



February 4, 2022

TO: Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS FOR
CENTRAL 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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HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW REQUEST

As required by Secretary of Interior due to project use of HUD funding

City of Billings
Community Development Division
Community Development Block Grant (CDB) Programs

Address: Central Park / 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101

Owner: City of Billings

Year Built: 1975 (estimated)

Proposed Work: (Work that is not excluded from SHPO review according to the terms of Amendment #1 of our programmatic agreement)

- Possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

CD Coordinator

Tam Rodier

Date: February 4, 2022

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: 901 Central Ave
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: 01S Range: 26E
¼ Section: 05

Current Property Name: Central 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: 1975 Estimated Actual

UTM:

Zone: 49T **Easting:** 308601.96 **Northing:** 5071527.00

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: February 4, 2022

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 Central Park. At least one reference to Central Park was found within the City of Billings' Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Department records that suggests the park may have been seeded to lawn in 1918. However, another record shows the park was developed in 1975.

Yellowstone County online property records indicate the park area is 864,666 square feet (approximately 20 acres).

Current park features include a playground pod and equipment, tennis courts (4), baseball diamonds (3), picnic shelter attached to an enclosed kitchen building, a restroom building, storage building, horseshoe pits, trees, bushes and grass. Curbs and gutters have been constructed along the Central Avenue side of the property. There is curved access / asphalt parking area within the park boundary that is accessed off of Central Avenue. There is a second paved parking area on the east side of the park that is accessed from 8th Street West. There is an unpaved alley and parking area north of the park.

NOTE: This historic review is undertaken to contemplate the possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

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

★ = Existing power locations ○ = Potential power location



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PHOTOGRAPHS (35mm or good quality digitals of each exterior side of property, and photos of adjacent streetscape)
Photocopy this page for additional photos



Subject of photo: Central Park, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: North



Subject of photo: Central Park main entrance, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: Northwest

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Subject of photo: Central Park main entrance & playground, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: North



Subject of photo: Central Park, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: North

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Subject of photo: Central Park, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101

Photo is taken from the intersection of 8th Street West & Central Avenue looking: Northwest



Subject of photo: Central Park, 901 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101

Photo is taken looking: Southwest from 8th Street West

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Subject of photo: Residential & commercial properties along 8th Street W, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the east of the subject property



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Subject of photo: Commercial property at the southwest corner of 8th Street W & Central Ave., Billings, MT 59101

Property across the street to the south of the subject property



Subject of photo: Commercial & residential properties along 8th Street West, Billings, MT 59101

Property across the street to the south of the subject property

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Property across the street to the south of the subject property



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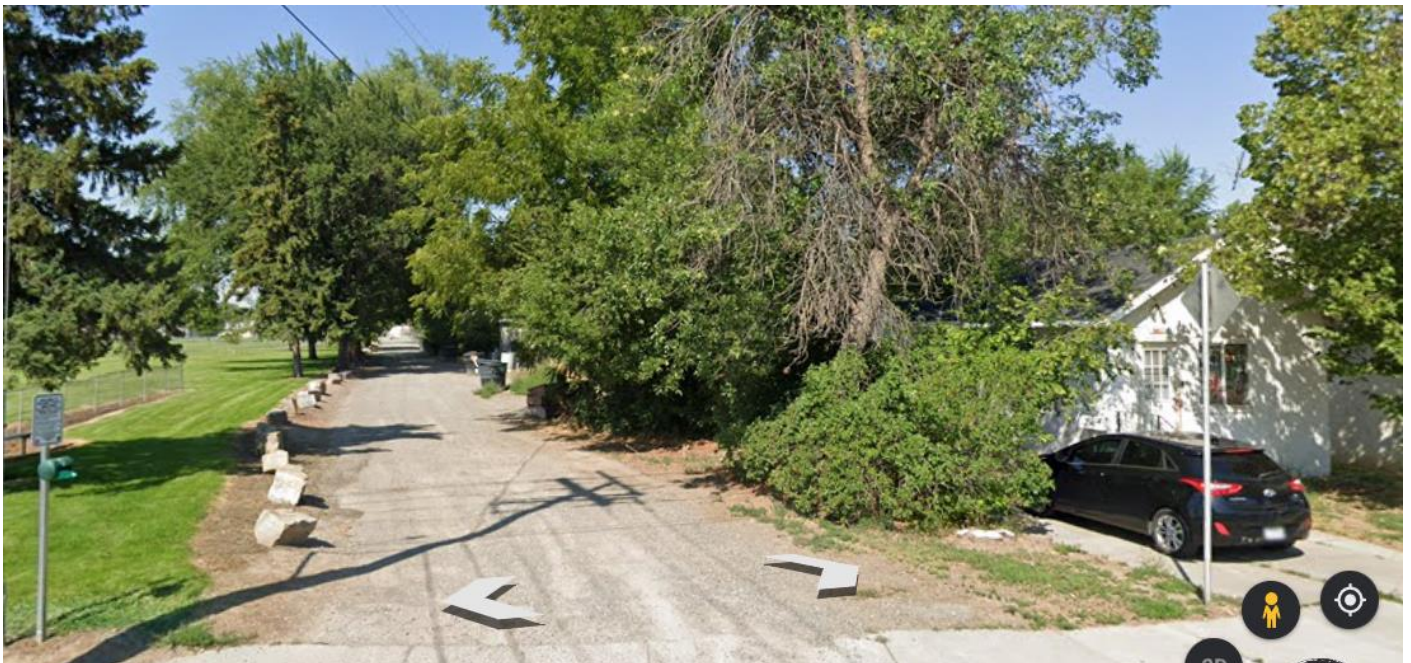
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Subject of photo: Commercial property along 8th Street W, Billings, MT 59101
Property across the street to the south of the subject property



Subject of photo: Back of the residential properties along the alley north of Central Park, Billings, MT 59101
Photo Taken Looking: West