

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call To Order
2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: 

Documents:

[05-05-22 HRB MINUTES_DRAFT1A.PDF](#)

3. New Business

3.I. KVC Sign Permit Application

Preapplication discussion on proposed sign for a business in the Goosetown Historic District at 115 Birch. Note: applicant has been informed the window signs would not be permissible per county sign regulations.

Public Comment:

Documents:

[KVC SIGN DRAWING.JPG](#)

3.II. BPA Substation MOA Discussion

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) substation and transmission line sale is an adverse effect. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) is being drafted between BPA and the State Historic Preservation Office. We have been asked about potential mitigation strategies (including local projects) that could be considered.

3.III. Adult Education Montana History Class

Discussion of Terry LaValley's potential class

Public Comment:

3.IV. July Meeting

Group to discuss meeting in July

Public Comment:

4. Unfinished Business

4.I. Preservation Month Essay Contest

Discuss competition, prizes, and presentation of recognition to winner and teacher

Documents:

[PRESERVATION MONTH ESSAY_8THGRADE_BV.PDF](#)

4.II. Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for 2022 Speaker series events, including:

- tasks and volunteers for next event(s), including thank you cards and materials to be brought to the event
- discussion of continuing series into 2023 and start of planning, if needed

Public Comment:

4.III. Preservation Booth At Smeltermens Day (5.1.10)

Continued planning for Saturday, August 6, 2022

4.IV. HRB Work Plan Updates

Work plan task updates and upcoming deadlines:

- 2.2.2 Semiannual update re: upper-story housing and Downtown TIFD (Foulger)
- 2.3.1 Semiannual update re: map or targeted list of candidates for adaptive reuse program (Foulger)
- 3.2.1 Training
 - Montana Historical Society Conference will be held Sept. 29 through Oct. 1 in Red Lodge
 - Design review training with Kate Hampton is planned for **Thursday, September 1st.**
 - Are there other topics the group is interested in for this work plan year?
- 3.27. Quarterly report to SHPO- next (optional) date: July 31 (Hess)
- 3.3.2 Permit fees- discussion to occur between Planning with an update at an upcoming HRB meeting (Wren)
- 3.3.3 Reporting re: rehabilitation tax credits and projects in county (Hamming)
- 3.6.3 Post work plan on adlc.us historic resources page before July 1 (Hess)
- Semiannual report to Commission for HRB activity (Chair/Vice-Chair) in June or July

Public Comment:

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

b. Public

6. Public Comment- This Is The Time For The Public To Comment On Items NOT Appearing On The Agenda That Fall Within The Board's Jurisdiction

7. Next Meeting

Note: Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, will be held Thursday (June 9, 2022) at Noon at 1906 Ogden St.

8. Adjournment

Historic Resources Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 10 AM

Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order (10AM) by Chair McKenna

Present: Mary Lynn McKenna, Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, Gayla Hess, ~~Planning Director Carl Hamming, and Building Inspector James See~~. Excused absent: Bob Wren.

~~Planning Director Carl Hamming and Building Inspector James See and~~Members of the public per sign-in sheet.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, was held Thursday, May 12th at Noon at The Forge. The event was attended by Terry LaValley, Mary Lynn McKenna, Rose Nyman, Bob Wren, Gayla Hess and about 38 members of the public attended the presentation by John Fitzpatrick on his family's grocery business. Event recording is available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QXN7X-VFAX0XjuBAS2331uMUwePg9pHi/view>

Chair McKenna noted that she had attended the April community speaker series event and was not listed in the minutes as board member in attendance. Message from Bob Wren was relayed that he had no comments on the minutes.

Terry LaValley moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [04-15-22 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. New Business

3.1 Revolver Sign Permit Application

Applicant to discuss proposed sign for The Revolver. Historic sign is available online at <https://historicmt.org/items/show/2840>

Gayla Hess briefly explained the inclusion of the application as a sign for a business in the commercial historic district, summarized questions about the proposal that had been discussed with the applicant and introduced Kris Smith.

Kris Smith spoke of the need for signage for her business and spoke about other signs in the area. She noted that she was understanding of the limit for signs, a willingness to remove a sign on the door, and a desire to protect the façade by installing the sign in existing holes or installing hardware in mortar joints to avoid drilling into brick. Kris pointed out the rounded corner design, specified white LED lighting to be visible

against the painted black sheet metal, and plans to connect to the existing gooseneck lighting on the façade of the building.

Rose Nyman asked about the size of the Beautiful Life sign with concerns about balance and that signage can be larger than people realize. Kris said that she could find out about the existing sign's size but estimated it to be similar in size to what she is proposing. Rose also asked if the sign was to be made through the high school, mentioned the required historic preservation officer sign-off, and asked if the lighting would be on a timer. Kris confirmed that she would work with Ryan Pesanti and the high school, & that she would be open to the idea of using a timer.

Dan Goddard told the group about his experience with signs for Cadillac's Diamond Jubilee and suggested that as the logo had cutouts in the middle that movement would really draw the eye. Carl Hamming advised caution noting the sign ordinance prohibits flashing lights and wacky wave-able type displays. James See joined the meeting and asked about Beautiful Life sign for comparison.

Public Comment: No additional public comment.

Documents: [22-05 SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION-REVOLVER.PDF](#)
[HPP SIGN GUIDANCE PG162.PDF](#)

3.II Archive Access

Rose Nyman informed the group that she asked for this to be on the agenda as she has had difficulty gaining access to the archives even during Tuesday-Friday, 10AM-4PM (website listed hours). Lynette Foulger asked why the archives aren't accessible.

Rose Nyman noted that staffing is an issue and appointments would be difficult for tourists to make when they visit on the weekend. Mary Lynn McKenna told the group that a part-time person has been hired to work, that summer hours have been discussed as a possibility, and she volunteered to reach out to Copper Village.

Public Comment: None.

3.III Preservation Webpages (5.8.2)

Task: Update the HRB and Planning Department pages or create a dedicated preservation page on the ADLC website with relevant preservation documents, historic district maps, and links to preservation resources.

Gayla Hess showed draft webpages related to preservation & HRB activities that could be made accessible from the Community tab at adlc.us She asked the group for feedback and suggestions. Carl Hamming said that it was a lot of work. Mary Lynn spoke favorably of the pages and suggested that the compiled local book reading lists could be available from the doc center.

Dan Goddard spoke about how he appreciates the list of contributing houses by address from The Lakota Group preservation plan website. Gayla gave background

about the contributing properties list and spoke of the goal to have a search feature from the county website.

Rose Nyman asked about things tourists may search for, including keywords. Lynette Foulger thought historic tours could be a feature. She expressed excitement for the new cultural heritage signs.

Rose Nyman made a motion for board & staff to create a dedicated preservation page on the website. Terry LaValley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comment: No additional comments

Documents: [PRESERVATION WEBPAGES DRAFT 042622.PDF](#)

4. Unfinished Business

4.I Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for 2022 Speaker series events, including:

- review of Leader ad
 - one 2x3 (\$45/print)
 - publish dates: June 1 and 8
- tasks and volunteers for next event(s), including cookies and thank you cards

Rose Nyman shared that she had contacted the May speaker about next week's event which is a community (not campaign) event. John Fitzpatrick spoke of displaying photos and Gayla Hess had offered to help him figure out how to display some photos and will reach out to Rose about any items that might be needed for the event at The Forge.

Rose explained that the McCarthys plan to take turns sharing stories about the events and that a good crowd is anticipated for June. For the ad, Rose suggested that an edit be made to clarify "The History of Leprechaun Village" to be clear that the party isn't being held. Rose also spoke about how great it's been to work with the Leader.

A motion to edit the ad to include "the history of" was made by Rose Nyman and with a second by Terry LaValley the motion passed 4-0.

Volunteers and tasks:

1. Bob Wren previously volunteered to bring cookies to the May event.
2. Mary Lynn McKenna will introduce the May speaker & follow-up with a thank you card.
3. Gayla Hess is to follow-up with June host re: PA
4. Rose Nyman will contact the Leader for the ~~May~~ June ad.

Public comment: None.

Documents: [HISTORCERESOURCES-JUNE.PDF](#)

4.II Preservation Booth at Smeltermens Day (5.1.10)

Reservation of the multi-purpose structure at Kennedy Common for Saturday, August 6, 2022

Rose Nyman explained special event permits and how the multi-purpose structure is a separate reservation through the Parks Department. She has arranged for a reservation for the HRB to use the structure, but if the group would not like the reservation it would need to be released.

Mary Lynn McKenna spoke in favor saying that it would be great for audibility. Terry LaValley thought this could cut down on materials the group would need to bring like tables, chairs, etc. Rose Nyman suggested placing photos in sleeves and displaying throughout the interior. Rose suggested having cookies and bottled water. Gayla reminded the group there will be vendors selling food and drinks. Rose replied that the refreshments are hospitality.

Mary Lynn recommended allowing people to order a copy of any photo rather than making copies in advance when quantities are unknown. She volunteered to bring copies of local books and thought a list of where they are sold around town could be available.

The idea of having a banner was brought up from the previous meeting and Rose suggested a sandwich board as there's not a great place to hang a banner. Terry LaValley offered to work on this.

Public Comment: None

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Terry LaValley shared that he may teach an adult education course about Montana History. Mary Lynn McKenna and Rose Nyman expressed support- noted interest and attendance of speaker series events, and suggested this be placed on the June agenda.

Rose Nyman let the group know about an article in the Montana Standard featuring the Sladich Bar sign: https://mtstandard.com/news/local/puff-the-magic-flagon-smoking-drinking-other-factors-earn-butte-anaconda-low-health-rankings/article_0c9e4b59-80ae-5890-b048-875cca3339a2.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

Rose also shared some Under The Shadow of Mount Haggin trivia where she read that TC Davidson had a 2-story brick house which was not demolished but covered with slag.

Gayla Hess alerted the group that details of the essay contest were printed in the 5/4/22 Leader and noted that there is a potential brick workshop in the works in partnership with Anaconda Restoration Association which we may discuss in June. Gayla asked Lynette if the previous offer to have a donation from Pad 'n Pencil could be used as a thank you to the teacher supporting the competition, and Lynette replied "yes."

b. Public

Dan Goddard is preparing for his November presentation on Aladdin homes and plans to print 50 small booklets for attendees. He will focus on buildings from 1910-1920.

6. Public Comment- This is the time for the public to comment on items NOT appearing on the agenda that fall within the board's jurisdiction: None.

7. Next Meeting: June 2nd at 10AM in the 3rd floor Community Service Center conference rm

Note: Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, will be held next Thursday (5/12/22) at Noon at The Forge

8. Adjournment (11:02 AM)



How are Anaconda and Buttes Histories connected?

Anaconda and Butte Montana have a very interesting and diverse history that is intertwined in many ways. Both towns have had a lot of history with copper. The towns have been rivals since the beginning with copper. Each town also had very interesting founders. There's a reason the copper kings chose this area.

Anaconda and Butte have had a lot of history with copper. Anaconda has its big smelter which has been dormant since 1980, and Butte with its Gallow frames that once connected to the massive chain of mines under Butte. Anaconda's Smelter was the lifeblood of the town and how a lot of immigrants got a living the smelter towers at over 500 ft tall and is composed of over 2 million bricks. The smelter opened in 1894 and closed in 1980 when the smelter shut down almost 30 percent of the town lost their jobs. The work conditions at the smelter were pretty bad considering some workers would wake up with the taste of the various metals that were smelted in their mouth. The protective gear was a very bad gas mask that was reported to take more lives than it saved because of how hard it was to breathe in them. The Butte mines and gallow frames are just as interesting as the Big Stack. Each Gallow Frame can range from 100-200 feet. The work conditions in the mines were about as good as the smelter if not worse anywhere from 900-1,000 men died from 1894 to 1908 according to Montana standard. The mines also had a tragic fire in 1917 where a cable broke trapping many men and when a person when entered the mine the cable was burst into flame causing that mine to turn into a massive chimney over 160 men died in the fire and many more were injured, some of the men working in the mine at the time were able to enter bulkheads but they ended up being in them for 55 hours. Many of the workers went on strike after the fire but the strike didn't last long because WWI was currently happening and copper was needed for multiple things during the war.

The rivalry between the towns in the age of the copper kings was one of the biggest rivals in Montana. Buttes mines produced over 21 billion pounds of copper while the mines ran. Anaconda's smelter produced over 94,400 tons of copper when it ran. The Anaconda road massacre happened after WWI ended where picketers went to the Anaconda smelter and attempted to change the work hours the sheriff of the town tried to disperse the riot but the smelters guards opened fire on all of the picketers, the reason for why the shooting started was unclear but 16 miners were hit and one Tom Manning was killed. Three weeks after the massacre the strike ended and the workers went back

to work. No one was found guilty and even though Tom Manning was killed in cold blood.

Each town's founder was a very unique man. Marcus Daly was born in Ballyjamesduff Ireland on December 5, 1841. Daly moved to the U.S 15 years later in 1856 to New York and then traveled westward a few years later finding jobs in mines in California and Utah. He also became the Foreman for the syndicate that was working in Comstock lode in Nevada. Daly then founded Anaconda in 1890 nine years after buying the Anaconda mine in 1889. Marcus Daly had an estimated net worth of over 75 million when he died in 1900. Marcus Daly lived in the Daly mansion which is located close to Hamilton with his wife Margret Daly and raised his four children there. The mansion opened back up in 1987 46 years after Mrs Daly's death.

Butte's founder is just as interesting as Anacondas if not more. William Andrews Clark was born on January 8, 1839 in Ladysmith Virginia and died on March 2, 1925 in St. Louis Missouri. Clark was an exceptional student in school and by the age of 17 he and his family moved to Iowa where he taught school and was very interested in law. When the Civil War broke out Clark left everything to go and fight in the war, but only a year later in 1862 he abandoned his post and went on to pursue his true passion, mining. Clark moved to Colorado and then Montana where his business partners and him set up a mining company. Clark would also transport goods like food from Salt Lake City to Virginia City in Montana where he would sell items at inflated prices the average salary at the time for a miner was \$4 a month and he would sell eggs at \$3 a dozen and the miners would buy them because there wasn't such things in the mountains. The empire that Clark built became so big that he was able to build mills and smelt all the materials down very fast and get it sent to wherever it was needed. Clark became one of the most powerful and wealthy men in Montana. Clark was very determined to become senator of Montana when it gained its role as state in 1889. Running as a democratic senator Clark was competing with Anaconda's founder: Marcus Daly who was running as a republican. The two competed, bribed, campaigned and bought newspapers, but Clark had much more money than Daly and in 1889 he won but was forced to resign in 1900 as D.C had caught wind of what he had done. Clark then ran again in 1901 and used legitimate tactics and won again. While in office Clark was a good man and did many beneficial things and when the construction of the Panama canal was brought to his attention he protested that the canal should be built in Nicaragua but his idea was not used and the Panama canal began construction three years later in 1904.

Anaconda and Butte Montana have had very diverse and interesting histories but somehow they managed to intervene at many different points in time and the towns probably wouldn't be how they are now without each other.

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