

# Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Work Plan 2023-2024

## Goals & Objectives:

- I. Promote the preservation of historic buildings, sites or neighborhoods.
- II. Increase community awareness on the benefits of historic preservation activities.
- III. Promote increased awareness of preservation activities and the work of the YHPB through the four governing bodies represented on the Board.
- IV. Comply with the duties and responsibilities of historic preservation organizations under the State Certified Local Government Program and the requirements of the Inter-local Agreement.

## 2023-2024 Projects

### **1. Complete a National Registration Riverside Park in Laurel.**

Time Frame: Draft nomination by summer 2023  
Who: YHPB Board, HPO/WHC, City of Laurel  
Status: YHPB has allocated hours to allow the WHC to work on the nomination. Board has also volunteered to assist in reading over narratives and other tasks associated with the creation of the nomination.

- 2. YHPB applied to the Montana History Foundation requesting funding to redevelop the mobile walking tour application. WHC will act as the consultant for the project and explore using ThingLink, a platform that allows photography and programs to include information regarding the item in the photograph. The board will look to expand this tour outside of the Billings downtown. This link shows an example of the program: <https://www.ywhc.org/exhibit/be-tween-the-lines-bees-their-people/>**

**If the grant is unsuccessful, the HPO will review currently funding availability locally to complete the project.**

Time Frame: Summer, 2023  
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO  
Status: The YHPB was provided cash and in-kind match for the Montana History Foundation Grant.

- 3. YHPB is looking to develop a Window Restoration Toolkit with assistance locally and from the Preserve Montana organization. As part of this toolkit which will be available to check out, Preserve Montana will conduct a hands-on work shop to teach basic window restoration.**

Time Frame: Throughout 2023  
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO  
Status: Identifying local partners in the building of the toolkit.

- 4. YHPB will look to develop a local program similar to the State Historic Preservation Offices' Montana Hidden History. Two suggestions have been a tour of the Lincoln Center Tunnels and a Cohagen House Tour. This would be an opportunity for the YHPB to generate some income towards historic preservation activities, such as funds for local match of grants, program development, limited survey and national register work, etc.**

Time Frame: Throughout 2023 and beyond – Lincoln Center Tunnels during May (Preservation Month)

Who: YHPB, HPO, WHC

Status: Early stages of discussion and development

### **Annual Board Activities**

- 1. Continue the review of building permits submitted for properties located within the designated historic district.**

Time Frame: Ongoing

Who: Committee and HPO

- 2. Continue the review of Community Development Block Grant rehabilitation projects as needed.**

Time Frame: Ongoing

Who: YHPB/WHC

- 3. To continually update the local governing bodies of the activities undertaken by the YHPB, annual PowerPoint Presentations will be made to the City of Billings, the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County.**

Time Frame: Yearly

Who: Chair/WHC/HPO

Status: The scheduling of these meetings will take place yearly during spring.

- 4. To provide up to date information to the general public, continually update the web site and social media sites on activities and programs.**

Time Frame: Ongoing

Who: WHC

- 5. Provide resources to property owners who are interested in listing a property to the National Register. Including State Historic Preservation Office contacts, literature and technical assistance.**

Time Frame: Ongoing

Who: YHPB Board/HPO/WHC

- 6. Expand YHPB meetings to alternate locations. To take advantage of some of our many historic venues, the board wishes to expand meetings to alternate locations.**

Time Frame: Ongoing

Who: HPO/WHC

- 7. Due to a loss of potential historic buildings within the City of Billings, an effort is being made to notify WHC and a member of the board about upcoming demolitions. The Building Division notifies HPO on the release of demolition permits, HPO notifies members of the demolition and a determination is made to either document/photograph building.**

Time Frame: Ongoing  
Who: HPO/WHC/Board

- 8. Continue exploration of grant opportunities to provide additional funds to the YHPB for historic preservation projects.**

Time Frame: Ongoing  
Who: HPO/WHC

- 9. Consultant, Historic Preservation Officer and YHPB will attend training meetings as needed. Historic Preservation Officer will attend the required annual Montana State Historic Preservation Conference.**

Time Frame: Ongoing  
Who: WHC/HPO

- 10. To provide a forum for Historic Preservationist to share their successes and discuss projects and to present historic preservation awards, continue to host the Historic Preservation Roundtable yearly.**

Time Frame: Yearly  
Who: WHC/HPO/Board  
Status: Preservation Month - March

- 11. Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month. Board will decide on a program, speakers and other events to commemorate this event.**

Time Frame: Yearly  
Who: Committee/WHC  
Status: This event will occur yearly during May.

- 12. YHPB will investigate and identify opportunities to display the YHPB banners.**

Time Frame: Yearly  
Who: YHPB, HPO, WHC