



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
July 13, 2021
1st Floor Conference Room, Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present – Blain Fandrich, Zachary Garhart, Becky Jeter, Evan Bruce, and Keith Edgerton

Members Excused – Brenna Moloney and Kevin Nelson

Staff Present –Lora Mattox Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

Call to Order and Welcome – Back in person!

Public Comment – No public comment.

Minutes – The May minutes were approved on a motion by Evan, seconded by Keith. Approved.

Old Business:

2021 YHPB Roundtable – Now that things are loosening up with more vaccines, it is time to start planning the 2021 Roundtable scheduled for September 21st at the Western Heritage Center. Lora will send the award nomination packets to the YHPB to send out to any and everyone we can think of. We will set a deadline date in August for return. Also, we will start looking at invites and contacting those past participants.

New Business:

Discussion/Action – New member application – Linda Lien – The board reviewed the member application submitted by Linda Lien for an Interlocal Member, this position usually includes someone with an expertise in the historic preservation field or an interest in historic preservation. Keith motioned to approved the application, Evan seconded, approved.

Pioneer Park National Register Signage – Lora updated the board that the City of Billings PRPL has requested the YHPB to arrange for a standalone National Register Sign for the park. Lora has ordered the sign and the narrative has been approved. We anticipate the installation and a ribbon cutting in the fall. In addition to Pioneer Park, the Billings Mausoleum was listed early July and the City is also interested in a sign for the location. Lora will send the application to the state. Lora asked Kevin Kooistra if he had a contact at McKinley School, it would be a great location to place a sign in conjunction with the second North Elevation district sign.

Other Business:

Consultant Report – Kevin Kooistra reported the following activities by the WHC:

NATIONAL REGISTER NOTES:

Reviewed Pioneer Park's National Register sign and added research and commentary for Martha Kohl, of the Montana Historical Society, who created the draft.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOTES:

Announcement for Billings Mausoleum accepted on the Register by July 1.

RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION:

Provided Mayor Bill Cole and the City of Billings with research regarding the Flood of 1937 and drainage issue.

June hours were short as we put in extra hours in April and May.

NOTES:

Western Heritage Center ground breaking for Landscaping the west side of grounds and NW corner of North 29th and Montana Avenue should be in late September of this year.

Western Heritage Center staff used Blaine's work at Riverfront Park to create a new Hoof It with a Historian walking tour.

HPO Report – Lora Mattox had nothing to add at this time.

Board Roundtable – There was discussion about the potential to expand the North Elevation Historic District or to look at a Multiple Listing nomination for the Cohagen properties in the Pioneer Park area. Blain will call John Boughton at the state and start a conversation.

Blain will also retrieve his information regarding Riverside Park and send to WHC for use on the Riverside nomination.

Future Agenda Items: Continued discussion of YHPB Roundtable.

Next YHPB Meeting: August 17th. The board may take a field trip to the Yellowstone County Museum to see the updates and changes that have been made.