



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
October 15, 2019
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present – Sue Mueller, Evan Bruce, Becky Jeter, Blain Fandrich, Allen Rapacz and Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Keith Edgerton

Staff Present – Lora Mattox, Tam Rodier and Lauren Hunley

Others Present –

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

Public Comment – No public comment.

CDBG Review – 1020 Terry Avenue – Tam introduced this item. The home was constructed in 1920 and is a single level home with a full basement that has been used as living quarters. The home is in poor condition with water and tree damage. The board determines that this property is not eligible for the National Register and on a motion by Evan, seconded by Sue approve use of CDBG funds on the property.

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

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

- Lora attended the Montana History Conference in September including the Certified Local Government (CLG) workshop. Topics included cell towers, Section 106 updates, local rehabilitation in historic district review and updates from all the CLG’s in the state.
- Lora also discussed two grant opportunities: The SHPO grant from the National Park Service offering up to \$100,000 towards brick and mortar projects (rural) and a National Park Service grant for underrepresented communities for survey and other planning work.

Board Roundtable –

- Kevin discussed the renovations at Romney Hall at MSU. Should be completed 2020-2021. Alberta Bair Theater is also progressing.
- Blain is doing quite a bit of local work for MDT. Lockwood Interchange, Johnson Lane and around MetraPark. He has also discussed Coulson Park and removing it from the eligible list at MT SHPO with John Boughton from SHPO.

- Allen is working with the St. Mary Church and Abbey in Richardton, North Dakota. Looking at monuments and gateway signage to cemetery. They may also assist in building condition analysis.
- Lauren informs that the WHC is preparing for the 120th anniversary of the Parmly Building in 2021. Should have some fun events.

The next meeting – November 19, 2019

Adjournment.

Consultant Report:

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report for October 2019

Lauren Hunley – October 15, 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.

The WHC continues to field questions from community members about historic properties. Recent inquiries include a DBA interest in 123 N. Broadway and a commercial inquiry about Heights businesses.