



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

*June 19, 2018
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North*

Members Present – Sue Mueller, Tracy Livingston and Blain Fandrich

Members Absent – Kevin Nelson and Allen Rapacz

Staff Present – Lora Mattox

Others Present – None

Welcome – Blain welcomed the board members to the meeting.

Minutes - The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Tracy.

Public Comment – No public comment.

CDBG Rehab Projects: 1420 Avenue D – The board reviewed was the property located at 1420 Avenue D for rehabilitation work under the CDBG program. This property was built in 1956, the work proposed includes windows (including two basement egress), roofing, rear entry door, and the possible replacement of siding, soffits, fascia and trim. The board on a motion by Blain, seconded by Sue states that CDBG funds are appropriate for use on this property.

Moving Meeting Day – Lora informed the board that Dr. Keith Edgerton from MSU-B has applied to be a member of the board as the City of Billings representative. However, Dr. Edgerton has classes on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40 and would not be available for the regularly scheduled YHPB meetings. Lora asked the board if the meetings could be changed to a day that would work for Dr. Edgerton that would not affect the rest of the board. The only other day that could be a possibility was Friday. Lora will send out a survey to members to query.

Quest Gifted Student Project – Lora, Elisabeth and Kevin Kooistra met with representatives from Quest, a gifted student program, to discuss a historic preservation track that the program would like to implement this upcoming school year. The program covers grade 3-5 and will be broken down as follows:

1. 3rd Grade – Moss Mansion – research a person and research that person, ultimate project will be to pick a building and research it.
2. 4th Grade – Neighborhoods – interviews/photos
3. City level research – how/why historic preservation

The representatives from Quest asked for some assistance from YHPB and WHC which could be handled by the YHPB authorizing the WHC to dedicate hours to the project. The WHC provides historic preservation services to the YHPB at 432 hours per year. Sue motions that the YHPB authorize the WHC to provide 40 hours of YHPB time to the Quest project, seconded by Tracy. Approved.

Consultant's Report –

North Elevation Celebration

Elisabeth and Lora hosted the North Elevation 'block party' on May 19th from 2-4pm. City Council members Mike Yakawich and Brent Cromley came to help unveil the National Register sign. Since the event, Elisabeth has been receiving multiple information requests on homes in the district.

Neighborhood resident Perry Mohler suggested a meeting to talk about the next steps in expanding the district into the Avenues.

Riverside Park

Attached are the cultural resource inventory of Laurel's riverfront park and a brief history by George Peterson. These documents are in the Western Heritage Center's archive. Elisabeth is putting together a brief history of the Park for Laurel's city council meeting on July 10th.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora had nothing more to add.

Board Roundtable – Tracy shared that she will be heading to Helena to attend a cemetery program. Will include using ground penetrating radar and cadaver dogs. Blain is working on a cultural research project for the I-90/MDT project from the 27th Street exit to the Lockwood exit. MDT is looking to widen the roadway to 3-lanes. Some very interesting information has come up in the research.

The next meeting – July 17th