



## **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**

*April 17, 2012*

**Members Present** – Nancy Curriden, Julie Larsen, Darrell Aaby, Kathleen Armstrong

**Members Absent** – Renee Flood, Diane Jung

**Staff Present** – Lora Mattox

Kathleen took a minute to welcome Darrell to the board. Introductions were made and the board is very excited to have Darrell as a member of the board. Darrell is currently employed by the State of Montana as a building inspector for our region.

**Others Present** –

The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion by Julie, seconded by Nancy. Approved.

**Public Comment** – None.

**2012-2013 Work Plan** – The board reviewed the draft 2012-2013 work plan provided by Lora. A few items were discussed further:

- Under projects – Billings Through the Decades sign board. After discussion, the board feels this project is in need of review. This project may be better suited as an encouragement by the board to incorporate these boards into decoration (similar to Stockman Bank) and the board to be available as a resource for the completion of a “board” to local entities.
- Under projects – Amend the education trunks to include all youth organizations.
- Under annual activities – expand the electronic walking tour to include the City of Laurel’s downtown historic district.

The board also discussed further the document retention project brought to the board by the Genealogy Forum. This is a huge undertaking and the board would like to move forward first with a discussion with Butte’s museum as they have done some of this document retention. Lora and Kevin will try to make contact with the appropriate person in Butte and see if we can host a workshop with this person in Billings and invite other local groups who have the same interest, i.e. local museums, preservation groups, etc. This workshop will try to be scheduled for September.

Also discussed was adding Laurel to the electronic downtown walking tour. Lora and Kevin will set a time to meet with the city council to discuss further.

**Consultant’s Report** – Kevin was out of town but sent his report to Lora. It included information regarding that work continues on the North Elevation Residential Historic District and includes taking photographs that

are missing on some of the properties. The continuation of adding additional properties to the downtown walking tour is also a priority for consultant hours. WHC is researching the next 12 properties.

**Historic Preservation Officer Report** – Lora reported that she was invited over to the Dude Rancher yesterday to see the renovation work completed by the Travel Channels “Hotel Impossible”. The work included renovating the check in area and 1 guest room. The work completed complimented the historic character of the hotel and Lora didn’t note any concerns by the work completed. The Dude Rancher hopes to renovate 5 more rooms before the show airs on the Travel Channel in July.

**Board Roundtable** – Julie reported that she has been absent due to the excellent work completed for the Boulder Elementary School through a PTA project. They held a “Read-a-thon” and raised \$24,000 for a new computer lab for the school. Nancy reported that she volunteered at last weekend’s Women’s Run and they had a record number of participants this year.

The next meeting will be held on June 19, 2012 at 8:10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.