



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 18, 2014
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North*

Members Present – Nancy Curriden, Liz Harding, Tabatha Butler, Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Judy Goldsby, Diane Jung

Staff Present – Lora Mattox and Kevin Kooistra

Others Present – None

Introductions -

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – None.

2014 Annual Roundtable - Lora started the discussion with information regarding submitted nominations for the awards. To date, only one nomination has been received for the Best Practices Awards and was submitted by High Plains Architects for the Tracy Lofts. Lora suggests that the board extend the deadline due to the holiday yesterday and the Planning office was closed. The board agrees, the deadline will be extended to Friday, February 21, 2014. Kevin took over the discussion and included his monthly report. Kevin developed a contact list and distributed it to the board. Each board member will take a section and make contact to that organization. Kevin will send out some talking points in the next day or so to include with the email. Next the format of the event was discussed, this year the board will include a brief presentation from CTA regarding the renovations of McKinley and Broadwater Elementary Schools. The board also identified different stations that they would be located at.

Consultants Report – attached

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Report by Kevin Kooistra and Elisabeth DeGrenier

Work continues to follow the scope of projects identified by the YHP Board.

Historic Preservation Roundtable for March 18:

Created a six page contact list for direct calls and emails for Board and staff.

Kevin will hand out the To-Do List to discuss with the Board. Jennifer Mercer of the Union Railroad Depot agreed to host the Roundtable on the morning of the 18th.

The Roundtable will be scheduled from 8:00-9:30. Gene Burgad at the Rex said he was fine with participants parking in his lot for a couple hours that morning.

Received Powerpoint slides and interest from the following organizations:

A&E Architects and Eric Simonson

Billings Chamber/CVB and Kelly McCandless

Billings Gazette and Kyle Rickhoff

CTA Architects Engineers and Lesley Gilmore

Extreme History Project and Marsha Fulton

Yellowstone Art Museum and Robyn Peterson

Western Heritage Center and Julie Dial

I received few nominations for Eugene Carroll Award and Best Practices.

Need to discuss how much time for the McKinley and Broadwater School renovations.

Community Assistance

Elisabeth researching and writing a National Register nomination for McKinley School. This month she concentrated on researching the National Register Nomination procedures. With the McKinley School project in mind, I studied the National Park Service's National Register Bulletin articles titled, "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation" and, "How to Complete the National Register Registration Form". Based on this information, I am creating a framework for filling out the nomination form and filling out the technical specs of the form as well.

Community News

A&E Architects and Billings Architectural Association has sponsored the exhibit, Montana Modernism, now on display at the Western Heritage Center through June 7, 2014. Exhibit features photos of modern buildings and the architects of post World War II and their influence on the built environment of Montana.



Work Plan Review/Update - Lora reviewed the work plan with the board. The annual activities listed will remain the same, the remaining 5 projects will be reviewed and updated as needed. Lora will re-work the document and send it out to the board for review.

Historic Preservation Officer Report - Lora reported that the State HPO contacted the state's CLG's regarding funding. It seems that SHPO could re-appoint the funds lost last year due to the sequestration. SHPO sent out an inquiry to see if the CLG's wanted the funding intact or if there would be interest in a one-time grant with those funds and some discretionary funds held by SHPO. The results have not been formally announced, however, it appears there will be a grant. The board would like to apply for a grant to help complete the National Register nomination for McKinley. Lora is also waiting for the CLG contract from the state and will have the contract with WHC out next month.

Board Roundtable – Liz discussed that the YAM will host "Art of the Brick" exhibit in September. This will be art work through legos. The YAM is looking at sponsorships possibly through some of the Architectural firms and a possible contest of constructing local iconic buildings from legos. Kevin mentioned that the next High Noon Speaker series will begin soon and the context is "What Inspires People" and will have some very

interesting and diverse speakers. Finally, Nance mentioned that Zonta Club will be hosting their annual trivia night. Grand prize is \$500 and a table costs \$160. All funds go back into the community to promote women's growth.

The next meeting will be the YHPB Roundtable and will be held on March 18th at The Depot at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.