



## **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**

*May 21, 2019  
First Floor Conference Room  
2825 3rd Avenue North*

**Members Present** – Sue Mueller, Evan Bruce, Becky Jeter, and Kevin Nelson

**Members Absent** – Allen Rapacz, Blain Fandrich, Keith Edgerton (excused)

**Staff Present** – Lora Mattox, Lauren Hunley and Tam Rodier

**Others Present** –

**Minutes** - The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Evan.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**CDBG Property Review** –

**417 Alderson** – The property was constructed in 1936 and is in good original condition. Work proposed includes the installation of handrails along the exterior stairs going to the basement, repair or replace crumbling front concrete steps and handrail, prep and painting of stucco walls while retaining the integrity of the inlaid diamond-shared accent pieces, if possible, and install basement egress windows as needed. Lora states that this area could be designated as a historic district in the future and would recommend to the board that the diamond in-laid accents be kept. On a motion by Evan, seconded by Sue, the board approved using Federal funds for the rehabilitation based on the proposed work in the submitted memo.

**Downtown Walking Tour** – Lora took a bit of time to look at the electronic downtown walking app and it appears to be working but maybe not up to its potential. Lora is concerned that the YHPB is paying for an app that may not be running smoothly. Lora will look at closer and bring some recommendations to the board.

**Consultant's Report** – *Attached at the end of the minutes.* The board did discuss allocating hours for Western Heritage Center to hire a sub-consultant to complete a draft of a National Register nomination for the Mausoleum at Mountview Cemetery. Lauren anticipates that 80 hours would develop a draft nomination for staff to finalized. Sue motions to direct the WHC to allocated 80 hours of their YHPB time to developing a nomination for the mausoleum, seconded by Becky. Approved. Riverside Park in Laurel is still unknown as the Laurel City Council has not made a decision on listing to the National Register.

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

- The silos in Laurel have been demolished. Numerous photos of the site were taken.
- Lora handed out new copies of the State's National Register Sign Program brochure.

**Board Roundtable –**

- Evan informed the board that the Laurel Museum foundation is dissolving. They gave most items to the Community Foundation at 101 E. Main, some items also went to the Laurel Chamber of Commerce. Lauren offered assistance from Western Heritage Center to Evan for assistance with storage/display ideas. Also, King Koin Laundromat has done some rehabilitation work.
- Kevin gives an update on the work going on at Alberta Bair, they did spot an area where some Art Deco design was left.
- Lauren reminded the board of all of the tours and activities going on at the Western Heritage Center including the portable NASA Starlab which will be there on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting – June 18 (if needed)

Adjournment.

**Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board (YHPB)**

Western Heritage Center (WHC) Consultant Report

**Lauren Hunley – April 16, 2019**

**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 hosted the 2019 YHPB Roundtable at the Heritage Center on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Twenty organizations shared slide updates with the group.

The WHC has answered several research questions and helped multiple researchers in projects pertaining to historic Billings properties including the Hart Albin Building, the L&L Building, and 716 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

As requested by the Board, the WHC researched Sunny O'Days in Laurel. Please see the binder at the meeting for full information.