



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
August 20, 2019
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present – Sue Mueller, Evan Bruce, Becky Jeter, Blain Fandrich, Keith Edgerton and Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Allen Rapacz

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Lauren Hunley

Others Present –

Minutes - The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Kevin.

Public Comment – No public comment.

National Register Nomination – Billings Communal Mausoleum – Lauren passed around the updated nomination form. Ann Manning has just about completed all the narrative and criterion discussion. Blain suggested some of the language that was in Criterion C discussion could be moved to Criterion A. The plan is to complete the nomination and submit to SHPO National Register Review Board by the end of the year.

Montana History Conference – Lora shared the agenda for the Montana History Conference scheduled for the end of September in Helena. Thursday, September 26th is the CLG training, Lora is planning on attending.

Consultant’s Report – *Attached at the end of the minutes.*

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora shared the following with the board:

- There is a new format for the agenda and supporting documents for the meetings. Lora will continue to work out the kinks. For those that cannot access the city website for the packets, Lora will send directly.

Board Roundtable –

- Blain asked about the Pioneer Park nomination development. Lora hasn’t heard any updates, she will contact SHPO and inquire.
- Blain asked if there was any info from Laurel on Riverside Park. No, but Lora will ask for an update.
- Becky asked if Wise Wonders has asked for any assistance with expanding their exhibits with local factual history in their new location. Lauren does not believe so. There may be opportunities to incorporate historical elements after they have settled in.

The next meeting – September 17 (if needed)

Adjournment.

Consultant Report:

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report for August 2019

Lauren Hunley – August 20, 2019

Goals & Objectives of YHPB:

- 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

National Register Work

Ann Manning has compiled a draft National Register Nomination for the Billings Communal Mausoleum. Draft is included with this report.

This summer, WHC is offering walking tours through historic neighborhoods including the Southside, Moss Mansion district, and the North Elevation. Kevin presented to Big Sky Economic Development on Coulson Park, and the WHC continues answer questions regarding historic properties throughout the region including 311 Clark Ave