



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

MAY 20, 2014

First Floor Conference Room

2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present –Judy Goldsby, Nancy Curriden, Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Tabatha Butler, Liz Harding, Diane Jung

Staff Present – Lora Mattox, Kevin Kooistra, Elisabeth DeGrenier, Lynda Woods, Ellen Kuntz

Others Present – None

Introductions -

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – None.

CDBG Rehab - 1331 Avenue F - Lynda Woods gave an overview of the project which includes the replacement of windows and the sliding door. Since the time of the report, the back deck removal will also be completed. After review, the board did not have any concerns or comments regarding the rehabilitation of this property.

Member Application - The board reviewed the applications of Ellen Kuntz and Logan Hendricks. Ellen would be the resident member of Yellowstone County and Logan would be an inter-local member with expertise in architecture. After discussion and on a motion by Judy, seconded by Kevin, both were unanimously approved. Lora will send the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Work Plan Review/Update - The board reviewed the updated Work Plan provided by Lora. After discussion, Judy motioned and Kevin seconded approval of this year's work plan.

Consultants Report – attached

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Report by Kevin Kooistra and Elisabeth DeGrenier

Community News

Garfield Historical Building Dedication, Friday, May 2:

YHPB board members, Tabatha Butler, Liz Harding, and Nancy Curriden, along with Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra, attended the Garfield Historical Building Dedication, on Friday, May 2 from 1:30-3:30. Representatives from the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, as well as Commissioners Kennedy and Reno, and City Council members Ronquillo (former) and Yakawich of Ward 2 also participated. Mattox presented a short talk about the National Register of Historic Places and the work of the YHPB. Kevin Kooistra presented a special Program about the Architectural Styles and History of the Billings Southside. NOTE: YHPB should do an oral history with Jim Ronquillo, who is very versed with the life of Billings' south side.

DeGrenier and Kooistra, working from the previous work of Ann Kooistra-Manning, created a 30+ minute power point of the Architectural Styles and History of the Billings Southside. They photographed properties and defined the architectural styles of about 50 homes and buildings. The neighborhoods of the south side are some of the oldest in Billings and thus offer the greatest diversity in architectural styles. Added a new section to the power point that shares the unique history of the south side. This YHPB talk is now available for public programs.

Thanks to Regina Demis, Director of Public Relations, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch for the invitation to participate. Sent the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch documents and materials relating to the history of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Sent KTVQ historic photographs of Garfield School for their news program that evening.

Montana State Parks, April 23, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Responding to emails from the SHPO and Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA), Kevin Kooistra attended the State Parks strategic planning meeting at Pictograph Cave State Park. Following the lead of MPA, Kooistra added a voice for heritage and cultural values for Montana's heritage parks, such as Pictograph Cave and Plenty Coups State Park.

The National Register of Historic Places:

A quick review of the number of buildings listed on the National Register in Yellowstone County, including the contributing buildings within the two downtown historic districts in Billings, is fifty properties.

Historic Preservation Roundtable Wrap Up

Scanned the letters of support for Gloria Wester's nomination for the Eugene Carroll Historic Preservation Award and sent Gloria Wester a set of the letters.

The May / June issue of the Montana Arts Council publication, State of the Arts, shared the story of the recipients (High Plains Architects and Gloria Wester) of the 2014 YHPB roundtable awards.

McKinley School National Register Nomination

DeGrenier began writing the narrative description for McKinley School National Register Nomination, using the National Park Service's article titled, "How to Complete the National Register Registration Form," as a guide.

Historic Preservation Review

Review for Lynda Woods at Community Development – 1331 Avenue F, a Ranch style home, was built in 1954.

Community Assistance

Sent Kevin Nelson historical materials relating to the Midland Empire Fairgrounds and MetraPark.

Sent historic documents and materials to Jonathan F. Peart, Executive Director, Friends of Pompeys Pillar and Christopher Dantic, Chief Plenty Coups State Park Manager.

Community News

The **Sacrifice Cliff Kit** was added to Archaeology Day at Four Dances on April 19th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Montana Modernism, is on display at the Western Heritage Center to June 7, 2014. A&E Architects and Billings Architectural Association are sponsoring this exhibit created by the Montana State Historic Preservation Office. Pete Brown of the State Historic Preservation Board stopped by this month to view the exhibit (Posted image on YHPB Facebook).

Demolitions:

Photographed Airport Hangar #2 on May 19, a day before the demolition of the building. Posted the last images of the property.



Airport Hangar #2, May 19, 2014



Airport Hangar #2, Offices, May 19, 2014

Historic Preservation Officer Report - Lora reported that the Kevin Kooistra will be taking Planning staff on a downtown walking tour on Thursday, June 5th at 4:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, meet at the Miller Building at 4:30. Also, Lora will be on vacation the week of the next YHPB meeting and asked that a new date be decided. After discussion the June YHPB meeting will be held on June 24th at 8:30 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room, Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North.

Board Roundtable – None.

The next meeting will be on June 24th in the large conference room, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Miller Building.

Meeting adjourned to tour the new library!