



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

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**City of Billings
City of Laurel**

**Crow Tribe
Yellowstone County**

AGENDA

**OCTOBER 17, 2023, MEETING TIME: 8:30 a.m.
1st Floor Large Conference Room, Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59101**

1. **Call to Order-YHPB: Welcome! YHPB Chair**
 - a. Public Comment Period: As required (3-minute maximum per person). Any member of the public can be heard on any subject that is not scheduled as a public hearing. If there is a public hearing scheduled for the board, members of the public are invited to speak during the public hearing scheduled for the board, members of the public are invited to speak during the public comment period of the public hearing. Items not on the agenda may be commented on, however, the board will not take any action on those items at this time, but could choose to add an item to next meeting's agenda.
2. **Motion. Approval of the minutes of: August 15, 2023**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Window Restoration Toolkit Discussion
4. **New Business**
 - a. Historic Review: Art Sculpture Installation at Pioneer Park
5. **Other Business**
 - a. Consultant Report
 - b. HPO Report
6. **Announcement: The next Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting will be held as announced: TBD**
7. **Adjournment**

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Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Subject

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Attachments

August Minutes



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MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2023
1st Floor Conference Room
Planning Division – Miller Building

Members Present – Keith Edgerton, Becky Jeter, Zachary Garhart, Evan Bruce, and Linda Lien
Members Excused – Zachary Hassler, Brenna Moloney

Staff Present –Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – Perry Moler, North Elevation Task Force

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. President Edgerton opened the meeting. No public comment.

2. Minutes – The April and June minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business:

a. Toolkit Update – Lora informed the board that Kate Hampton of the State Historic Preservation Office will look at a proposal for the development of the Toolkit and may be able to provide funding for development. Lora will look at the costs sent by the Montana History Foundation and send a proposal to Kate for consideration.

4. New Business:

a. News Member Application – Lora shared the application form Ginger Aldrich for consideration and recommendation to be appointed to the board. Ginger currently acts as the Elections Administrator for Yellowstone County. On a motion by Zac, seconded by Evan, the the board is unanimously recommending Ginger be appointed to the YHPB.

5. Other Business:

a. Consultant Report:

ACTIVITY

Lauren Hunley will be leading the digital walking map project and will discuss project details at the August meeting. Note: Mayor Cole is interested in creating a future walking map for the historic homes near North Elevation and Moss Mansion.

Kevin participated in a panel workshop on doing historic research for your historic home. The program was hosted at the community room of the public library on July 18. Yellowstone County Clerk & Recorder Jeff Martin and librarian Lynne Puckett were the other two participants.

Began researching homes designed by Chandler Cohagen in the Pioneer Park / North Elevation neighborhood. This will help us if we decide to create a future public event or pursue a National Register nomination. Kevin presented a working power point biography and survey of Cohagen's work three times this past month. The program needs more detail and better research on the historic homes.

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.

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

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

Cecelia Gavinsky and Kevin met with Lesley Gilmore to discuss the recent CAO assessment and priorities for preserving the historic Parmly Billings Library building. New interpretive panels are located on the west side of the building as part of the landscape improvements.

NATIONAL REGISTER UPDATES

Reviewing and writing the Riverside Park, Laurel, nomination. Received examples from SHPO for Livingston Park and Pioneer Park. We are about 80% completed. Kevin is following the excellent work of Emily Meick, Cecelia Gavinsky, Ann Kooistra-Manning and Michelle Caron. Kooistra put in 22 hours with writing and research in the past month.

On July 18, Lora Mattox and Kevin met with Kate Hampton of the State Historic Preservation Office. Kate is supportive of the on-line walking map (Due March 1, 2024) and a Chandler Cohagen multi-use property nomination research and writing in late Fall, 2023 and spring of 2024. Kevin gave Kate a tour of the historic Cohagen homes near McKinley School and Pioneer Park.

DEMOLITION

Kevin photographed demolition work at the corner of North 23rd and First Avenue North.

Kevin photographed potential demolition in the Moss Mansion neighborhood at 343 Clark Avenue.



Interpretive panels at Western Heritage Center



343 Clark Avenue (demolition)

Reminder: Hazel Hunkins Hallinan suffragist plaque ceremony is located at Lincoln School on North 31s^t. The ceremony took place on May 16.

Reminder: Montana History Conference: *Building on the Past, Annual Montana History Conference*, September 28-30, 2023, at the Delta Hotels Colonial in Helena. Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra will attend the all-day preservation workshops on September 28.

Lauren provided an example of layout options for ThingLink and the walking tour. She presented an option for a larger map that pinpoints different locations. Limitation of using this is the inability to add too many properties and it would be extensive to add audio/visual aspects. There is a second option of a smaller map that could be more focused. Lora suggests using the larger map for general locations in the downtown starting with 15 locations. Next phase could include a more extensive experience with audio/visual elements that could concentrate on certain areas such as the historic districts, i.e., Montana Avenue, Minnesota Avenue or North Broadway and North 32nd. A smaller group comprised of a couple board members will meet with Lauren to identify the first 15 sites.

b. Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora mentioned the upcoming History Conference. Some changes are happening in the Planning Division, noting a couple major retirements and the big move happening next year.

c. Board Roundtable – Becky shared that she recently visited Butte and thoroughly enjoyed it. Kevin mentioned this week’s High Noon lecture featuring Lou Mandler on her latest book, “Montana’s Visionary Mayor: Willard E. Fraser.” Fraser was progressive and controversial four-term mayor in Billings in the 1960’s. Should be a good one!

a. Announcement: Next meeting TBD. Due to conferences and board availability, meeting may be postponed or moved to another date.

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Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Subject

Historic Review: Art Sculpture Installation at Pioneer Park

Attachments

Pioneer Park Art



October 6, 2023

TO: Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator

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Development
Division**

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ART
SCULPTURE IN PIONEER PARK, BILLINGS**

We come before you today to review the above mentioned property according to the Programmatic Agreement and the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which requires identification, evaluation and treatment of historic resources associated with the expenditure of federal assistance.

The City has received a proposal to install a large art structure over the Heritage Trail section within the boundaries of Pioneer Park in Billings using CDBG funds allocated to the City of Billings. Because federal funding is involved, the project is considered a "federal undertaking." A federal undertaking is any project carried out by or on behalf of a federal agency; any project funded in whole or part by a federal agency; a project that occurs on federal land; or a project that requires a federal permit. All federal undertakings require consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and other interested parties under Section 106 of the NHPA.

Pioneer Park was included on the National Register of Historic Places In 2021. My understanding is the park's "historic integrity" must be maintained and the City needs to ensure compliance with the NHPA.

Consulting Parties:

The City of Billings, Montana SHPO, Mobilize the MAGIC City Advisory Group, Western Heritage Center.

Undertaking Defined:

The design, construction and installation of a 46' long x 20' tall x 16' wide art sculpture over a section of the Heritage Trailing within the Pioneer Park boundaries in Billings, Montana (see attached drawing).

Area of Potential Effect:

Pioneer Park; general boundaries are 3rd Street West, Parkhill Drive, Virginia Lane, and Senior High School (see attached map).

Effects to Historic Properties:

Pioneer Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2021 (123 page hard copy of the **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form** to be shared at the meeting). No existing structures are on the Heritage Trail section where the art sculpture is proposed. It is not expected that the art sculpture will be visible from areas outside the park boundaries. The addition of the proposed art sculpture is expected to enhance the park and encourage additional park usage.

Area of Direct Effects:

Heritage Trail section from 3rd Street West to the installation site will likely include vehicle traffic and construction activities.

Area of Indirect Effects:

May include visual intrusions, noise, vibration, and dust during construction activities.

Please let me know if the YHBP concurs with the above. If the YHPB does not concur, please provide and explain each area of disagreement, suggested changes, and/or proposed mitigation recommendations.

Sincerely,

Tam Rodier
CD Program Coordinator

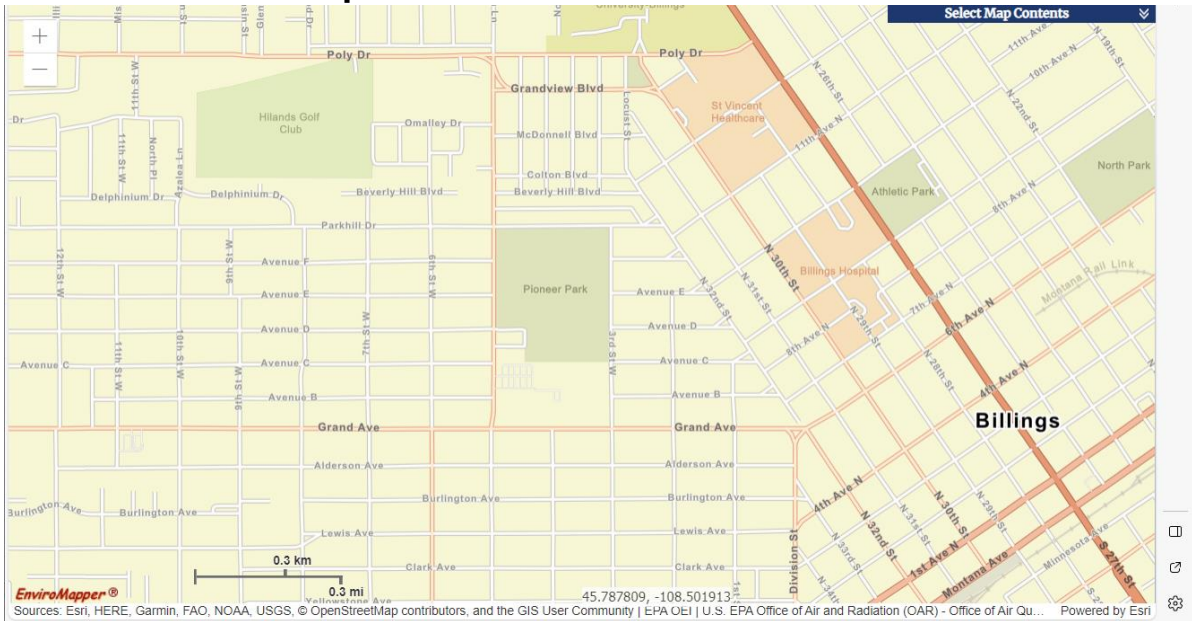
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Attachments

Artist's Sculpture Rendering:



Pioneer Park Street Map:



Heritage Trail (yellow line) / Proposed Art Sculpture Location (red/yellow X)

