gazette, have already noted the program and the requests for preservation award nominees. Eugene Carroll Preservation Award nominees and Best Practices nominees were sent out by Lora Mattox and David Green.

Kevin arranged a tour of the Babcock Theater as part of the Museums Association of Montana Conference in Billings, March 12, at 4:45. David Carter of Denver requested information about the Billings architect, J.G. Link, and his work in Billings.

**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Dave had nothing additional to add.

**Board Roundtable** – Kevin started out by mentioning that the new WHC exhibit will center on the Oral Histories he developed through his travels this summer. They hope the new exhibit will be ready around April 9<sup>th</sup>. Emelie mentioned the interview that she, Brian and Lora gave to Community Channel 7 via the CityLink. Finally, Bill mentioned that Hamilton Hall at MSU will be bid this month.

The next YHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at MSU-B downtown for the YHPB Roundtable.

Meeting adjourned. 9:51 a.m.