

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Work Plan 2017-2018

Goals & Objectives:

- I. Promote the preservation of historic buildings, sites or neighborhoods.
- II. Increase community awareness on the benefits of historic preservation activities.
- III. Promote increased awareness of preservation activities and the work of the YHPB through the four governing bodies represented on the Board.
- IV. Comply with the duties and responsibilities of historic preservation organizations under the State Certified Local Government Program and the requirements of the Inter-local Agreement.

2017-2018 Projects

1. Complete a National Registration for McKinley Elementary School.

Time Frame: 2017-2018
Who: YHPB Board, HPO/WHC, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Status: SHPO is currently working on this nomination with the intent to submit by mid-2017

2. Contact MSU-B to inquire about taking the lead on contacting property owners to potentially list 2 or 3 historic barns, silos or other historic detached structures in Yellowstone County.

Time Frame: 2017-2018
Who: WHC
Status: WHC contacting Professor Rust to gauge interest.

3. YHPB will continue exploring funding opportunities to initiate a county archive system.

Time Frame: 2017-2018
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, possibly Montana SHPO
Status: Continuing.

4. YHPB will continue partnering with AT&T, SHPO, and the City Parks Department in the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding and the development of a National Register Nomination for Pioneer Park. This project was developed as part of a mitigating impacts of the placement of a cell tower on the Montana Power Building in the downtown.

Time Frame: 2017-2018
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO, PRPL, Montana SHPO
Status: Continuing.

Annual Board Activities

- 1. Continue the review of building permits submitted for properties located within the designated historic district.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: Committee and HPO

- 2. Continue the review of Community Development Block Grant rehabilitation projects as needed.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: YHPB/WHC

- 3. Continue to review and update the information relating to the Downtown Billings Electronic Walking Tour. Discuss with the City of Laurel to include its new downtown historic district in the application.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Committee/WHC

- 4. To continually update the local governing bodies of the activities undertaken by the YHPB, annual PowerPoint Presentations will be made to the City of Billings, the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Chair/WHC/HPO
Status: The scheduling of these meetings will take place yearly during spring.

- 5. To provide up to date information to the general public, continually update the web site and social media sites on activities and programs.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: WHC

- 6. Provide resources to property owners who are interested in listing a property to the National Register. Including State Historic Preservation Office contacts, literature and technical assistance.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: YHPB Board/HPO/WHC

- 7. Expand YHPB meetings to alternate locations. To take advantage of some of our many historic venues, the board wishes to expand meetings to alternate locations.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC

- 8. Due to a loss of potential historic buildings within the City of Billings, an effort is being made to notify WHC and a member of the board about upcoming demolitions. The Building Division notifies HPO on the release of demolition permits, HPO notifies members of the demolition and a determination is made to either document/photograph building.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC/Board

- 9. Continue exploration of grant opportunities to provide additional funds to the YHPB for historic preservation projects.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC

- 10. Consultant, Historic Preservation Officer and YHPB will attend training meetings as needed. Historic Preservation Officer will attend the required annual Montana State Historic Preservation Conference.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: WHC/HPO

- 11. To provide a forum for Historic Preservationist to share their successes and discuss projects and to present historic preservation awards, continue to host the Historic Preservation Roundtable yearly.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: WHC/HPO/Board
Status: Preservation Month - March

- 12. Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month. Board will decide on a program, speakers and other events to commemorate this event.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Committee/WHC
Status: This event will occur yearly during May.