



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

July 19, 2022

1st Floor Conference Room

Planning Division – Miller Building

Members Present – Keith Edgerton, Becky Jeter (Zoom), Zachary Garhart, Evan Bruce, Linda Lien, Brenna Moloney (Zoom) and Zach Hassler

Members Excused –

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. President Edgerton opened the meeting. Introductions to Zachery Hassler (Owner Mammoth Survey Company land surveying at zhassler@mammothsurvey.com. Former Dowl-HKM land surveyor. Went to Powell High School in Wyoming, Northwest College, and the University of Montana in Missoula for undergraduate degrees in history and forestry.

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

3. Old Business:

a. Restoration Toolkits

Brenna re-introduced the project through Zoom (she was in Helena for her new job with FWP). *Preserve Montana*, previously known as the Montana Preservation Alliance, has created a kit for window restoration (\$1,690.00) and will provide professional training workshop (\$980.00). We could look for grants, such as FIB grants. Other ideas for funding of \$2,670 included Billings Architectural Association, Montana Contractors Association, private donors, and Billings Community Foundation. The kit size is a large single bin that could be housed and checked out at a selected facility, such as the Library, Western Heritage Center, or architectural firm.

1. Kevin Kooistra will check with BAA about support - Sean Tharp, AIA, of Cushing Terrell, is listed as President. seantharp@cushingterrell.com PHONE: 406.248.7455
2. Kevin can look at grants, but only after August 1.
3. Brenna will also look at grant opportunities including First Interstate Bank.

4. New Business: None

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant's Report:

ACTIVITY

DEMOLITIONS: The Yegen Block was torn in late June. WHC staff photographed the interior in the fall of 2021 (about 400 images) and photographed the demolition, which went quickly, on June 22 and June 27, 2022. We will continue to record the process.



Another property on Minnesota Avenue, the Hogue-Robinson and Company Building at 2910 Minnesota, is slated for demolition by the owners. The building is non-contributing to the Billings Old Town Historic District and is in serious disrepair. Even though it is non-contributing, it will require a public hearing process. WHC will photograph the interior and exterior in the next month. O.D. Hogue, W.A. Robinson and Richard Kirk started the business in 1899-1900. Robinson and Kirk took over the business in 1903. Richard Kirk would partner with his brother Thomas at 2920 Minnesota (Kirk Grocery).



RESEARCH:

RIVERSIDE PARK: Staff is reviewing the National Register nomination for Riverside Park. 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: Our National Trust Grant for the support for the on-line downtown walking tour was denied.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOMES:

Research of photographs and information for the Big Sky Economic Development of the Montana National Bank Building, their new home, on the corner of North Broadway and 1st Avenue North. Other property research included 2020 S 27th Street, 142 Wyoming Avenue, 220 South 27th Street, McKee building, and 620 Logan Lane.

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: welcome1@

b. HPO Report – Lora shared information about 2910 Minnesota Avenue (Hogue-Robinson and Company building, and Burger Dive property on Minnesota Avenue, just east of High Plains Architects building. Montana Association of Planners Conference will be held at Double Tree in downtown Billings, September 27-29, 2022. WHC will host two walking tours – Lights Over Broadway and Bars, Brothels and Bok Choi.

c. Board Roundtable –

Evan: Yellowstone Bank restoration in Laurel being repaired.

 Camping open at Riverside Park.

 Kevin needs to follow up with Laurel Mayor.

Keith: MSU Billings informed board about changing the name of McMullen Hall (an advocate of eugenics and Hitler).

Zach G: Re-cataloging 30,000 items in Yellowstone County Museum. Volunteers needed Tuesday-Friday, 10-5. They said they found possible civil war swords in walls of Granny's Attic / Yegen Block. YCM has them presently.

Kevin K: Western Heritage Center / Parmly Billings Library building General Conservation Survey (CAP grants) draft was received. The seventy-seven page document from Lesley Gilmore and Beverly Perkins outlines future needs for maintenance of the historic building and museum's collections.

d. Announcement: The next YHPB meeting will be held: TBD

Future Agenda Items: TBD