



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

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**City of Billings
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**Crow Tribe
Yellowstone County**

AGENDA

JUNE 16, 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>

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- 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.**
2. Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026
3. **Old Business**
4. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion and Review of Proposed Revisions to the Historic Preservation City Ordinance.
 - b. Board Discussion. New Downtown Historic District - 2nd Avenue, Broadway, and 29th Street.
5. **Other Business**
 - a. **Announcement:** The next Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting will be held as announced.
6. **Future Agenda Items**
7. **Adjournment**

Date: 06/16/2026
Title:
Presented by:
Department: Planning & Community Services
Presentation:

RECOMMENDATION

Meeting Minutes of: May 19, 2026

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

ALTERNATIVES

City Council may:

- Approve; or,
- Not Approve

FISCAL EFFECTS

Attachments

Minutes of May 19, 2026



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MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2026

City Hall, Beartooth Conference room

Members Present –Cecelia Gavinsky, Ashley Holeman, Brennan DeBoer, Tony Contreras, Zachary Garhart

Members Excused – Linda Lien

Members Absent –

Staff Present – None

Others Present –

1. Call to Order and Welcome

a. No public comment.

2. Minutes – The April minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business:

- Ann reported she is on track to meet the June deadline for the first portion of the narrative for the Cohagen project.
- She also plans to complete the first house by December.

4. New Business:

- Tony introduced the **Kevin Kooistra Youth History Fellows Program**.
- Plans include outreach to school counselors and history teachers to encourage participation.
- Tony proposed introducing the program during the winter season so scholarship grants can be awarded before graduating seniors leave for college.
- Discussion included whether grant funding may be used for scholarships.

- **5. Other Business:** Kate Hampton suggested contracting an architect to assess damage to Wayman Chapel.

a. Consultant Report: None

b. Historic Preservation Officer Report – Nothing reported

- Future Agenda Items: Review the City Ordinance for Historical Preservation for possible revisions. Brennan noted the ordinance has not been updated since the 1990s.
- Discuss creation of a new Downtown Historic District along 2nd Avenue, Broadway, and 29th Street.

a. Announcement: Next meeting June 16, 2026.

Meeting was adjourned.