



December 28, 2021

TO: Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator

**Community
Development
Division**

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS FOR
NORTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS, BILLINGS**

We come before you today to review the above mentioned property according to the Programmatic Agreement requiring identification, evaluation and treatment of historic resources associated with the expenditure of federal assistance from HUD.

The above mentioned property is slated for improvements using federal funds. Proposed work not excluded from historic review is the possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

Sincerely,

Tam Rodier
CD Program Coordinator

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MONTANA HISTORIC PROPERTY RECORD FOR HUD PROPERTIES

For the Montana National Register of Historic Places Program and State Antiquities Database

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
PO Box 201202, 1410 8th Ave
Helena, MT 59620-1202

Property Address: 6th Ave N, between N 19th & N 22nd Streets
City/Town: Billings, MT
County: Yellowstone

Site Number:

(Note UM Arch Records: Please contact SHPO with site number at 406-444-7718)

History of Property <http://gis.mt.gov/>
(Much of this info can be gathered from on-line Cadastral maps.)

Legal Location www.nris.state.mt.us/gis/
(All of this information can be gathered from the NRIS site.)

Current Ownership Private Public

PM: **Montana** Township: 01N Range: 26E
¼ Section: 33

Current Property Name: North Park

24K Quadrangle Name: Billings West / Billings East (?)

Owner(s): City of Billings

NOTE: Link above broken; used info within legal description

Historic Use: City Park

UTM Zone www.nris.state.mt.us/gis/

Current Use: City Park

NAD 83

Construction Date: 1900s – 1990s Estimated Actual

UTM:

Zone: 38T **Easting:** 500000.00 **Northing:** 5070921.58

Original Location Moved Date Moved:

NOTE: Link above broken; online tools to determine UTM Zone, Lat/Long:

[What UTM Zone am I in ? - Interactive Web Map \(mangomap.com\)](#)

[Lat Long to UTM Converter](#)

National Register of Historic Places

Name of Historic District if Applicable:

Recorder Information

This Property is listed in the National Register: Unknown

Date of this document: December 28, 2021

This Organization/Agency believes this property is eligible for NRHP listing: Yes No

Form Prepared by: Tam Rodier

Organization/Agency: City of Billings
Community Development Division

MT SHPO USE ONLY

SHPO Comments:

Eligible for NRHP: yes no

Criteria: A B C D

Date:

Evaluator:

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style, i.e. Victorian Era, Arts & Crafts, Mid 20th Cent., vernacular, other: **Other**

Property Type, i.e. residential, commercial, agri., government, religious, institutional: **Landscape / Public Park**

ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

Property can be described as:

- Excellent, unaltered historic character-defining features are intact
- Good, architecture is altered, but building retains its form and many character-defining features
- Fair, architectural features are missing, but building form is recognizable as historic
- Poor, architectural features are missing and form is unrecognizable as historic

Describe the property and alterations below. Number the buildings and features on property to correlate with the Site Plan on the next page.

This property is currently in use as a public park known as North Park. One record found at the City of Billings' Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Department suggests it may have been donated to the City in 1903 and that it was subsequently used as a "war garden" during World War I. The City's Parks Board was organized in 1911 and City staff is attempting to find additional records regarding the early years of this public park property. The North Park Master Plan was completed in January 1977.

Yellowstone County online property records indicate the park was built in 1970.

Current park features include a one-story North Park Recreation Center (approximately 5600 square feet, with a small gym, kitchen, meeting room, and restrooms), three park shelters, parking lot, splash park, playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball diamond, and restroom building.

The North Park Recreation Center is in Poor to Fair condition. The exterior walls appear to be pre-fabricated concrete panels. The structure has been altered by the addition of exterior handball courts and chain link fencing. The building was constructed in 1978 using federal funding.

The original park restroom was built sometime in the 1920s or 1930s. The current restroom building in the center of the park was constructed in 1981. The building is in Poor to Fair condition. The exterior walls appear to be pre-fabricated concrete panels sitting atop a slab-on-grade concrete foundation. The structure has been altered by the addition of security bars / security fencing to limit access during the winter and when the park is closed to the public.

The two larger park shelters were constructed in 1981.

One tennis court existed in 1923 and three tennis courts were constructed in 1981. The courts were resurfaced again in 2004, which is when it is believed two tennis courts were converted to basketball courts.

The original wading pool existed in the 1920s. The splash pad was redone in 1981 and in 1993-94.

The playground was constructed in 2003 along with the shelter near the playground.

The baseball diamond seating was constructed in 1981, but the baseball field and lighting existed before the seating was constructed. It is unknown when baseball field itself was actually created. However, there is a long history of baseball games played at North Park dating back into the early to mid-1900s.

Concrete walkways traverse the park in N-S and E-W directions as well as surrounding the park's perimeter on 6th Avenue North, North 22nd Street, 8th Avenue North, and North 19th Street. Bushes, trees and green space are found throughout the park. The interior E-W walkway has an S-curve section.

There is minimal on-site parking on the North 19th Street side of the park, adjacent to the North Park Recreation Center. There is on-street, free parking along North 22nd Street, 8th Avenue North, and North 19th Street.

NOTE: This historic review is undertaken to contemplate the installation of a new pre-fabricated, stand-alone, public restroom, in the center of the park (replacing the existing restroom building), the construction of an adult exercise pod and equipment, the construction of a new park shelter, and the widening the existing E-W walkway to remove tripping hazards. Improvements to the North Park Recreation Center are limited to improving air flow / HVAC, installing touchless features within the building and restrooms, and making other ADA-compliant additions.

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SITE PLAN (drawn & labeled with street names and addresses)



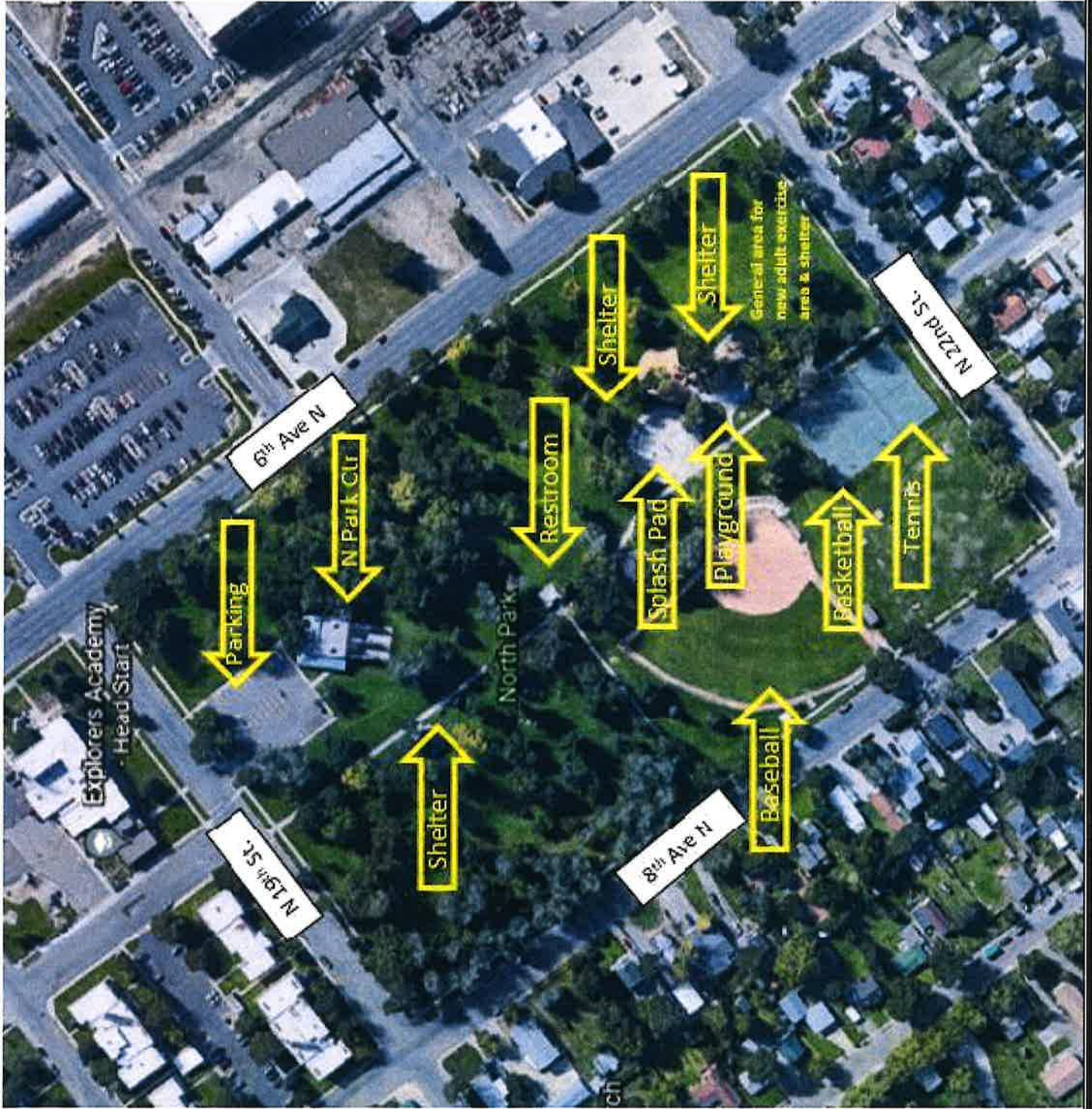
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TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP www.nris.state.mt.us/gis



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Subject of photo: North Park Recreation Center / Access from parking lot along North 19th Street, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: West



Subject of photo: North Park Recreation Center / Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: North

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Subject of photo: North Park Recreation Center / Handball Court Addition, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: East



Subject of photo: North Park Recreation Center / Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: South

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Subject of photo: North Park Restroom, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: South



Subject of photo: North Park Restroom, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: Southeast

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Subject of photo: North Park E-W walkway and picnic shelter, Billings, MT 59101

Photo is taken looking: West



Subject of photo: North Park Wading Pool & Playground, Billings, MT 59101

Photo is taken looking: West

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Subject of photo: North Park Basketball Courts, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: North



Subject of photo: North Park Tennis Courts & E-W walkway, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: East



Subject of photo: North Park Baseball Diamond, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: South

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Subject of photo: Residential properties along N 22nd Street, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the west of the subject property



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Subject of photo: Commercial & Residential properties along 8th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the north of the subject property



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Property across the street to the north of the subject property



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Property across the street to the east of the subject property



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Property across the street to the east of the subject property



Subject of photo: Commercial property along N 19th Street, Billings, MT 59101
Former North Park School / Now Head Start
Property across the street to the east of the subject property

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Former North Park School / Now Head Start

Property across the street to the east of the subject property



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Subject of above photos: Commercial properties along 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the south of the subject property

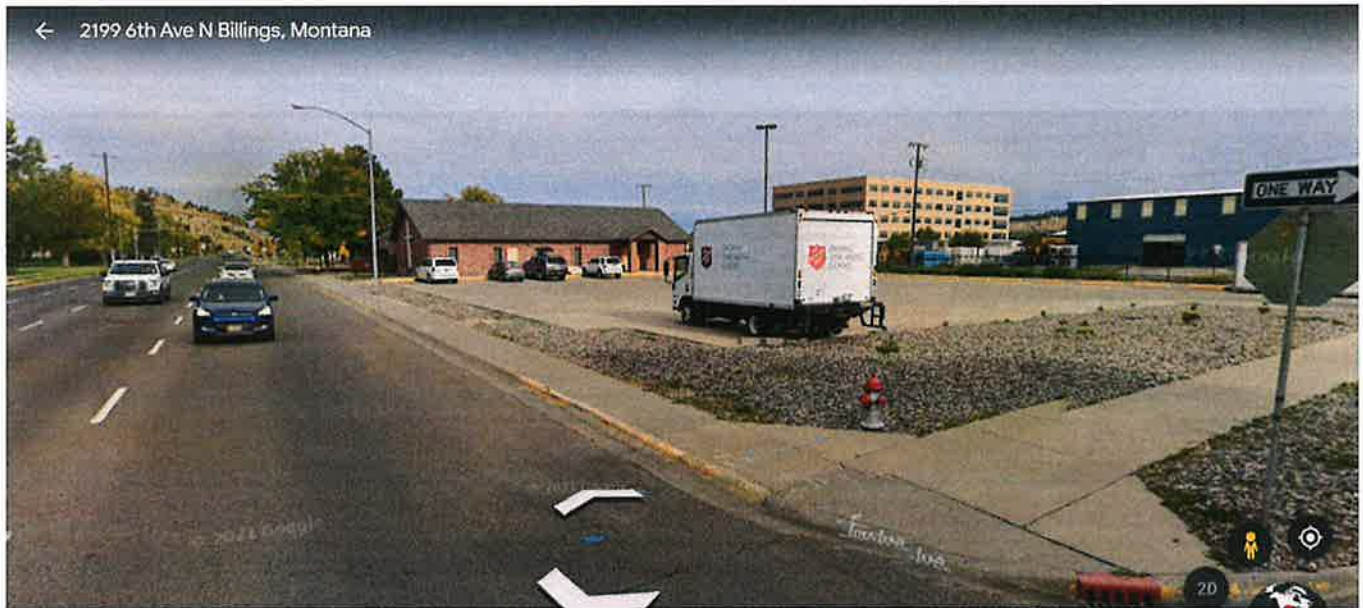
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Subject of above photos: Commercial property (The Salvation Army) along 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the south of the subject property