

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, August 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Kennedy Common Multipurpose Building

1. Call To Order
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
Public Comment:

Documents:

[23-06-01 HRB MINUTES_DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business
 - 3.I. Preservation Booth At Smeltermen's Day (5.1.10)
 - Volunteer Schedule
 - Tasks
 - Handout(s)

Documents:

[FIND A GRAVE CARDS-2.DOCX](#)
[SMELTER MEMORIES.PDF](#)

- 3.II. Speaker Series (5.1.7)
Continued planning for Speaker series events, including:
 - September event ad

Public Comment:

Documents:

[HISTORICRESOURCES-SEPT_.PDF](#)

4. New Business
 - 4.I. HRB 2023 Work Plan (3.6)
Work plan updates

Public Comment:

Documents:

[23-24 WORK PLAN STATUS_MAR2023.PDF](#)

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: September 7, 2023
Note: "The Ghost of Smeltermen's Day Past", a collection of historic photos, will be held August 5 (Saturday) 11am-3pm.
8. Adjournment

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM

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

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM) by Chair Bob Wren

Present: Chair Bob Wren, Vice-Chair Terry LaValley, Lynette Foulger, Mary Lynn McKenna, and Rose Nyman

Staff: Gayla Hess and Carl Hamming

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, was held May 11, 2023, at Noon at The Forge. The presentation was attended by members Bob Wren, Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, and Gayla Hess. The recording is available at

<https://www.adlc.us/724/Anacondas-Past>

For National Preservation Month, the group hosted "Historic Stroll on Main Street" on May 20, 2023. The stroll highlighted several buildings on the National Register. Members Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Mary Lynn McKenna and Rose Nyman were all in attendance along with Gayla Hess. Photos from the event are linked on Anaconda's Past webpage (link above).

Rose Nyman moved to approve May 4th minutes. Mary Lynn McKenna seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment : None.

Documents : [23-05-04 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Preservation Month Follow-up (4.6.1)

May event

- Recap/Lessons Learned
- Thank you notes for guides, CEO, and Executive Assistive:
 - Milo Manning (Lynette)
 - Terry Montgomery (Lynette)
 - Margaret Ricci (Mary Lynn)
 - Sam Walters (Mary Lynn)
 - Jerry Lussy (Lynette)
 - Bill Everett (Rose)
 - Heather Edwards (Rose)
 - Copper Village (Mary Lynn)

Rose shared with the group that Commissioner Beasoleil attended and said that he learned a lot on the tour and thanked the group during a commission meeting. She also stated that the event was well attended and would like to see it repeated. Mary Lynn agreed. Rose passed along that the Montana would like to

be included and Terry LaValley supported including the building next year. Mary Lynn said that once tours were lined up, planning was simpler than other events; lucked out with the weather.

Bob Wren asked about the timing, and Mary Lynn said most were ahead of schedule. Terry noted the theatre took longer.

Bob asked what could be done better. Rose thought the speakers may have felt rushed, complimented all guides, and thought St. Mark's with Marg playing the organ was the crowd favorite.

Lynette asked if the walking tour would always be centered on Main. Mary Lynn thought the theatre could be included every year and that walkability is important. Group listed First Montana, St. Pete's, Post office and Elks as other candidates.

Volunteers for sending thank you notes are listed in parentheses.

Public Comment: None.

3.II. Speaker Series (5.1.7)

- June event and tasks, including:
 - Greeter (Terry and Lynette)
 - Introduction (Mary Lynn)
 - Thank you notes (Gayla)
 - Handout – Smeltermens Day ad
 - Distribute posters (Terry, Bob, Lynette, Mary Lynn and Gayla)
 - Cookies (Lynette) and coffee (Mary Lynn)
- 2023 Schedule, including October event
- Gift for maintenance staff at The Forge

Tasks: Bob let the group know he will not be at the event. Members then volunteered for tasks (listed in parentheses). Rose offered to bring napkins, plates, and cups.

Schedule: Rose sent an email to Kate Hampton about the October event, and recommended postponing this topic until other speakers can be found. Rose suggested Dave McKernan to speak about Discovery Basin's 50th anniversary in 2024. Carl Hamming clarified the anniversary is this winter season, and Bob thought this would work well right before the start of the season. Carl volunteered to reach out to the potential speaker.

Mary Lynn McKenna made a motion to invite Dave McKernan to present on Discovery's 50th anniversary in October. Terry LaValley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gift: Bob asked about previous gifts and noted that Patty helps with setup and making sure coffee is refilled throughout the event. Rose reported that \$50 was given last year. Bob asked about funding, and Rose said that \$350 is available

through the CEO budget and additional funding is anticipated. Rose volunteered to take care of getting and delivering gift cards.

Mary Lynn McKenna moved to approve (2) \$50 gift cards for Forge staff. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment: None.

3.III. CLG 2023-2024 Grant

Potential projects for \$2,000 funding:

- Story mapping for historic neighborhoods
- Cemetery project
 - Tours (with printable maps and possible story mapping for virtual tour)
 - Other
- National Register nomination

Carl asked if this was a one-time additional grant offer, and Gayla confirmed that it is in addition to the regular \$2000 grant and is to be used on a project.

Rose told the group of additional funding anticipated and thought 2 projects could be selected. Lynette wondered if any of the projects could be made to involve younger kids.

Mary Lynn asked about the printable maps and how it would build on the online map. Gayla explained that the printable maps could be for a self-guided tour with an online story map to highlight individuals and how they've impacted the community. Rose asked if the County Attorney had reached out to Gayla concerning liability issues. Rose mentioned Morgan Evans daughter and how flowers are regularly placed on her grave. Mary Lynn thought people would be interested in the ties to Lizzie Borden or offered Spanish Inquisition as a theme. Terry asked where the maps could be made available.

Mary Lynn asked about a National Register nomination and if it would be of the north side. Gayla confirmed the group had spoken of nominating this neighborhood and that homeowners need to be onboard for the nomination. Carl asked if property owners have been contacted yet and recommended meeting with them face-to-face. Bob asked if a National Register nomination creates restrictions to a property and Gayla explained that it does not.

Lynette Foulger moved to table until next month to allow more time to consider. Mary Lynn McKenna seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None

4. New Business

4.I. Preservation Booth At Smeltermen's Day (5.1.10)

- Ad
 - Days/hours
 - Oral history wording

- Tasks
- Space (reserved by Rose)
- Materials needed
 - Cookies (Bob and Mary Lynn), water (Gayla)
 - Table for registration (Rose)
 - Handouts – Astle article and card with cemetery link
 - Information for cemeteries
 - Kiosk
 - Card with link
- Volunteers

Ad: Rose noted the second day was requested by Margie Smith for help with registration for an oral history project. Bob asked if someone from that group would be there for registration and if not suggested removing it from the ad; group would then only display photos on Saturday. Mary Lynn was ok with the hours.

Group discussed how whether to have a computer available or to provide the link to the cemetery map. Mary Lynn suggested changing ad to read “Link to find a family grave will be provided.” Rose suggested using a heavier stock paper for printing and Bob requested a draft be sent to the group. Mary Lynn moved to approve ad with updates. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Tasks: Bob asked about Friday setup. Rose reminded the group that last year setup occurred during the meeting. Members voiced availability to meet Friday, August 4th at 10AM.

Materials: Mary Lynn offered to bring folding chairs.

Volunteers: Bob, Lynette, and Mary Lynn volunteered for Saturday. Terry was available either day. Bob suggested 2-hour shifts if the schedule becomes Saturday only.

Public comment : None.

Documents: [HISTORICRESOURCES-SMELTERMENS2023.PDF](#)

4.II. Self-guided tours of upper hill cemetery

This was discussed as part of 3.III.

4.III July meeting

Rose Nyman moved to not hold a Historic Resources Board meeting in July 2023. Mary Lynn McKenna seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Public comment: None.

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board – None.

Gayla shared that she's working with the Garden Club for landscaping at 1612 Smelter Rd, that Copper Village is working with Brenda Wahler (a Marcus Daly biographer) for an Anaconda event and asked the group if they are familiar with Alice Burke and Nell Richardson's coast to coast trip as follow-up to a website inquiry. Rose said she might have seen information and would look.

b. Public- None.

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: August 4, 2023, at 10AM in the Kennedy Common Multipurpose Building

Note: Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, will be held next Thursday at Noon at The Montana

8. Adjournment (11:29am)

Find a Family Grave

1. Visit www.adlc.us/154/Cemetery
2. Click on Interactive Cemetery maps
3. Choose a cemetery or select "All Cemeteries" if specific cemetery is unknown
4. Click magnifying glass to search by "Last name, Given name"

For cemetery questions, contact 406-563-4071.

DRAFT

Smelter memories...

John Astle

Anaconda's "greatest generation" of smeltermen, like the old soldiers of World War II, are slowly fading away. Memories of those halcyon years of good times and prosperity also are slowly vanishing. With each passing year, there are fewer and fewer smeltermen and women to tell succeeding generations what it was like to work on "The Hill."

It has been 25 years since the Washoe Smelter closed in September 1980, and about the same period of time since the city celebrated Smeltermen's Day.

Next week, on the anniversary of Smeltermen's Union Day, August 8, a local group is planning to commemorate Anaconda's favorite holiday and to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women who worked at the smelter, which started operations in September 1884, one year after Anaconda became a city.

There will be a kid's parade in the morning in downtown Anaconda, and a gathering of former smeltermen and women at Washoe Park to share memories of working on the Smelter, and also what it was like when the entire city honored smelter workers with a day-long celebration.

Everyone is invited come to the parade and to the Park and share memories of the smelter.

Smeltermen's Day, which began sometime in the 1930's, was discontinued during World War II and revived in 1947. Before that, one of the biggest days of the year in Anaconda was Labor Day, with parades, picnics, and sporting events.

During Anaconda's 1916 Labor Day celebration, a float honoring the smeltermen carried a statue of "Mr. Anaconda." After the parade the statue was located at the City Common on the corner of Third and Main Streets. (Rumors have

it that the Anaconda Company later took it down).

A poster for a Smeltermen's Day sports program on July 19, 1936, listed various sporting events to be held, including a soccer game between Anaconda and Butte, a first aid contest, 50-yard dashes for fat men and fat women, a backward race for union members, and a greasy poll free-for-all over the swimming pool.

The revival of Smeltermen's Day after World War II was held on August 24, 1947. Labor Day celebrations continued, but Smeltermen's Day quickly became the biggest celebration in Anaconda.

Dan McKittrick, president of the Mill and Smeltermen's Union Local 117, was in charge of the 1947 Smeltermen's Day revival.

Committee members included: Ed Ordson, Frank Lescantz, Ed Felix, George Kerrigan, Leonard Brundage, Kenneth Geary, Savino Cecconi, Frank Chor, John J. Donovan, Art Stromberg, Nels Peterson, Joe Moreni, William Ungaretti, William O'Dea, John Fitzpatrick, Fred Vonalt, Thomas Stergar, Edmund "Butch" Fahey, George Corcoran, Fred Grey, and Paul Tonkovich.

Congressman Mike Mansfield and Associate Justice of Montana's Supreme Court Lee Metcalf were the guest speakers. The program included a parade, children's treat, sports program, bicycle race, baseball game and daylight fireworks, night fireworks at the "C" hill, and a street dance on Main Street at 10:30 p.m.

Photographs of the 1947 kids' parade show everyone wearing coats and sweaters, so it must have been a little chilly. Parade winners were: Patsy McAndrews, Diane Glenn, Billy

Kalepp, Tim Tracy, Pinky McLean, Mary Kay McDonald, Dave Glenn, Bruce Anderson, Bob Nelson, L. McCollom, and Art and Aaron Bucholtz.

Sports events winners were: Bobby Krum, Gene McNally, Brenda Eccleston, Don Zeier, Lena Cardell, George Friez, Mike Enright, Clara Burgess, Bob Murray, Jean Monaco, Betty Hess, Joe Doohan, and Keith Fozzard.

Because of the inclement weather for the August 24th celebration of Smeltermen's Day in 1947, the union asked the ACM weatherman which day in August would be less likely to have rain or snow. He told them that August 8 would be their best bet. So that date became the day of the annual celebration.

According to news reports, the August 8, 1948 celebration had sunny weather and "It was considered one of the most successful community holidays with record participation. Union officials said that more than 1,000 participated and received treats of candy and ice cream at Mitchell Stadium."

Parade winners included: Virginia Lee Wise, David Bisch, Jack Geng, Rosemarie Bisch, John Kanthack, Tom Flynn, Joe Monaco, Ted, Joe, Rosella, and Jim Rice, Nancy and Jack McCollom, Cynthia Wein, Ed Huestis, Bob and Marty Nelson.

Sports winners included: Pat Kelly, Henry Petrovich, Jim Casey, Amelia Orrino, Charles Marron, Bradley Templeman, Kathleen Gallagher, Clark Carmichael, and Allen Cousins.

Union officials planning the 1948 celebration were: President Dan McKittrick; Charles McLean, parade; John Emmons, finances and fireworks; P. J. McDonald, treats; and Walter Dooley, sports.

Smeltermen's Union Day celebrations continued into the 1950s and 1960s, gaining in popularity

each year. Soon local businesses closed for the day and it became a local holiday for everyone.

In 1950, about 12,000 men, women, and children participated. Over 1,300 children marched in the parade and each received one silver dollar.

In 1955, over 2,500 kids took part in the parade. 4,800 bottles of pop, 12,000 cups of ice cream, 2,000 pounds of barbecued beef, and 18,000 bottles of beer were given out for the event.

Mill and Smeltermen's Union members distributed 3,000 silver dollars, \$5,000 worth of treats, and 9,000 sandwiches in 1957

There was a pause in the celebration after the 1959 strike, but it picked up again in 1961.

There was no formal celebration of Smeltermen's Day in 1962 and 1963, but most of the retail stores in town were closed.

The big celebration was resumed in 1964, 1965, and 1966, but there was another pause after the long 1967-1968 strike. There was a split in the ranks of the union after this strike. Members voted to leave the Mine Mill and join the Steelworkers Union.

Smeltermen's Day celebrations were resumed again in 1969 and continued into the 1970s until the smelter was closed in 1980.

The Anaconda Standard ran a story in the 1950s that said, "Smeltermen's Day had become known throughout the Northwest as one of the best celebrations of its kind in the U. S. today."

For kids who grew up in Anaconda in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s, they needed no reminder. To them it was the biggest and best day of the year. As one youngster described it; "Your birthday, Christmas, and the 4th of July, all in one day."

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Historic Resources Board
and The Forge Hotel Present

"Anaconda's Past"

September 14, 2023 • Noon
The Forge Hotel

Featured Speakers:
Ed Beaudette & Guests

Exploring Anaconda's Water History
The Montana Creed

"whiskey ain't worth fighting over, but water is"

*Join us and be part of Anaconda's multicultural
heritage - share the stories of local history.*



HRB Work Plan 2023-2024

#	Category	HPP #	Description	Status and next milestone	Date Completed
1	Training	3.8.5	Register to attend statewide and national planning & preservation conferences	Building on the Past, 50 th Annual Montana History Conference, September 28-30, 2023 Attendees: (Budget planned for 3 Preservation workshop attendees)	
2	Training	3.8.6	Encourage County planning, building and code enforcement staff to attend preservation training workshops		
3	Outreach	5.3.2	Explore collaborations with Butte-Silver Bow County Historic Preservation Commission and the Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization on co-sponsoring and hosting educational workshops	HRB member:	
4	Funding	2.6.2	Assess existing funding for housing rehabilitation programs- assess funding sources, applicability to specific aspects of housing rehabilitation programs and what potential financing is available at the local, regional, and statewide levels	HRB member: Lynette	
5	Planning	1.1.1	Consider the creation of a committee to review, coordinate preparation and nomination of future historic districts	HRB members: Mary Lynn and Rose	
6	Planning	3.2.4	Periodically review and update DPS provisions for historic preservation	DPS change (including acknowledgement of HPP) awaiting ordinance review & approval	<i>pending</i>
7	Funding	2.2.2	Finding potential for upper-story housing rehabilitation	Discover Anaconda is seeking grants to aid with fire suppression systems to support upper-story residential	<i>pending</i>

HRB Work Plan 2023-2024

#	Category	HPP #	Description	Status and next milestone	Date Completed
8	Funding	3.3.1	Considering lower the required match for Downtown TIF façade grants	Volunteer to attend a meeting to discuss with URA.	<i>pending</i>
9	Outreach	4.8.2	Consider devoting 1% of the URA funds for the installation of public art	HRB member to meet with URA to discuss	<i>pending</i>

Note: Tasks 6-9 are items from the 2022-2023 work plan.