



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
February 15, 2022
1st Floor Conference Room
Planning Division – Miller Building

Members Present – Becky Jeter, Zachary Garhart, Evan Bruce, Linda Lien, Brenna Moloney, and Keith Edgerton

Members Excused –

Staff Present –Lora Mattox, Tam Rodier and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. Public Comment – No public comment.

2. Minutes – The January minutes were accepted as submitted.

3. Old Business:

a. March YHPB Roundtable – Lora states that at this time, no award nominations have been received. She suggested awarding the Fratt Parochial School for the adaptive reuse to residential condominiums. The award would be to Fagg Family Properties and HGF Architects. The board will keep this suggestion in mind as the board waits to see if any nominations come in. Kevin also suggested the Monte Carlo. Board members will once again provide the goodies and the Western Heritage Center will provide the coffee/water.

4. New Business:

a. Motion – Use of CDBG-CV Funds to install wifi at Central, Highlands, Optimist and South Parks.

Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator at Community Planning, shared how \$900,000 was brought in through Cares Act grant through HUD to prepare to respond to Covid-10 virus. The DBA previously received support for downtown public restrooms, and Salvation Army received support for Mobile Meal Access. Community Development Project, working with Park’s Staff, is targeting improvements at eight city parks, including Central, Highlands, Optimist and South Parks. For funding, they need an environmental review and historical review. On a motion from Evan, seconded by Zac, all four projects were unanimously approved.

b. Motion: Update/Adopt 2022-2023 YHPB Work Plan – The board reviewed the proposed changes to the work plan to bring it up to date for the 2022-2023 year. Under 2022-2023 Projects:

- Project 1: Complete a National Registration nomination for Riverside Park in Laurel. This project time frame was updated to having a draft document for review during the summer of 2022;
- Project 2: Reworking the Electronic Downtown Walking Tour to expand outside the downtown if feasible and moving out until fall 2022;
- Project 3: Continue to explore additional resources through 2022;
- Project 4: Locate opportunities to display the YHPB banners.

Evan motioned to approve the 2022-2023 YHPB Work Plan with the above edits, seconded by Brenna. Approved.

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant's Report:

YHPB Annual Roundtable Reminder: Scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 8:30-10:00AM. Hosted by the Western Heritage Center. Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator, Montana State Historic Preservation Officer (Helena), and Charlene Porsild, President/CEO, Montana History Foundation (Helena) will provide short presentations. Cecelia Gavinsky at WHC will manage the power point program for Roundtable (she has received one so far). Lora is to receive the award nominations.

Grant: Wrote a National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant, deadline was January 31, for an online walking tour for YHPB using ThingLink. Asked for \$2,000 for the hard costs.

Research Requests: Will assist Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator, Community Development Division, with history as related to her projects. Grant support for Roosevelt Art Center roof (Red Lodge). Seven property searches, including preservation questions at Pompeys Pillar.

b. HPO Report – Lora reported that now that the work plan is updated, she will develop and send to Kevin the 2022-2023 Western Heritage Center contract. In addition, the local match from Yellowstone County and City of Laurel has been requested for the 2022-2023 CLG grant.

d. Board Roundtable –

1. Zac shared that all the Indian artifacts are out and can be viewed. If any board members are interested, they should contact Zac.
2. Evan told the board that the Laurel Community Foundation has taken over and now owns the Town Square Park. This park is located near the Laurel underpass.

Future Agenda Items: YHPB Roundtable

Next YHPB Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.