



## ***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**

**December 18, 2018**  
**Western Heritage Center**

**Members Present** – Sue Mueller, Evan Bruce, Becky Jeter, Tracy Livingston, Allen Rapacz and Kevin Nelson

**Members Absent** – Blain Fandrich

**Staff Present** – Lora Mattox and Lauren Hunley

**Others Present** – Alan Miller

**Minutes** - The minutes of the November meeting were approved with correction on a motion by Sue, seconded by Tracy.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**2018 Work Plan Review** – The board reviewed the previous year work plan and discussed potential projects. Discussion included the following points:

- National Register nomination for McKinley Elementary School. Lora will email Kate to see the status of the nomination.
- The North Elevation Historic District ribbon cutting ceremony was held in May of 2018.
- Pioneer Park National Register nomination status. Lora will email Kate to see if she can find anything out.
- Potential new projects could include the allocation of funding towards the development of a nomination for the mausoleum; document preservation/archival at the Huntley Project Irrigation District Office; Education/Workshop (Allen volunteers' a presentation on Heart Mountain); Laurel Outlook archiving (late 1800's).

The board will review and finalize the work plan in January.

**2019 Roundtable** – The board discussed a few details for the March Roundtable. The event will be held at the Western Heritage Center on March 19, 2019. The board will once again provide the refreshments. Discussion centered on nominations for the awards. We have had several good Certificates of Appropriateness the last 2 years and an award nomination could be sent to the architects and applicants. Again, the board discussed nominees for the Eugene Carroll award and thought of Ed Saunders. Lora will put together a list of projects that were reviewed by the board the last 2 years to solicit nominations for the Best Practices Awards.

**Consultant's Report** – *Attached at the end of the minutes.*

## **Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora shared the following with the board:

- Dr. Keith Edgerton was appointed to the YHPB as the City of Billings representative. His first meeting will be January 8, 2019.
- The next YHPB meeting will be moved up by 1 week (January 8<sup>th</sup>).
- Sad day as this will be Tracy's last meeting. She will be missed!

## **Board Roundtable – None**

The next meeting – January 8, 2019

## **Consultant's Report:**

### **Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)**

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report for December 2018

**Lauren Hunley – December 18, 2018**

#### **Goals & Objectives of YHPB:**

- I. Promote the preservation of historic buildings, sites, or neighborhoods
- II. Increase community awareness on the benefits of historic preservation activities
- III. Promote increased awareness of preservation activities and the work of the YHPB through the four governing bodies represented on the Board
- IV. Comply with the duties and responsibilities of historic preservation organizations under the state Certified Local Government Program and the requirements of the Inter-local Agreement

#### **Community Work**

WHC continues its work with the Billings Quest program. Lauren visited the fourth and fifth grade classes on four different days to explore how Billings developed and grew. Last week, these classes each participated in a WHC-led preservation tour of the Babcock Theater and explored the WHC through a preservation and architectural program. Their on-site visits lasted three hours on four different days.