



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

January 21, 2014

First Floor Conference Room

2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present – Nancy Curriden, Liz Harding, Tabatha Butler, Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Diane Jung

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – Mike Tuss

Welcome/Introduction of New Members - Introductions of Kevin and Tabatha were made, the board went around the table and introduced themselves and explained the role of the board.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Liz and seconded by Tabatha.

Public Comment – None.

Elementary School Renovation Projects, McKinley and Broadwater - Mike Tuss of CTA Architects asked for an opportunity to inform the YHPB on the renovation plans for Broadwater and McKinley Elementary Schools. Under the bond that was passed last year, significant improvements will be made to both of the elementary schools. Broadwater is currently listed on the National Register, McKinley is not but is eligible.

CTA was hired by School District #2 in 2008 to help with the two older schools and were asked to study all options including total demolition to renovation. Renovation of existing schools with additions were decided on and will be funded with the new bond. The schedule will be very aggressive, restoration and renovation will start this summer. The McKinley annex that was constructed in the 1950's will be demolished. The annex at Broadwater will also be demolished but later in the process. The new additions and all renovations are scheduled to be complete by August 2016.

CDBG Rehab Project 1015 N. 26th Street - This property is scheduled to received CDBG funds for rehabilitation. As funding allows the following work will be completed: replacement of front entry/storm door and windows. The door will definitely be replaced, windows will replaced as funding allows. The existing wood entry door has three decorative window panes on the top portion, the board recommends that the replacement door be as close to the original as possible. The existing windows are a 6/6 design and the board recommends that the windows be replaced in-kind to the original.

2014 YHPB Roundtable - See Consultant's Report

Consultants Report – attached

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Report by Kevin Kooistra and Elisabeth DeGrenier

Historic Preservation Roundtable for March 18:

The Union Railroad Depot will host the Roundtable on Tuesday morning, March 18. The Roundtable is scheduled from 8:00-9:30. Past and potential participants for the Roundtable were sent both an email announcement and updates for the Eugene Carroll Award and Best Practices Achievement Awards. Attached announcement and updates for the Eugene Carroll Award and Best Practices Achievement Awards were posted on the YHPB Facebook. Contacted Jennifer Mercer at the Union Depot to verify the March 18 date. Gene Burgad of the Rex said it was fine to park in his lot that morning.

Walking Tour

Beginning work on the next 12 properties to be included in the electronic walking tour of downtown.

Demolitions

Photographed and posted on Facebook several interior and exterior photographs of the Parmly Billings Library (the Billings Hardware warehouse and retail building) on North Broadway before the new Billings Public Library opened on January 6, 2014.

Community Assistance

Elisabeth researching and writing a National Register nomination for McKinley School.

Posted Facebook links to National Trust for Historic Preservation News, 2013 (ten preservation wins in 2013) and the National Register Rap performed by Historic Preservation students at the University of Mary Washington from Youtube.

Historic preservation review for property at 1015 North 26th.



Neighborhood just north of Cobb Field, ca 1940.

Historic Preservation Officer Report - Lora reported that the CLG grant is ready for final signatures and will be sent to SHPO today. Lora also informed the board of Councilwoman's Cimmino's comments regarding the work plan, McKinley and the North Elevation neighborhood. She had concerns that the board seems to have these projects on the work plan for several years. Wyeth Friday, the Planning Division Manager explained to her that our funding is very limited and both McKinley and the North Elevation Neighborhood National Register listing is moving forward, slowly, but it is continuing.

Board Roundtable – None.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.