



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
February 21, 2023
1st Floor Conference Room
Planning Division – Miller Building

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

Members Excused – Zachary Hassler

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 December minutes were accepted as submitted.

3. Old Business:

a. Restoration Toolkits Update

Kevin and Brenna have an appointment to get together and discuss this project and develop next steps.

b. Roundtable: Award nominations/Refreshments

Lora informed the board of the two nominations for the Eugene Carroll award this year. The first was submitted for Mayor Bill Cole for his continued support of historic preservation as well as his tireless work on the Yellowstone Kelly project. The other nomination was submitted for Neal Gunnels, currently the director at the Huntley Project Museum. Neal has been involved in many projects throughout the years including the Pompey Pillar center expansion. As of today, we have not received any nominations for the Best Practices award. Lora suggested giving both Neal and the Mayor the Eugene Carroll award this year and if a nomination for Best Practices comes in, the board can review and determine if the project is eligible for an award this year.

Several board members volunteered to provide snacks for the Roundtable, WHC will provide the coffee and water.

4. New Business:

a. CLG Grant – Lora reported that the annual CLG grant was submitted and approved with the contract already being received. Lora received word last week that MT SHPO has some additional funding that can be used for programming or projects if the CLG desired. The amount is an additional \$2,000 and Lora expressed the desire to use the additional funds towards the walking tour application development.

b. May Preservation Month: Lincoln Center Tunnel Tour – Lora discussed the possible tunnel tour with the board to confirm the board’s interest in moving forward. Lora will work with Kevin and the WHC on content and format. Lora will also contact SD2 for correspondence with them.

5. Other Business:

Evan informed the board that 101 E Main in Laurel is going through an extensive rehabilitation. The Laurel Community Foundation owns the building and will be operating the first floor for themselves, second floor will be commercial office space, the third floor will be residential.

Kevin handed out activities from the Western Heritage Center. Activity included:

YHPB ANNUAL ROUNDTBALE - March 21

Posted date of the 21'* Annual YHPB Roundtable on Facebook scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 8:30am-10:00am at the Western Heritage Center (2822 Montana Ave) in Billings, MT. Paid for advertising to help market the event. *Note: We will have to find another location for 2024, as the WHC will be installing an NEH exhibit, Away From Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories.*

Sent board and 15 architectural firms notices of the Annual Roundtable including the previous award recipients Sent Best Practices nomination forms to all the architectural firms. Have not received any notices.

Started creating a powerpoint program of Chandler Cohagen architectural homes in the Pioneer Park / North Elevation. This will help us if we decide to create a future public event.

Brenna and Kevin to meet this week.

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.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOME RESEARCH:

Business and home searches this past month include ZooMontana and West End development, Tracy Smith and Weber State work about local historic Preservation efforts, City Hall research, Rim rock staircase, and 2327 Virginia Lane.

Reminder: Montana History Conference: Building on the Past, the 50th Annual Montana History Conference, September 28-30, 2023, at the Delta Hotels Colonial in Helena.

a. Announcement: Next months meeting will be the YHPB Roundtable.