



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

A Certified Local Government (CLG)

Program representing four governing bodies:

City of Billings

Yellowstone County

City of Laurel

Crow Tribe

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 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 February minutes were accepted as submitted.

3. Old Business:

a. Montana History Foundation Grant Update – Unfortunately, the City was not successful in receiving this grant. Lora suggested using the additional \$2,000 from SHPO and \$2,000 from a discretionary fund provided by an anonymous gift to at least build the walking tour and incorporate some locations. Zac suggested that the YHPB contact Visit Billings about maybe a small grant to add more to the project.

b. Restoration Toolkits Update – Lora stated that the Foundation for Montana History is very interested about working with our CLG on a collaborative project, specifically since we are multi-jurisdictional. This may work well with establishing a couple toolkits and up to two training events (Laurel/Billings). Brenna volunteered to contact Ciara Ryan about a potential project.

c. Riverside Park National Register Nomination Update – Kevin updated the board on the status of the NR nomination for Riverside Park. Most all of the content has been developed, now it is time to put it all together into a nomination format. He hopes to have time to work on that coming up.

d. Lincoln Center Tunnel Tour – Lora suggested for board consideration to delay this project until we have some resolution with the above-mentioned projects. That is quite a workload for WHC currently. It was suggested to look at a fall date, maybe October. Evan suggested maybe

even announcing or tying into Montana Fair. The board did express an interest in touring the tunnels at an upcoming board meeting. Lora will look at setting it up.

4. New Business: No new business

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant Report:

YHPB ANNUAL ROUNDTALE - March 21

The 21st Annual YHPB Roundtable was Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 8:30am-10:00am at the Western Heritage Center (2822 Montana Ave) in Billings, MT. High Plains Architects and Mayor Bill Cole were the 2023 recipients of the [reservation awards. Lauren Hunley hosted 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*.*

- 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. Kevin did research in Bozeman Special Collections. Program was presented yesterday. Needs more detail on Mission styled homes.



- 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. Need to meet with Brenna.
- Looks like our grant for the walking tour with Foundation for Montana History was turned down.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOME RESEARCH:

413 Terry Avenue, 142 Wyoming Avenue, 2604 Minnesota Ave, 4 buildings, and Ralston mural concerns in Glendive.

Reviewing the Riverside Park nomination from Laurel. We are about 70% completed. Another 20-30 hours and we should be able to submit.

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.

b. Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora will be traveling to Helena in May to accept a National Register award for the Federal Building (future City Hall). Lora and Linda went on a tour of the City Hall jail art and other very interesting historic artifacts held by the Billings Police Department. Lora will send out the pictures taken during the tour.

c. Board Roundtable – Brenna announced a couple FWP projects: the first is on May 5th at Chief Plenty Coups State Park, they will be excavating around the foundation to repair a portion of the house. It will include training some THPO staff on controlled excavation. Another project is a hopeful Save America’s Treasure grant for do some rock stabilization at Pictograph Cave as well as some cave preservation.

a. Announcement: Next month’s meeting TBD.