



**2010 Work Plan Review** – The board next reviewed and discussed the development of the 2010 work plan. Lora will amend the work plan and present it at the next YHPB meeting for discussion and action. The following items were discussed. The items below align with the text in the 2009 project list.

1. To assist with the National Register of Historic Places nomination of McKinley Elementary School. This item will remain as a project of the board. Kevin will check status of school plans to see the interest of having this structure as a standalone nomination separate from the North Elevation historic district creation. A subcommittee will be formed to look at this project further and will include members Kathleen, Julie and Kevin.
2. To assist North Elevation Task Force in the development of a Historic Residential District, provide technical assistance as needed. This project will continue with an editing of the dates.
3. To assist the Old Town Neighbors, Inc. with the survey and completion of a National Register Nomination of the properties along Minnesota Avenue that were approved for a Preserve America Grant. This project is ongoing and should be completed by June 1, 2010. Lora will continue with the administration of the grant funds.
4. To assist the City of Laurel with the historic survey of downtown thought funding from Preserve America. This project is ongoing and should conclude this summer.
5. Continue fund raising for the “Billings Through the Decades” sign board. This project is ongoing.
6. Prepare education trunks for area elementary schools. Kathleen has information on how to develop these trunks and would like to share this info with the board for opinions and options. WHC has volunteered to store these trunks for use.
7. Assure existing YHPB products are current and disseminated in communities (Laurel Walking Tour, Billings Walking Tour, South Side Presentation, and Rural Yellowstone County Presentation, etc). Discussion included changing the Billings Walking Tour booklet as more of a story rather than just an explanation on architecture. Other forms of media was also discussed as use for informational purposes. Kathleen and Kyle may look at this further.
8. Review data prepared by MSU-B students on the inventory of historic barns, silo and other important structures in Yellowstone County. Determine if 2 to 3 properties could be eligible for the National Register and contact property owners to gauge interest. Kevin will check with Tom Rust at MSU-B to see if further classes have looked at this project.

In regards to annual board activities, the review of CDBG rehab properties will be added.

#### **Committee Reports –**

**Historic Preservation Month Committee** – None.

**Publicity Committee** – Information on the Roundtable will be coming from Kevin in the near future.

**Building Permit Review Committee** – The building permit review for Carter’s should be next month. The applicant’s have not provided additional information as requested from Lora.

**Project Reports** - None

#### **Consultant Report – Attached**

*YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD*

**January 19, 2010** *Report by Kevin Kooistra-Manning.*

*North Elevation National Register Nomination:*

Kaili’s Report on North Elevation Projects:

I have 3112 8th Ave, 3115 9th Ave, 3115 10th Ave, 3121 10th Ave, 3015 11th Ave, 3016 11th Ave, and 3114 11th Ave histories completed up to 1947. I have 3014 8th Ave and 3015 8th Ave histories up to 1977. I have

yet to find anything on 3119 10th Ave; there is no construction date and the address has not shown up in the Polk Directories yet. 3115 9th Ave. was at one point a grocery store, as was 3115 10th Ave, which made finding information difficult until I realized that they were in fact grocery stores, not households.

Kevin's report:

*Research Assistance:*

Kevin assisted Joan Brownell, historian, to research Minnesota Avenue historic properties for the Old Town Historic District National Register nomination.

Kevin sent Sara Adamson, who is researching Laurel's historic downtown, a PDF scanned copy of the history of town building and western railroads by John C. Hudson.

Kevin called MSU-Billings about reserving the downtown campus location for the March 16<sup>th</sup> Historic Preservation Roundtable.

*Demolition (January 15, 2010)*

*205 North 26<sup>th</sup> (MDU Building) /2603 Second Avenue North*



East Side



North Side

**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora didn't have any other information to add.

**Board Roundtable –**

- Kevin – mentioned that the Railroad Depot is looking to include an interpretive center.
- Warren – would like to make sure we have representation of the Crow on the board. Lora and Kevin discussed the difficulty of getting a representative appointed. Lora will inquire on the contact and send the information to Warren as he is willing to try again.

The next YHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16th at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the large conference room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Library.

Meeting adjourned. 9:15 a.m.