



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 17, 2021
Yellowstone County Museum
1950 Terminal Circle, Airport

Members Present – Zachary Garhart, Becky Jeter, Brenna Moloney, Linda Lien, Kevin Nelson and Keith Edgerton

Members Excused – Evan Bruce and Blain Fandrich

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

Call to Order and Welcome – The board welcomes Linda to the board! Lora provided a brief overview of the board, how it is funded through the State and National Park Services, some of the projects and duties and how lucky the board is to have Western Heritage Center as our consultant. Linda introduced herself to the board and is happy to be here, also, she was available to attend the Fratt School open house Saturday and shared the brochure that was given out.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Minutes – The July minutes were approved on a motion by Becky, seconded by Keith. Approved.

Old Business:

2021 YHPB Roundtable – Brief update on the status of the Roundtable. Lora suggest that we include an encouragement of mask wearing by participants attending this year’s event. There is concern with the uptick of the Delta Covid virus and its impact on in-person events. We will move forward for now as planned. Lora will send an email out closer to the event on board volunteers for snacks, WHC will provide coffee and water.

YHPB Award Nominations – Lora shared that one nomination was received for the Best Practices award and was submitted by Cushing Terrell for the renovation of the Alberta Bair Theater. Reviewing the parameters of the award, the board determined that although a wonderful economic benefit to the downtown and community with its continued use as a theater, it didn’t meet the historic preservation definitions in the award nomination. However, the project and Cushing Terrell deserve recognition, therefore, the board will present an acknowledgement of recognition at the Roundtable.

Eugene Carroll Award nominations from the board included Dr. Tom Rust from MSU-B. On a motion from Kevin, seconded by Brenna, Dr. Rust was approved as this year’s Eugene Carroll Award recipient. Keith abstained from the vote due to his association with Dr. Rust.

Best Practices Award nominations from the board included the Moss Mansion for their rehabilitation work in association with the Montana State Tourism Grant and the continued maintenance of the Moss Mansion. Keith motions to award the Best Practices Award to the Moss Mansion, seconded by Brenna, approved unanimously.

New Business: None

Other Business:

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

NATIONAL REGISTER NOTES:

Announcement for Billings Mausoleum accepted on the Register by July 1. Sent promotional notice to YHPB Facebook and news media.

Send Blaine and Lora a list of properties we sent SHPO for the North Elevation Historic District.

RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION:

Kooistra photographed and digitally archived images of the Lazy KT Motel, a historic property in Billings facing demolition.

Cecelia Gavinsky, Collections Manager, completed a research request for 20 North 29th Street for the Downtown Billings Alliance (DBA).

Sent out 60 notices through snail mail about the September 21 YHPB Roundtable and asking for award nominations by August 14.

HPO Report – Lora Mattox stated that the first half CLG report will be due at the end of next month.

Board Roundtable – WHC announces that they were approved for the landscaping updates to the lawn area of the museum. The shrubbery will be removed and new fencing will be installed in the back. Zac let the board know of some of the updates to the County Museum building including the windows which will be kept original with painted frames. He's excited to show the board the changes in other locations of the museum.

Future Agenda Items: YHPB Roundtable!

Next YHPB Meeting: September 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for the YHPB Roundtable.