



## ***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 December 13, 2022 Moss Mansion, 914 Division Street**

**Members Present** – Keith Edgerton, Linda Lien, Becky Jeter, Evan Bruce, and Zach Hassler

**Members Excused** – Brenna Moloney and Zach Garhart

**Staff Present** –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

**Others Present** – None

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

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

**2. Minutes** – The November were accepted as submitted.

#### **3. Old Business:**

##### **a. Restoration Toolkits Update/Regroup**

Not much to report since last month, Kevin did send an email to Sean Tharp of the BAA about support. More of this is included in the Consultant Report.

**b. Montana History Foundation Grant** – Lora gave an update on the progress of the grant application. She and Kevin are working in tandem on the narrative and it is in good shape. Evan also reviewed the narrative and provided good comments and suggestions. Brenna is working on a general support letter to send out to DBA, BSED, Chamber, etc. Keith submitted one from MSU-B. Should be in good shape to submit the grant in January.

**c. Montana Hidden History** – after review of the submittal requirements, Lora decided not to apply for the small stipend for marketing. We have a couple projects that would work for a similar program in Billings. School District 2 gave the okay to hold a tour in the tunnels! That will be a great opportunity to raise some funds for preservation activities. The other is the Chandler Cohagen house tour. We will continue to look at these options.

#### **4. New Business:**

**a. 2023 YHPB Roundtable** – Lora reminded the board of the Roundtable coming up. The save the date is out there and Lora has had a call from someone that is looking to make a nomination. Lora has a couple suggestions for the board to review as well. The event will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Western Heritage Center. Board members will be asked to bring a snack to share. Evan is working on a potential speaker.

**b. YHPB Work Plan** – for next meeting, the board will review the work plan and make updates as needed.

## **5. Other Business:**

### **a. Consultant's Report:**

#### **ACTIVITY**

Contacted Sean Tharp at BAA about window restoration kit funding support. Asked for \$2,670.

- YHPB is looking for funding support for a window restoration kit that can be borrowed a week at a time. Preserve Montana, previously known as the Montana Preservation Alliance, has created a kit for window restoration (\$1,690.00) and will provide a professional training workshop in Billings on how to use the kit (\$980.00). 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.

Kevin Kooistra met with Lora Mattox about three projects:

- Writing the narrative and budget for the Montana History Foundation grant by the January 10, 2023 deadline. Asking for support of our on-line walking tour.
- Potential for a downtown "tunnel" tour at Lincoln School during the summer of 2023.
- Considering a Chandler Cohagen architectural home tour near Pioneer Park /North Elevation.

Kate Hampton of the SHPO contacted Lora and I about gathering ideas for potential historic and architectural survey projects in Montana CLG programs. Here are some ideas:

- We've talked about a multiple property listing for the cluster of Chandler Cohagen designed homes near the North Elevation and Pioneer Park. A handful of these properties were researched when we did the first round of the North Elevation including his first commission on Beverly Hills Blvd and the Lyle Home on North 32<sup>nd</sup> (west side of North 32<sup>nd</sup>). There might be as many as eighteen homes in the vicinity (several mission- styled).
- We've had neighbors asking about the inclusion of historic homes on Avenues B, C, D, E and F as part of an extension of the North Elevation (another 100 homes?). That would capture all homes between Pioneer Park and North Elevation (part of North Elevation).
- As for an underrepresented community, the Billings Southside, around South Park / Sugar Factory and / or Highland Park, would be a big project that might fit for a survey.
- Of course, we could always survey the area near the Moss Mansion, roughly from Broadwater to Lewis and Division Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. I would focus on Wyoming Ave, Yellowstone Avenue and Clark Avenue (up to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West).
- There's always Laurel, Broadview, Worden or rural Yellowstone County.

#### **LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOME RESEARCH:**

We've done about thirty home / business searches in the past three months. The last two were 2227 Spruce Lane and 548 Park Lane.

**DEMOLITION:**

Large industrial warehouse building (over 10,000 square feet) at 2224 Minnesota Avenue is slated for demolition. BILLINGS ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S03, T01 S, R26 E, BLOCK 134, Lot 7 – 18, Date of construction is 1918 with remodel in 1975. Great Northern Tool & Supply Company, an oil & gas tool manufacturing company, was at the property from the 1920s-1970s. In 1958 they had their roof torn off the building by high winds / tornado. Midland West Manufacturing occupied the space by 1980, until purchased by Dovetail in 2020 (Sevier).



**b. HPO Report:**

Lora didn't have any additional information today other than the annual CLG grant will be due in February.

**c. Board Roundtable –**

Evan, the American Legion is working on a building rehab in Riverside Park. Lora mentioned that it may be possible to tour the Yellowstone County Museum storage.

**d. Announcement:** The next YHPB meeting will be held on January 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the first-floor conference room at the Miller Building.

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