



## ***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**

**April 20, 2010**

**Members Present** – Kathleen Armstrong, Bill DuBeau, Kyle Rickhoff, Nancy Curriden, Emelie Eaton, Warren Osik and Julie Larsen

**Members Absent** – Monica Weldon

**Staff Present** –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra-Manning

**Others Present** – Lynda Woods from Community Development and Joan Brownell, Consultant for Old Town Historic District

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by chair Emelie Eaton. The minutes of the March special meeting were approved on a motion made by Nancy, seconded by Julie. Minutes approved.

**Public Comment** – Emelie directed the boards attention to an item in the corner of the room, it was the panel display board with the Montana Dakota Building presented on it. The display board will be house for now in Lora’s office until additional panels can be constructed.

**CDBG Rehab 2205 Patricia Lane** – Lynda Woods gave a brief presentation on the planned rehab projects for this home. The owner has already replaced several windows in the property and would like to replace remaining windows with new vinyl windows. Also, the front door has been replaced by the property owner but it needs to be replaced with a high efficiency solid core door, and finally, it is planned to add an egress windon to the basement. After discussion the board concurs that this property is likely not eligible for the National Register and that the rehab will not deter from the historic character of the home.

**National Register Nomination Review Announcement** – Yellowstone County currently has three projects up for National Register Review in the month of May. The first is the Old Town District (Minnesota Avenue), Downtown Laurel Historic District, and the Dude Rancher Lodge (downtown Billings). Joan Brownell, consultant for the Old Town District was present and gave an overview of the district, the contributing and noncontributing buildings within the district and other pertinent information. She also discussed the Dude Rancher’s history and how much is still original with the building. The State National Register Review committee will be in Billings on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to conduct the meetings on several applications. Board members are encouraged to attend if available to show the support these projects have.

**Walking Tour Update** – Lora and Kyle gave an overview of the recent Chamber of Commerce presentation on the tourism survey completed by Randall Company. Overall, all the tools needed for Billings to be a great tourism spot is there, just needs some improvement. One of the items discussed was the desire by tourists to have the availability to download walking tour and information directly to their mobile devices. This might be a good opportunity to meet with the Chamber to discuss a joint project to upgrade the Downtown Walking Tour

to a more mobile application. Kyle has been working on cost estimates and web based needs to develop. Lora will contact John Brewer from the Chamber to set up a meeting to discuss. Lora, Kyle, Kathleen and Kevin will oversee.

**Committee Reports –**

**Historic Preservation Month Committee** – The board does not have any set plans for Historic Preservation Month, however, there will be cross-over with Billings Preservation Society and the Heritage Home Tour on May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Publicity Committee** – None

**Building Permit Review Committee** – None

**Project Reports** - None

**Consultant Report** – Attached

## YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

April 20, 2010 Report by Kevin Kooistra-Manning

### *North Elevation National Register Nomination:*

Kaili continued to input data for the North Elevation. Kaili began inserting the photographs of the homes that were taken by Julie Larsen into each Historic Property Record. The property owners continue to meet and add data.

### *Historic Preservation Roundtable:*

The Roundtable went as planned on Tuesday morning, March 23, 8:00-10:00AM at 2806 Third Avenue North (former Masonic Temple Building). Press releases were organized and sent to Montana markets and previous attendees to the Roundtable. Supplies and food were ordered. Scripts were written and awards were ordered and picked up. The Best Practices award to High Plains Architects is presently being re-done.

### *Research Assistance:*

Kevin assisted Joan Brownell with research on Minnesota Avenue / Old Town National Register nomination. The Montana Historic Preservation National Register review meeting will be May 21 & 22 at the McCormick Café on Montana Avenue. The Laurel Downtown Historic District, Billings Old Town Historic District and Dude Rancher Lodge will be considered.

Kevin walked with Joyce Mayer around the Pioneer Park / Virginia Lane neighborhood on potential partnership with Billings Preservation home tour during historic preservation month (May). Kevin helped with some home research.

Photographed demolitions in the 400 block of North Broadway (March /April).



**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora didn't have any other information to add.

**Board Roundtable** –

- Warren discussed that next year will be the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The next YHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the large conference room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Parmly Billings Library.

Meeting adjourned. 9:12 a.m.