



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
August 18, 2009

Members Present –Emelie Eaton, Kathleen Armstrong, Bill DuBeau, Warren Osik and Kyle Rickhoff

Members Absent – Maisie Sulser, Julie Larsen, Brian Roberts

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Doris Cole from Community Development

Others Present – None

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

Public Comment – None.

Community Development Block Grant Rehab Project Review – The YHPB reviewed 5 properties proposed to use CDBG funds for property rehabilitation. Properties reviewed: 413 South 38th; 421 South 37th; 4011 2nd Avenue South; 2114 Silver Sage Trail; and 930 Burlington Avenue. The Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board has reviewed the request for historic review of the abovementioned properties. The board voted on a 5-0 vote that these properties are probably not eligible for the National Register and feel the use of HUD funds for rehabilitation is appropriate.

The board did provide the following comments on the rehabilitations:

413 South 38th:

- Board recommends retaining the 6/6 pattern style on replacement windows

4011 2nd Avenue South:

- This house does appear to have a unique siding pattern. Board recommends if possible on the new siding to duplicate the pattern. Board also recommends that the new windows be similar in style and configuration. Finally, the board recommends that the main entry door be replaced with a similar style.

House Bill 645 Historic Preservation Grant – Lora gave a brief overview of House Bill 645 in regards to stimulus funds being allocated to SHPO for historic preservation projects. Some of the funds have been directly allocated to projects such as the Rialto Theater Rehab. Lora suggested that this grant be looked at further for the proposal of the old railroad bridge being housed in Joliet as the 25th Street Railroad Pedestrian/Bike overpass. Lora will look further into this project.

Committee Reports –

Historic Preservation Month Committee – None.

Publicity Committee – None.

Building Permit Review Committee – None

Project Reports - None

Consultant Report – Due to a family emergency, Kevin was unable to attend the meeting.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora discussed the underground basement retaining wall that collapsed over the weekend on the Galles Building. The Galles building is located behind the Skate Park and is owned by the City of Billings. Lora and Kevin toured the damage yesterday and Lora provide some photos. It appears that this would be considered an emergency repair and should not impact the historic significance of the building as the retaining wall is underground and not visible from the exterior.

Board Roundtable –

- Kathleen mentioned that the Yellowstone County Museum is still closed due to the reconstruction work on North 27th Street and Airport Road.
- Bill informed the board that the Hamilton Hall project received some AARA funds for expand and complete the rehab of the hall.
- Kyle has been working on preparing the update of the website. He is also looking at some of the social networks to spread the word.
- Emelie stated that GSA/CTA originally contacted her about the Downtown through the Decades Panels as she is the chair. She passed the information onto Kevin and Lora.

The next YHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the large conference room, 4th Floor Library.

Meeting adjourned. 8:40 a.m.