



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

A Certified Local Government (CLG)

Program representing four governing bodies:

City of Billings

Yellowstone County

City of Laurel

Crow Tribe

MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2022

1st Floor Conference Room

Planning Division – Miller Building

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

Members Excused – Keith Edgerton

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. Lora Mattox asks the board to motion to add an item to the agenda. New member application for Zachary Hassler. On a motion by Zach, seconded by Brenna, this item will be added as 5d to the agenda.

a. Public Comment – No public comment.

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

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

a. Discussion – Restoration Tool Kits

Board member Brenna Molony brought forward to the board an opportunity to look at the feasibility of supplying Restoration Tool Kits for loan. Currently Preserve Montana loans window restoration tool kits for lending in towns across Montana. These kits provide homeowners and property managers the ability to save historic windows, the kit also provides a guide. There are some questions the board has, where would this tool kit be housed, do we need to provide training or is the guide enough, what is the cost to build a tool kit? Brenna and Lora will contact Mary Webb at Preserve Montana and set up a meeting for discussion.

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant's Report:

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ROUNDTABLE: Tuesday March 15, 8:30-10:00AM at Western Heritage Center. WHC staff coordinated press releases, Facebook posts, award speeches, late phone and email contacts, coffee pick up, award pick up, PowerPoint slide show, and helped coordinate and photograph the day of event. Kate Hampton, *Community Preservation* Coordinator, Montana State Historic Preservation Office and Charlene Porsild of Montana History Foundation participated in the event. HGFA Architects and Fagg Family Properties received Best Practices Award for the restoration, remodel and adaptive re-use of the Kate *Fratt* Memorial Parochial School, located at 3rd & North 32nd Streets in Billings. Kevin Kooistra of WHC received the Eugene Carroll Award (he's now one of the cool kids 😊).



HAZEL HUNKINS HALLINAN: The Billings' suffragist will receive a plaque of recognition from the William Pomeroy Foundation. It will be placed by City Parks at Triangle Park on Division Street. The Pomeroy Foundation pays for all costs. Coordinated with Judy Senteney of the League of Women Voters.

DEMOLITION: Photographed the demolition of the historic WestOver Yellowstone Trail Garage at 2313 1st Avenue North. Charles "Dare Devil Slim" Lindbergh, the famed aviator, worked at the garage in 1922. Lindbergh was a parachuter at the time as part of a barn storming troupe that got stuck in Billings. Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic Ocean in May of 1927.



RESEARCH:

RIVERSIDE PARK: Kevin began working again on the National Register nomination. Lauren Hunley is doing a walking tour, free for YHPB board, on Thursday evening, July 28, 6PM (wear bug spray).

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT: We had one follow up in early February, but we have not heard from the National Trust's Grant for the support for the on-line downtown walking tour.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOMES:

2912 3rd Ave N, 2651 1st Ave N / 210 N 27th Elliott Seed Company, 2500 Minnesota Ave / 2425 Minnesota Ave, 3018 1st Ave North, local Juneteenth celebration history, two requests for research of James Battin Federal Courthouse (Stillwater building on North 26th), Crosser packing company, Big Horn Basin history, send out copies of Earl Guss trails interview, the Old Billings Hardware Building at the corner of Montana Ave, Stapleton building, and the Western Heritage Center / Parmly Billings Library building was able to host Lesley Gilmore, historic preservation architect, and Beverly Perkins, Buffalo Bill Center of the West for a two-day professional building and collections assessment.

PROGRAM NOTE:

Thursday, May 19. 12pm at the Western Heritage Center: Aaron Brien, Director, Crow Tribal Historic Preservation Dept. *Ishbinnaache Chikituuk: An Examination of a Crow War Shield at the Chicago Field Museum.* Exhibit comes to Museum of the Rockies this summer.

RESEARCH NOTE:

For those who take advantage of the statewide subscription to ProQuest's Sanborn Maps database (<https://digitalsanbornmaps.proquest.com/login>), please note that the password has changed. The Montana Historical Society's licensing agreement provides access to Montana researchers.

The username remains: bitterroot

The new password is: welcomel@

b. HPO Report – Lora reported the Montana Rescue Mission contacted her regarding the proposed remaining east wall of the Granny's Attic. As the demolition contractor started dismantling the building, the east wall showed severe deterioration to a point where workers were moved out of the building. They are working on how to stabilize. Lora will keep the board up to date as new information comes in.

c. Board Roundtable –

1. Kevin let the board now that the WHC grounds are finally finished! It has already made a huge impact in reducing nefarious activity around the grounds.
2. Evan gave an update on the activities in Laurel. Town Square Park is continuing to be improved, the next project is to add a stage. There is an open lot across from City Hall that is being developed as a park area with a shelter. The Laurel Community Foundation is working on the building at 101 E. Main, businesses below, apartments above. Rehab of the two buildings that were hit by vehicles is ongoing.

d. Zachary Hassler Member Application

Yellowstone County received an application for the board from Zachary Hassler. Mr. Hassler is a land surveyor with a history degree from the University of Montana. On a motion by Brenna, second by Becky, approved. The recommendation will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners.

Future Agenda Items: TBD

Next YHPB Meeting: TBD