



## **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**

**February 16, 2010**

**Members Present** – Kathleen Armstrong, Bill DuBeau, Kyle Rickhoff, Monica Weldon, Emelie Eaton

**Members Absent** – Nancy Curriden, Warren Osik, Julie Larsen

**Staff Present** – Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra-Manning

**Others Present** – Bill Haynes, MSUB presentation, Brad Sperry, CTA and Mike from Carter's Brewery.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by chair Emelie Eaton. The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion made by Bill, seconded by Monica. Minutes approved.

**Public Comment** – None.

**McMullen Hall – MSUB Rehab** – Bill Haynes gave a presentation on the proposed exterior rehabilitation of McMullen Hall on the MSU-B campus. Bill first discussed the \$2.5 million interior remodel completed. McMullen Hall was constructed in 1935-36 and was the only building located at the campus. Many changes have been done to the building over the years including the demolition of the gym in 1967, the original wood entrance doors were replaced in the 1960's with aluminum doors, and the original 9' windows were bricked over to match the new interior drop ceilings within the building. Drop ceilings also covered the skylights. Also, the elevator tower was constructed next to the building. The 2010 exterior improvements include: exterior cleaning, re-point of masonry, parapet flashing, window replacement, entrance door replacement and landscape improvements.

**Building Permit Review 2526 Montana Avenue** – Lora provided the board with background on this proposal, in November of 2009; a building permit was submitted for the construction of an outside patio on the south side (facing tracks) of the Carter's Brewery. According to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, a public hearing must be conducted for any exterior work within the historic district. Brad Sperry gave a brief presentation and provided photographs of the site. The area proposed for the deck is a small rectangular area on the south of the building between the building and an existing chain link fence. The property is owned by the railroad and leased for commercial use. The patio will be constructed of wood with an iron railing. The wood will be sealed with a clear coat and covered with sand for texture. Double doors from the interior will open to the patio, future plans may include extending the deck either east or west around the building allowing for additional exit.

Emelie opened the public hearing and there was no testimony, the public hearing was closed. On a motion of approval of the request by Kyle, seconded by Monica, the board unanimously approved the request.

**2010 Work Plan** – The board next reviewed and discussed the development of the 2010 work plan. Based on January's discussion on the work plan amendments, Lora did incorporate changes into the work plan per the

board's request. Kathleen added an additional statement that the Educational Trunks will be housed and maintained at the Western Heritage Center. The work plan was approved with this addition.

**2010 Roundtable Meeting Update** – Kevin distributed information regarding the Roundtable. The meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Masonic Temple (MSUB). Charges will include \$50 room rental, \$80 for refreshments and the cost of the awards.

**Committee Reports –**

**Historic Preservation Month Committee** – There is discussion for the board to consider partnering with Billings Preservation Society this year on Preservation Month (May) activities. In the past the board has sponsored speakers for the month but these were usually poorly attended.

**Publicity Committee** – Information on the Roundtable has been sent out.

**Building Permit Review Committee –**

**Project Reports** - None

**Consultant Report** – Attached

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***February 16, 2010 Report by Kevin Kooistra-Manning***

*North Elevation National Register Nomination:*

Kaili finished up the historic property records for the cross streets in the North Elevation. Shauna Kerr, of the North Elevation neighborhood, and Kevin coordinated a list of homes that need to be researched. Shauna and her neighborhood group are meeting at the Montana Room in the Library on Thursday, February 18, 6:30 -9:00, Sunday, February 21, 1:00- 4:00, and Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 -9:00. Kaili will continue to input data brought in by the neighbors from the North Elevation.

*Historic Preservation Roundtable:*

The Roundtable is schedule for Tuesday morning, March 23, 8:00-10:00AM at 2806 Third Avenue North (former Masonic Temple Building). Press releases were organized and sent to Montana markets and previous attendees to the Roundtable. Packets that included the announcement, award nomination forms, and previous award recipient notice, were sent out in the mail to 156 individuals, architectural firms, federal, state, and local agencies, and local museums. Awards are to be submitted to Lora by February 23, 2010.

*Research Assistance:*

Assisted Rolene Schliesman and the State Historic Preservation Office with contacts for the state review board meeting in late May, 2010.

Museum of the Beartooths contacted Kevin about Chandler Cohagen, the Billings Architect, and a collection of photographs they recently received. Western Heritage Center of Billings has many of Cohagen's architectural drawings and the two collections will be coordinated for research purposes.

Kevin assisted Blaine Fandrich of Ethnoscience during a bus tour of Sword's Park for the Billings Chamber of Commerce, which included fifteen people from Parks & Recreation, Alternative Modes, and staff and members of the Chamber of Commerce. Topics included archaeology, pre-Billings history, and history of the grounds, in particular Boothill Cemetery, Yellowstone Kelly's gravesite, Black Otter's Trail, and the William S. Hart statue.

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

**Board Roundtable –**

- Kyle discussed with the board his ideas on the walking brochure to make it more electronically compatible. With the availability of WIFI in the downtown and the capability of phones to download applications, the board could create a site to download information for the downtown walking tour. Lora will review some grant ideas (possibly a Preserve America Grant), local match could be

contributions from the Chamber or possibly other organizations who would receive benefits from the technology.

The next YHPB meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple for the Annual YHPB Roundtable.

Meeting adjourned. 9:26 a.m.