



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, Keith Edgerton, Becky Jeter, Blain Fandrich, Allen Rapacz and Kevin Nelson

Members Absent –

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Lauren Hunley

Others Present –

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

Public Comment – No public comment.

SHPO Rural Grant – Lora has little to no response from Laurel in regards to the National Register nomination or grant opportunity for Riverside Park. Evan states that he has heard that this subject will be on the City Council meeting at next month's meeting. He will let Lora know if he hears a confirmation on that. Blain states that Kate Hampton and SHPO are very interested in this project and that we should move forward with Part I of the grant to at least see if we can get past that point. Blain will call the Laurel City Planner and try to meet with him. Part I of the grant is due January 6, 2020. Blain and Becky will work on the narratives; Lora will work on the draft budget. Allen also states that if the grant is approved and we need printing or copy assistance, his firm would donate.

Also a brief discussion on other potential rural projects. Lora sent the information to Huntley Museum, they may not be eligible but worth a shot. In addition, Pioneer school may have an interest; Lauren will send the grant information to them.

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

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

- January will start the review of the YHPB Work Plan.
- January will also bring the next round of CLG annual grant application.

Board Roundtable – This is Allen's last meeting with the board, we thank him for his service to the community and hope to continue to see him around events and projects.

The next meeting – January 21, 2020

Adjournment.

Consultant Report:

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report for December 2019

Lauren Hunley – December 17, 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

The WHC is currently working on the YHPB online presence. In the short time the yhpb.org domain was expired, another entity picked up the address, making it unavailable to us. We will be working closely with the Board to re-establish our website. Perhaps this provides the opportunity to update the look and content of the site. Also, efforts to contact Kyle Rickoff, the original designer for the walking tour app, have been unsuccessful. We are still trying to reach out to him to resolve challenges with the app.

The Western Heritage Center has helped community members with numerous research requests since our last meeting. Topics include: 2512 8th Ave. North, Dudley's Restaurant, Rex building, 14 N. 29th (Strum & Drake Bldg), 927 N. 35th, 935 N. 35th, and Sacrifice Cliff (over 3 hours)

The 2020 YHPB Roundtable is fast approaching. WHC requests the Board select the date so preliminary work can begin on planning the event.