



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

August 21, 2012

Members Present – Kathleen Armstrong, Renee Flood, Nancy Curriden

Members Absent – Diane Jung, Julie Larsen, Darrell Aaby

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – Lynda Woods, Community Development

The minutes of the June meeting were approved after a correction of the date on a motion by Nancy, seconded by Renee.

Public Comment – None.

Community Development Division Project Reviews – Lynda Woods from Community Development presented 3 projects proposed for use of Federal funds. The first two were for CDBG funding:

251 Wicks Lane – This property is probably not eligible for the National Register and feel the use of federal funding is appropriate.

413 S. 32nd Street – After review of the property, the YHPB makes the following recommendation: Effort should be made to rehab and maintain the front entry door that is original to the structure, if this is not economical or feasible, the replacement door should have ornate features that maintain the historic character of the house. The board also recommends the retention of the bay window structure.

The third project is for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program:

648 Conway – This project is a NSP project and the board believes this property is not eligible for listing to the National Register and feels the use of federal funding for rehabilitation is appropriate.

Consultant's Report –

North Elevation:

Completing the step by step inventory of the Historical Property Records for the North Elevation, including all the exterior house photographs. Chandra finished the photographs for properties.

YHPB Walking Tour Research:

Researching for the next 12 properties. The next round should be ready in a couple weeks. U.S. Post Office, Dude Rancher, Greyhound Bus Depot (2502 First Avenue North), Preston B. Moss Home (Division), The Castle (Austin North Home), Oasis (2718 Minnesota), Klos Building / Yukon Bar (2720 Minnesota), Montana National Bank (201 North Broadway), Yellowstone Garage (2303 Montana), Kress Building (2816 2nd Avenue North), City Hall (North 27th), and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Met with Amanda Moore, a recent graduate, who will begin Laurel research:

1. Identify **six key historic properties** in Laurel's downtown.
2. Describe the history of each building in ten sentences or less.
3. Describe the architectural style and features of each building in ten sentences or less. Justify the architectural description.
4. Search for a historic image of each building.
5. Photograph each building.
6. Organize each description in the format I provided in the word file attached.
7. Cite any references for each researched property.
8. A brief overall history of the town of Laurel – a couple paragraphs.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora reported that she has been in contact with Randy Hafer and asked if the board could have a tour of the Tracy Lofts, he stated that he would very much like to have the board see the work that has been completed. Lora will try to arrange this tour for next month's meeting, it was discussed that the board can meet at the Western Heritage Center at the normal time, review any business necessary and then walk down to the Tracy Lofts around 8:30. Lora will try to confirm this with Randy.

Lora also informed the board that a grant application was made to the Montana Association of Planners to assist with the cost of the speaker from Butte for the Archives workshop.

Board Roundtable – There was none.

The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2012 at 8:10 a.m. at the Western Heritage Center (tentative). Meeting adjourned.