



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
August, 19 2025
City Hall Meeting Room Beartooth

Members Present – Linda Lien, Becky Jeter, Keith Edgerton, Zachary Garhart, Cecelia Gavinsky

Members Excused –

Members Absent – Ken Stone

Staff Present – Dave Green, Tate Johnson, Anna Vickers

Others Present – No one from the public

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. No public comment.

2. Minutes – The May minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Old Business: The board and staff talked briefly about the YHPB web site. Tate Johnson from the Planning Department talked to the board about what she has done with the web site so far. She then activated the proposed web site she had set up. It was suggested that there could be articles and stories added to the web site. Those can be sent to Dave and then they can be placed on the web site.

4. New Business: The board discussed some projects that they would like to complete to update the work plan they have developed. There were project suggestions from Keith about the completion of the Cohagen project. In 2027 MSUB will be celebrating their 100th year and they may be doing some historic presentations.

Zach had some projects, the YHS is always interested in developing and installing historic signage throughout town. Our TBD consultant could help them in 2026.

It was decided to proceed in getting buildings on a Multiple Properties Documentation from the Cohagen inventory. This project was determined to be the priority.

Placement of Historic interest signs around Yellowstone county and Billings to high light the area history.

Signage to be placed in Riverside Park in Laurel. This area was recently placed on the Historic Registry and could use some interpretive signage to provide information of its history.

Partner with Dave Wanzenried and provide support for the projects he has going in the area.

Cecelia stated that the Western Heritage Center has all the information about each Cohagen house and some notification letters that could be used as templates to see if Cohagen home owners would be interested in being on a national registry.

A motion was called for to add the above items on the Work Plan. Zach made the motion and it was seconded by Linda. The board voted unanimously to update the Work Plan.

5. Other Business: None

a. Consultant Report: None

b. Historic Preservation Officer Report – There was no further items from the HPO.

a. Announcement: Next meeting September 16, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned.