

# OLD BILLINGS HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT VENTURE, LP

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## BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL PARTNER W. RANDALL “RANDY” HAFER

W. RANDALL “RANDY” HAFER, FAIA, LEED AP<sub>BD+C</sub>, GENERAL PARTNER

Randy Hafer is Co-founder of High Plains Architects, P.C., a full-service architectural firm located in Billings, Montana. He is also a General Partner of Old Billings Hardware Development Venture LP. Prior to opening High Plains Architects, Randy enjoyed a 20-year career with Weese, Langley, Weese and Booth/Hansen & Associates in Chicago, Illinois, and A&E Architects in Billings, Montana. During his career, Mr. Hafer has had the opportunity to design, manage and administer the construction for a wide variety of architectural projects. Individual projects have ranged in size from several hundred square feet to over 750,000 square feet, from one story to 47, and in construction costs from a few thousand dollars to over \$85 million. He has experience managing very complex projects involving all engineering disciplines and many specialty consultants.



Randy founded High Plains Architects in Billings, Montana in 1999. Since then, he has been a regional leader in historic preservation/adaptive reuse, urban revitalization, and sustainable design. Randy is well-versed in the varied demands of historic preservation and historically sensitive design. Historic preservation in conjunction with sustainable design is challenging; however, Randy has the knowledge and experience to successfully undertake any development project, including the renovation and adaptive reuse of all types of existing buildings. His commitment to preservation is evident in his projects and in the numerous awards and certifications received as a result: nine Certified Historic Tax Credit Rehabilitation Projects (all listed on the National register of Historic Places) and one National Register of Historic Places District. In addition, Randy and High Plains Architects have completed thirteen LEED® Platinum projects, earning numerous green building awards.

Randy is also the recipient of the first Montana BetterBricks award in 2009, the Roche Jaune Award for Civic Leadership Excellence in 2012, and the Montana SBA Small Business Person of the Year award in 2014. He is a licensed architect, a LEED Accredited Professional, and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Randy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from Stanford University and a Master of Architecture degree from Yale University.

# LAFEVER PROPERTIES, LLC

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LaFever Properties, LLC is a real estate development and management group consisting of Dianne LaFever and her two daughters, Alison LaFever and Cori LaFever.

Officially created in 2016, LaFever Properties aims to continue the legacy of real estate acquisition and management established by the late Neal LaFever. Neal began acquiring residential rental properties in Billings in the late 1970's. With his wife Dianne, they expanded their holdings to include commercial properties throughout the 1980s and 1990s. LaFever Properties currently manages residential and commercial rentals and aims to incorporate adaptive reuse development of historic properties and new multi-family housing development into their future endeavors.

Dianne has a background in bookkeeping as well as over 35 years' experience in real estate property management. Together Neal and Dianne also had 30 plus years of successful small business ownership/management of their two bars: The Monte Bar and Casino, located in downtown Billings, and The Pioneer Bar, located in Virginia City, Montana, a historic gold rush-era town that has been designated a National Historic Landmark District. Dianne continues to own and operate these two businesses.

Alison LaFever has a Bachelor of Arts in History with minors in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Washington and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University. She currently works for Walter B. Melvin Architects, a restoration architecture firm that specializes in exterior façade restoration of landmark buildings in New York City.

Cori LaFever has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with minors in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management and Accounting from Montana State University. She has also previously held a Real Estate Salesperson License with the State of Montana that is not currently active. She currently operates and manages the two bars with Dianne and manages rental properties within the LaFever Properties portfolio.

In 2010, the LaFever's completed a renovation of their c.1867 two-story stone building where the Pioneer Bar is located in Virginia City, Montana. The project included restoration of the historic main facade, which had been altered in the 1960s, and conversion of the second floor from storage space into two residential apartment units.

As business owners, the LaFever's have been supporters of the greater downtown Billings business community since 1985. This continued commitment to economic growth and development in downtown Billings has influenced the acquisition and stewardship of historic properties within the downtown core. The LaFever's are excited with the prospect of bringing the historic Old Billings Hardware Building back to life and at the same time, contributing to the ongoing revitalization of downtown Billings.

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