



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 16, 2013

Members Present – Nancy Curriden, Renee Flood, Diane Jung

Members Absent – Julie Larsen, Darrell Aaby

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra (Western Heritage Center)

Others Present – Lynda Woods, Community Development Division

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Diane, seconded by Renee. Approved.

Public Comment – None.

CDBG Rehab – 3912 3rd Avenue South – Lynda Woods from the Community Development Division was present to provide an overview of the CDBG rehab project programmed for 3912 3rd Avenue South. The project proposes to replace all the windows, exterior doors, and add new siding. Lynda informed the board that due to costs, the siding will not be done. The work will only include windows and exterior doors (front and rear). The window in the front which currently is one large window will be configured as on solid pane and a 1/1 windows on either side. The board did not have any comments or concerns about the rehab of this property. The property is probably not eligible for the National Register.

Consultant's Report – Attached below:

YHPB Walking Tour Research:

U.S. Post Office, Dude Rancher, Greyhound Bus Depot (2502 First Avenue North), Preston B. Moss Home (Division), The Castle (Austin North Home), Oasis (2718 Minnesota), Klos Building / Yukon Bar (2720 Minnesota), and Kress Building (2816 2nd Avenue North) were added to the on-line tour. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Yellowstone Garage (2303 Montana), Billings City Hall (North 27th), and Montana National Bank (201 North Broadway) should be added in the next month.

Annual Historic Preservation Roundtable.

The Board hosted the annual Historic Preservation Roundtable at the Babcock Theater on March 19. CTA ordered a second Best Practices award for Rocky Mountain College for the Morledge-Kimball Hall on the Rocky Mountain College. Award is ready for pick up, but waiting for photographs from the Roundtable to do a press release for Award recipients.

North Elevation:

125 Historical Property Records for the North Elevation, including all the exterior house photographs, and maps are needed. Kevin consulted with a local historian with experience with Historical Property Records and will work with a local engineer to take on some of the site forms.

Demolitions

Photographs were taken on the parking lots garage demolition on Montana Avenue and the Shadow Lawn property at the corner of Virginia Lane and Poly drive.

Facebook:

Updated the Facebook page.

Programs:

Kevin presented programs to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Leadership Montana Youth Group about the preservation and restoration of Sword's Rimrock Park and Yellowstone Kelly's Gravesite.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora reported that she submitted the final report for last year's CLG grant and that everything was accepted by SHPO just fine. The new grant started this month. Lora also reported that she submitted a grant to the Montana History Foundation for funds to bring Ellen Crain of Butte to Billings for an archive workshop. Lora also discussed the SILO Imaging program the Planning Division just started to use for old traffic counts. This program is friendly to use and searchable.

The final discussion centered around scheduling a board retreat. After discussion, the board decided to hold the retreat at Diane's house (she did volunteer), thank you Diane...as well as provide a venue for drinks and snacks. Kevin and Lora will get together and set up items for discussion. The retreat will be held on Monday, May 20th from 3-5 p.m. This will replace the regular meeting for the month of May unless formal business arises.

Board Roundtable – Renee discussed her recent battles with Lyme disease. She contracted the disease from a tick bite received at the location of her cabin she is building. The cabin is down by Belfry and along the historic Meeteetse Trail. Renee and her partner hope to recreate a roadhouse type structure. When completed, she would like to host an open house.

The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

YHPB Retreat

Meeting adjourned.