

Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Work Plan 2020-2021

Goals & Objectives:

- I. Promote the preservation of historic buildings, sites or neighborhoods.
- II. Increase community awareness on the benefits of historic preservation activities.
- III. Promote increased awareness of preservation activities and the work of the YHPB through the four governing bodies represented on the Board.
- IV. Comply with the duties and responsibilities of historic preservation organizations under the State Certified Local Government Program and the requirements of the Inter-local Agreement.

2020-2021 Projects

1. Complete a National Registration for McKinley Elementary School.

Time Frame: August 1, 2020
Who: YHPB Board, HPO/WHC, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Status: SHPO has allocated an additional \$5,000 to the CLG to contract with WHC to complete the nomination. The draft nomination is due July 15, 2020 with the nomination completed and submitted to the State by August 1, 2020.

2. YHPB will continue to explore opportunities to list individual properties/districts to the National Register. The Billings Mausoleum is currently being developed with an anticipated submittal date of March 2020. YHPB continues to work with the City of Laurel on Riverside Park. It is anticipated that the city will make a decision on listing the park in the spring of 2020.

Time Frame: 2020-2021
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO,
Status: Initial research on Riverside Park is complete; the YHPB is waiting for Laurel to make a decision on whether to move forward with a nomination. The Billings Mausoleum will be submitted for state review this spring.

3. YHPB will continue collaborating with AT&T, SHPO, and the City Parks Department in the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding and the development of a National Register Nomination for Pioneer Park. This project was developed as part of a mitigating impact to the placement of a cell tower on the Montana Power Building in the downtown.

Time Frame: 2020-2022
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO, PRPL, Montana SHPO
Status: New MOU finalized, work will continue until nomination is complete.

4. **YHPB will look at offering a program or education opportunity during Preservation Month in May. A suggested subject is the History of Riverside Park, Laurel Montana.**

Time Frame: 2020 - Preservation month (May) is a possible time. Held in Laurel
Who: YHPB, WHC, HPO
Status: Discussion stage

Annual Board Activities

1. **Continue the review of building permits submitted for properties located within the designated historic district.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: Committee and HPO

2. **Continue the review of Community Development Block Grant rehabilitation projects as needed.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: YHPB/WHC

3. **Continue to review and update the information relating to the Downtown Billings Electronic Walking Tour. Discuss with the City of Laurel to include its new downtown historic district in the application.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Committee/WHC

4. **To continually update the local governing bodies of the activities undertaken by the YHPB, annual PowerPoint Presentations will be made to the City of Billings, the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County.**

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Chair/WHC/HPO
Status: The scheduling of these meetings will take place yearly during spring.

5. **To provide up to date information to the general public, continually update the web site and social media sites on activities and programs.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: WHC

6. **Provide resources to property owners who are interested in listing a property to the National Register. Including State Historic Preservation Office contacts, literature and technical assistance.**

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: YHPB Board/HPO/WHC

7. Expand YHPB meetings to alternate locations. To take advantage of some of our many historic venues, the board wishes to expand meetings to alternate locations.

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC

8. Due to a loss of potential historic buildings within the City of Billings, an effort is being made to notify WHC and a member of the board about upcoming demolitions. The Building Division notifies HPO on the release of demolition permits, HPO notifies members of the demolition and a determination is made to either document/photograph building.

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC/Board

9. Continue exploration of grant opportunities to provide additional funds to the YHPB for historic preservation projects.

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: HPO/WHC

10. Consultant, Historic Preservation Officer and YHPB will attend training meetings as needed. Historic Preservation Officer will attend the required annual Montana State Historic Preservation Conference.

Time Frame: Ongoing
Who: WHC/HPO

11. To provide a forum for Historic Preservationist to share their successes and discuss projects and to present historic preservation awards, continue to host the Historic Preservation Roundtable yearly.

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: WHC/HPO/Board
Status: Preservation Month - March

12. Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month. Board will decide on a program, speakers and other events to commemorate this event.

Time Frame: Yearly
Who: Committee/WHC
Status: This event will occur yearly during May.