

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Work Plan 2021-2022

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.

2021-2022 Projects

1. Complete a National Registration Riverside Park in Laurel.

Time Frame: Throughout 2021 – Draft nomination by fall 2021
Who: YHPB Board, HPO/WHC, City of Laurel
Status: YHPB has allocated hours to allow the WHC to work on the nomination. Board has also volunteered to assist in reading over narratives and other tasks associated with the creation of the nomination.

2. YHPB and the WHC will explore the potential of reworking the Electronic Downtown Walking Tour into a more modern platform. The current electronic tour is broken. WHC will explore using ThinkLink, a platform that allows photography and programs to include information regarding the item in the photograph. This link shows an example of the program: <https://www.ywhc.org/exhibit/be-tween-the-lines-bees-their-people/>

Time Frame: Throughout 2021
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO,
Status: The YHPB was provided an anonymous cash donation that the HPO has discretion in spending. Working with WHC, a portion of those funds could be used to assist in creating a Downtown Walking Tour.

3. YHPB will continue to explore additional Yellowstone County, Billings, Laurel and Crow Tribe historic and cultural resources that could be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. Examples include: Multiple listing of historic barns in Yellowstone County, Huntley Irrigation System, North or South Park in Billings, Laurel resources outside the historic district and working with the Crow Tribe, identify potential sites in Yellowstone County for listing.

Time Frame: Throughout 2021
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO, Crow Tribe,
Status: Discussion will begin early spring on potential resources to look at.

- 4. YHPB is interested in providing a program or education opportunity during Preservation Month in May. A suggested subject is the History of Riverside Park, Laurel Montana.**

Time Frame: May 2021 - Preservation month (May) is a possible time. Held in Laurel
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO
Status: Due to Covid-19, this has been delayed.

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.