



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

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

Members Excused – Linda Lien

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra (Zoom)

Others Present – None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. President Edgerton opened the meeting. There was no public present.

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

3. Old Business:

a. Restoration Toolkits Update/Regroup

The board discussed regrouping on this project as the board was unable to meet for a couple months. Brenna has developed a list of potential grants, Kevin has volunteered to help look at this list and also the potential of private donors, such as the Billings Architecture Association and local hardware stores. Brenna will create a Google Doc location for the board to add suggestions and review documents.

4. New Business:

a. Montana History Foundation Grant Application – Walking Tour

Lora discussed the grant application to update and reboot the Downtown Walking Tour. The Montana History Foundation Grant works well for this and the City can apply for up to \$10,000. Kevin will work with Lora on some of the narrative and discuss the budget. The grant application is due in January of 2023.

b. Montana Hidden History – A pilot project to promote Montana’s historic buildings and location not usually accessible to the public. These sites would be open to the public for one day as a self-guided tour. Billings and Yellowstone County have a lot to offer, a few suggestions include 3rd floor of the Moss Mansion, Lincoln Center tunnels, Cohagen homes, Sonny O’Day

bar in Laurel, bomb shelters. A small stipend will be provided for event supplies. Proposals are due January 1, 2023.

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant's Report:

Kevin provided the following list of activities the Western Heritage Center has been undertaking for the board:

- Happy to announce that they are back up to full staff!
- Kevin has reached out to the BAA for the restoration toolkits.
- Attended the CLG meeting that was part of the Montana History Conference in Red Lodge, the topic was sustainable historic preservation presented by Randy Hafer.
- Continued research requests.
- Now that staff is back up to full, Kevin hopes to start work on the Riverside National Register nomination.
- Looking at a Cohagen home walking tour.

b. HPO Report:

Lora shared information about a possible Certificate of Appropriateness for 2905-07 Montana Avenue. The gentleman that has purchased the building would like to add two additional stories to the rear of the building. The building is contributing to the Old Town Historic District. Information about the building, requirements for a COA review and Ordinance was sent. Lora also mentioned that with the first of the year coming up, the annual CLG grant will be once again applied for.

c. Board Roundtable –

Kevin: Roundtable activities are coming up. The Roundtable will be held on March 21, 2023 at the Western Heritage Center. More discussion next month.

d. Announcement: The next YHPB meeting will be held on December 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Moss Mansion (if available)

Future Agenda Items: Restoration toolkit discussion, Hidden History, Roundtable, Local government presentations in 2023.