



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

*July 17, 2018
First Floor Conference Room
2825 3rd Avenue North*

Members Present – Sue Mueller, Tracy Livingston, Kevin Nelson and Blain Fandrich

Members Absent – Allen Rapacz

Staff Present – Lora Mattox, Elisabeth DeGrenier

Others Present – Kate Hampton, SHPO; Alan Miller

Welcome – Blain welcomed the board members to the meeting.

Minutes - The minutes of the June meeting were approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Tracy.

Public Comment – Alan Miller asked the status of the Billings Hardware building downtown. Lora explained that Randy Hafer of High Plains Architects is now involved in the project. He will apply for Historic Tax Credits to complete a rehabilitation on the building. In the Billings Gazette article, it eluded to residential units.

Laurel City Council Presentation – Lora and Elisabeth attended the July 10th Laurel City Council Work Session and provided an overview of the YHPB Board and discussed the community interest in listing Riverside Park to the National Register. The Council seemed interested and will take action on the request in the future. They also indicated that the Laurel Parks Department may be touring the site in the future and will look to invite the YHPB.

CLG Annual Review – Kate Hampton from the State Historic Preservation Office was in attendance to review our CLG review. This review occurs every 4-years. Kate asks that the board review the form she sent, fill out and return to her before the end of September. Also reminded the board that the Montana History Conference will be here in Billings this year. The CLG meeting will jointly meet with the Educators group this year.

Consultant's Report –

Laurel City Council – Elisabeth and Lora attended the Laurel City Council meeting on July 10th at 6:30 pm. They presented on the roles of YHPB and a brief history of Laurel's historic district and Riverside Park. The Council will discuss the idea of placing Riverside Park in the National Register at a future meeting.

WHC Changes – This is Elisabeth's last YHPB meeting. The Western Heritage Center's new community historian will take her place on the Board.

Historic Preservation Officer Report – Lora requested that the August meeting be cancelled as she will be out of town attending a conference. The board was fine with that. She also mentioned that she had a conversation with Dr. Edgerton regarding his application to the board. Due to his class conflict until December, Lora suggested that he apply for an At-Large membership to start in January. He liked that idea and will move forward with that.

Board Roundtable – Tracy shared that Ed Saunders book on the women of Yellowstone County and WWI is now out. In addition, he is working with a muralist on the development of an app where you stand in front of a mural and a narrative (Ed) will discuss the context. Kevin mentioned the design work beginning at the Alberta Bair Theater.

The next meeting – September 18th