



## ***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**

*June 15, 2010*

**Members Present** –Kathleen Armstrong, Bill DuBeau, Kyle Rickhoff, Monica Weldon, Nancy Curriden, Emelie Eaton

**Members Absent** –Warren Osik and Julie Larsen

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

**Others Present** – None

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Emelie Eaton. The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion made by Kathleen and seconded by Kyle. Minutes approved.

**Public Comment** – None

**CDBG Rehab 207 Lexington and 1039 Custer** – Lora gave a brief presentation on the planned rehab projects for the two homes listed above. The project on Lexington consists of replacing the front entry door and windows, the board recommends moving forward with the rehab with consideration of the brick façade. The home on Custer has planned to replace all entry doors (3) and add an egress window in the basement. After discussion the board concurs that the properties are likely not eligible for the National Register and that the rehab will not deter from the historic character of the homes.

**Committee Reports** –

**Historic Preservation Month Committee** - None

**Publicity Committee** – None

**Building Permit Review Committee** – None

**Project Reports** – Lora and Kyle continue to explore funding options for the electronic walking tour. Lora will draft a letter to the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Billings Partnership to garner support to approach private businesses for financial support of a Preserve America Grant or similar grant. Also, Lora will check into the First Interstate Grant Program.

**Consultant Report** – Attached

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Report by Kevin Kooistra-Manning

*North Elevation National Register Nomination:*

Kaili Payne continued to input data for the North Elevation. Kaili inserted the last of the photographs of the homes that were taken by Julie Larsen into each Historic Property Record. We examined and developed a list of the properties that still need to be photographed. Kevin and Kaili drove through the neighborhood and checked off on the complete list of houses that had forms and photographs.

*A Walk on the Rims:*

Carolyn Sevier, program director and naturalist, from Rim Country Land Institute, Darlene Tussing, Bike Net, coordinator, and Kevin held an evening hike for historic preservation month that shared the natural and historical values and stories of Swords Park. About twenty people attended.

*National Register Nominations:*

Lora Mattox and Kevin attended the State Historical Preservation Board review of the National Register nominations for Old Town / Minnesota Avenue and Laurel downtown on May 20 and May 21.

**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora discussed completing the re-write of the Historic Preservation Ordinance in conjunction with the addition of the Minnesota Avenue Historic District. This addition will have to be done through an ordinance amendment and might as well run them together. Lora also informed the group the Northern Hotel may apply for CTEP (Community Transportation Enhancement Program) for exterior landscaping, benches, lighting and other amenities to the exterior.

**Board Roundtable** –

- Kyle – The Gazette monthly continues to publish photos provided by the Western Heritage Center, this week the Gazette posted photos of the US Flag in Montana.
- Bill – Finishing up the Hamilton Hall renovation in Bozeman. The Rialto continues to receive funding for the rehabilitation of the building after the fire; the next round of money is slated to go to exterior work.
- Monica – Yellowstone County Museum is hosting a special event Friday at the museum, public is invited.
- Kathleen – The Museum Board is looking at obtaining a vault to house and display historic firearms.
- Kevin – The High Noon series continues with speakers Mary Murphy (quilting) and Mr. Green on The Nez Perce Trail and this weekend Playapalooza at the Depot.

Kathleen suggested that the next YHPB meeting be held at the new center at Pictograph Cave, Kevin will check on the availability. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20th at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned. 8:30 a.m.