



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
June 20, 2023
1st Floor Conference Room
Planning Division – Miller Building

Members Present – Keith Edgerton, Becky Jeter, and Linda Lien

Members Excused – Zachary Hassler, Zachary Garhart, Evan Bruce, Brenna Moloney

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 April minutes will be delayed due to a lack of a quorum.

3. Old Business:

a. Toolkit Update – Discussion delayed until next meeting.

b. Riverside Park National Register Nomination Update – Kevin is reviewing and packaging the nomination. As soon as he has completed this task, he will send out for the board to review.

c. Walking Tour Update – Lauren at WHC will be undertaking this project for the YHPB. Due to budget changes, Lora has amended the contract with WHC to cover this project and the MPD (Multiple Property Designation) project recently added through additional funding from SHPO.

d. Lincoln Center Tunnel Tour – Lora suggests this project be delayed due to the workload of WHC with the Walking Tour and the MPD project. Board is okay with this, Kevin suggests maybe looking at an event for the tour next Preservation Month (May) or October for Halloween.

4. New Business:

a. Multiple Property Designation(MPD)/National Register Nomination – Lora informed the board the SHPO has offered an additional \$10,000 to complete a MPD National Register Nomination for Chandler Cohagen properties. With this project, the walking tour and the annual CLG, the total contract to WHC this year is \$22,500!

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant Report:

ACTIVITY

Researching Chandler Cohagen architectural homes in the Pioneer Park / North Elevation. This will help us if we decide to create a future public event. Program was already presented three times as a powerpoint – needs more work. Need more detail on Mission styled homes. Mayor Cole is interested in creating a walking tour map for the historic homes near North Elevation and Moss Mansion.

Attended the Preservation Awards at the Myrna Loy in Helena – Awards and recognition for Billings Mausoleum at Mountview, McKinley Elementary School, Pioneer Park, Montana National bank on N Broadway and HGA Architects and the Burke's received the Governor's Award for the Fratt School Apartments. Awards accepted by Mayor Bill Cole, Joan Brownell and Kevin Kooistra. Made Facebook posts and delivered the certificate to McKinley School.

Tunnel tour on May 16, 2023. Check on tunnel research at the Western Heritage Center.

May 16 Hazel Hunkins Hallinan suffragist plaque ceremony at Lincoln School. Located on North 31st. Send Images to Committee.

Lauren Hunley will be moving on the digital walking tour and discuss the project at July meeting.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOME RESEARCH:

EL ranch near Nye, 1877 Canyon Creek research and stage station research, disaster research for Montana Avenue near City Offices (Mac), and 2525 Minnesota Ave.

Reviewing the Riverside Park nomination from Laurel. Received examples from SHPO for Livingston Park and Pioneer Park. We are about 70% completed. Another 20 hours and we should be able to submit.

Jay Thompson of Western Security Bank) for building at 2525 Minnesota Ave - Certificate of Appropriateness for façade. They may present to YHPB Board.

Scan and research of 3115 9th Ave N photos and scrap book.

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 had nothing more to add.

c. Board Roundtable – Linda mentioned the Ralston bar-back painting in Glendive at the Jordan Hotel. It appears to be for sale at \$1.5 million! Kevin announces the Larry Mayer Photography exhibit opens on July 1st with a reception on July 7th from 4-8 p.m. also, WHC received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a traveling exhibit on Indian Boarding Schools.

a. Announcement: Next meeting TBD.