



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

September, 2013

Members Present – Nancy Curriden, Liz Harding, Renee Flood

Members Absent – Julie Larsen, Diane Jung (excused)

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

Others Present – None

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Public Comment – None.

Ellen Crain – Archive Workshop – Kevin will confirm Ellen’s availability on Tuesday, October 15th from 2-5 p.m. Liz will confirm the use of the Yellowstone Art Museum. Once the date is confirmed, Kevin and Tabatha will develop a “who to contact” list for the YHPB to do a phone tree, Lora will also mail out notices. Kevin will also contact the Genealogy group to notify them of the upcoming event. We need to remember to keep track of all expenses for tracking of the \$500 grant from the Montana History Foundation.

Work Plan Update – Just an update on any progress made by WHC on the work plan. Tabatha did report that she sent out a questionnaire with the educational trunks asking educators questions about wants/needs for the trunks. Lora suggested a potential project to be added to next year’s work plan: an inventory of ghost signs and a plan in the ordinance on how to preserve existing ghost signs and guidelines on new “art” and “murals” on buildings within the local districts.

Consultant’s Report –

1. Confirmed that Ellen Crain, of Butte Silver Bow Archives in Butte, will do an archives workshop in Billings in October. Date is Tuesday, October 15, from 2:00-5:00, at the Yellowstone Art Museum – hosted by board member, Liza Harding.
2. Tabatha continued North Elevation historic property records research at the Yellowstone County Courthouse to determine construction date /architect / and original property owner for several properties, still in question. Tabatha spent several more hours at the Courthouse piecing together the story of the North Elevation.
3. Added a Facebook entry for the Airport hangar slated for demolition. Added photographs and a link to the Billings Gazette coverage of the Hangar story.

Historic Preservation Officer's Report – Lora reported that she is getting ready to complete the semi-annual report to SHPO. Also, she is working on ordering the board's name tags. Finally, we will have some extra funds this year as the HPO's are not required to attend the Montana History Conference in Sydney this year to the distance and costs associated with. However, the Archive workshop we will be hosting will count as the HPO training for this year.

Board Roundtable – Nancy mentioned the YHPB Roundtable scheduled for March 18, 2014 and the details needed to host at the Depot. Lora will contact Jennifer at the Depot to check on costs, parking, etc. Kevin will check with Gene at the Rex to see if we could use their lot for just the morning. Kevin mentioned the noon series this week at the WHC; it will be on American Bluegrass. Nancy mentioned that this evening at MSU-B, Professor Jennifer Lynn will be presenting a presentation on Civil War Photography. The event is in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 205. Finally, Liz mentioned that the Yellowstone Art Museum will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary; also, it will be the 100-year anniversary for the original building which was the original jail.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 19, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The October meeting will be the Archive Workshop with Ellen Crain.

Meeting adjourned.