



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

A certified local government (CLG)
Program representing four governing bodies

**City of Billings
City of Laurel**

**Crow Tribe
Yellowstone County**

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 MEETING TIME: 8:30 a.m.

**Beartooth Meeting Room, 5th Floor
316 N 26th St, Billings MT**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens are invited to:

- Review the Agenda Packet on the City's website at: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/117/Agendas-Minutes>

Public comment will be taken only during the Public Comment periods as indicated on the agenda and during the Public Hearings, if any are scheduled, under the Regular agenda. Comments may be sent to the Board via email before 12:00 PM on the date prior to the meeting. All emails received prior to this time will be entered into the record for the public hearing. Comments may be submitted by:

- Mail: City/County Planning Division PO Box 1178, Billings MT 59103
- Email
- Please direct questions to Dave Green at greend@billingsmt.gov or call 406-247-8666. Thank you!

- 1. Call to Order-YHPB: Welcome! YHPB Chair**
 - a. Public comments on items not on the agenda and requests to add items to future agendas.**
 - b. Comments on items on the non-public agenda items.**
- Acceptance of the meeting minutes: January 20, 2026
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Round Table Event - Progress Update and Assistance Needs
 - b. Cohagen Project Update
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Other Business**
 - a. **Announcement:** The next Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting will be held as announced.
- 6. Future Agenda Items**
- 7. Adjournment**

Date: 02/17/2026
Title:
Presented by:
Department: Planning & Community Services
Presentation:

RECOMMENDATION

Meeting Minutes of: January 20, 2026

BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)

ALTERNATIVES

City Council may:

- Approve; or,
- Not Approve

FISCAL EFFECTS

Attachments

Minutes of January 20, 2026



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

January 20, 2026

City Hall, Beartooth Conference room

Members Present – Linda Lien, Cecelia Gavinsky, Zachary Garhart, Tony Contreraz

Members Excused –

Members Absent – Ken Stone, Ashley Holeman

Staff Present – Dave Green, Brenda Berns

Others Present

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. No public comment.

2. Minutes – The October minutes were accepted with two typo corrections.

3. Old Business:

- The Cohagen Project report update did not occur, as no representative was present to provide a progress report. It is understood that work is ongoing, but the extent of progress is unknown.
- Window restoration kits remain at the library. Availability to the public is currently unknown, as staff indicated an inventory is being conducted for record-keeping purposes.
- The Board was informed that a city representative is needed to replace Keith Edgerton.
- Information regarding award applications, best practices, and Eugene Carroll is available online.

4. New Business:

The upcoming Round Table event in March was discussed. The Board acknowledged the need to begin organizing the event.

- Board Member Gavinsky offered to coordinate the Round Table. The Board expressed unanimous support for her to take on this responsibility.
- Ms. Gavinsky was advised to submit an invoice for her time related to this work.

5. Other Business: There was no other business.

a. Consultant Report: None

b. Historic Preservation Officer Report - No additional information from the HPO.

a. Announcement: Next meeting February 17, 2026.

Meeting was adjourned.