

## Historic Resources Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 3PM  
Community Service Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Rm

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### 1.Call to Order (3:00pm)

Present: Chair Henry Lussy, Vice-Chair Mary Lynn McKenna, Bob Wren, Gayla Hess (HPO), and public per sign-in sheet.

### 2.Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Documents:

1. [12-10-20 HRB-MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

Bob Wren suggested changing names for consistency [referring to people by first or last names, not interchanging]

Mr. Wren moved to approve with a second from Ms. McKenna. Motion passed 3-0.

### 3.Unfinished Business – None.

### 4.New Business

#### 4.I. Butte-Silver Bow Preservation Presentation

Presentation of recent BSB Historic Preservation Commission activities by BSB Historic Preservation Officer

Hess informed the group that this is being delayed and may be on the next agenda.

#### 4.II.CLG 2021 Grant Application (DRAFT)

Draft application (including budget) for 2021-2022.

Documents:

1. [CLG 2021 GRANT APPLICATION.PDF](#)

Hess gave a brief overview of the budget (salary reimbursement for HPO hours to county), hopes for other eligible expenses to be identified by the preservation plan, and noted that the funds offered to the ADLC are more than in previous years; asked for comments especially for the scope of work session.

Mr. Wren asked about funds for Glover cabin restoration. HPO considered these for the budget but as the funding is limited and there are no other sources of funding for the foundation stabilization at this time it was not included.

Without additional comments from the board members or the public, Mr. Wren moved to approve the CLG application. Ms. McKenna seconded the motion; passed 3-0.

#### 4.III. Historic Preservation Plan Updates

Ms. Hess informed the group that we are expecting the State of the County report soon- likely next week. Mr. Wren asked if it would be provided electronically and if it would be available for email or linked for those interested. Hess confirmed that it would be made available on the county website, would likely be available on the project website <http://www.anacondalcpreservationplan.com/>, and that an email would likely be sent to the email addresses provided during listening sessions.

Hess also noted that with the help of the Project Administrator Vauthier that public outreach meetings for the plan would be setup soon. Ms. McKenna asked about the timeline and noted the February plan deadline.

#### 4.IV. Proposed Projects

##### 4.IV.i. Fish Hatchery Inventories

Cultural Resource Inventories relating to the Fish Hatchery

Documents:

1. [24DL0422 \(1\).PDF](#)
2. [2470.PDF](#)

Hess summarized the Fish Hatchery reaching out with interest in nominating the fish hatchery to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), noted that some previous cultural resource inventories were included with the agenda, and introduced Kerrie Berger of the Fish Hatchery to speak more about the initiative.

Ms. Berger explained that she had been following Anaconda Local Development Corporation's (ALDC) historical plaque progress in the community. She had reached out to ALDC for help with a plaque and realized that the hatchery is not listed. As the hatchery in Washoe Park is not listed on NRHP they are trying to figure out how to make it happen. When they started digging in the archives, they found a 1989 attempt for listing, but it did not happen. Ms. Berger has sought quotes for consultants to help write the nomination and found these to be more expensive than anticipated. She spoke of looking for other funding sources or finding help to do the form on their own to list the 1908 Icehouse (oldest building on the property).

Mr. Wren mentioned the recent Glenn's Dam nomination- asked if it could be shared as a template and what other resources might be available for the nomination template.

Hess asked about if the hatchery was only interested in the icehouse or if other existing buildings could be included to designate a historic district. Ms. Berger explained that since 1989 the facility has been significantly changed and is unsure if the whole facility could be eligible. She noted a \$4,000 quote for a nomination draft focused on the icehouse by itself- concerned about the cost of writing for the whole facility, especially as there is conflicting information about eligibility for other buildings in the facility.

Hess noted that the Glenn's dam nomination was spearheaded by this group and it was a multi-year project and asked about the fish hatchery's timeline. Ms. Berger told the group that they are not in a hurry, are willing to put in the time and work for this project. Hess offered to help and suggested meeting later.

Ms. Berger asked if there were any questions about the facility? Ms. McKenna inquired if Anaconda's fish hatchery was the first in the state, and Ms. Berger confirmed it as the first in Montana.

#### 4.IV.ii. Davidson Building & Proposed Signage

Considerations for Davidson Building signs as identified by SHPO

Documents:

1. [SHPO DAVIDSON SIGN COMMENTS.PDF](#)

Ms. Hess quickly told the group about how a proposed sign for this building had been brought to her attention with an application for funding to the Urban Renewal Agency board, comments from the State Historic Preservation Office about some considerations for an new sign mounted to the building, and invited a representative for another business tenant to speak about another proposed sign.

Ms. Kelli Thomas explained that she was attending the meeting on behalf of Jenarie's Bakery located on the east end of the building. She described the look they are aiming for is something similar to the Donovan's sign. The sign would be something simple and let customers know of the business's existence. Ms. Thomas noted that Mike Tillo, Donovan's sign creator, would also make the bakery's sign and that the Donovan's sign is not heavy. She continued by telling the group that there will not be any holes in the building or the bricks and that the sign would be secure. Ms. Thomas showed the group the bakery's logo.

Mr. Wren asked about dimensions for the sign. Mr. Terry Vermeire explained that they are not far along in the process. He told the group of the need to examine the building for previous signs or awnings so that the owner knows of the previous conditions and that they will take pictures from different angles as they start to plan for the layout. He spoke of making the sign something that looks nice using the photos to proportion for the final sign size.

Ms. McKenna brought up the concern of weight and the sign attachment. Mr. Vermeire mentioned that he took down the Locker Room sign last week which was over 10 feet tall and was held onto the building by only two ½-inch bolts; scary to find out. He noted that the proposed sign would not be lighted on the inside, possibly 4x4 in a bracket, and maybe 60 pounds. He noted that there are several flag mount signs on the block. He also spoke of wind load considerations and involving the building inspector.

Hess followed-up by reminding the group that this was an invite to consult with the HRB prior to building permit review and informed the board that the Planning Department would also ask for written authorization by the building owner. Ms. Thomas said that the landlord has already given written go ahead for a sign to the bakery owner and that it can be forwarded.

Mr. Wren spoke of the Historic Preservation Plan being worked on right now may also include details about how the historic neighborhoods should look. He said that he liked the WWII, Rosie the Riveter reminiscent logo, but noted that the historic preservation plan should be publicly available by March. Ms. Thomas reminded the group that they are in the early stages of the plan and are likely more than month out anyway, and then she asked if there are any other

considerations for this process to take into account? Mr. Wren suggested getting a copy of the sign ordinance and reading through those requirements.

Mr. Vermeire asked about building permit for signs as he has installed signs for years and the building permit had not been required that entire time. Hess spoke about the lack of a specific sign permit and explained that signs were treated on a case-by-case basis with use of the building permit when needed.

#### 4.IV.iii.Torgerson Annex

Hess noted that Mr. Ungaretti had recently informed her that evaluation and clean-up of the annex is still in progress through the brownfield program. Chair Lussy asked about who was doing the work and what was being sampled. Hess replied that WET was working on the testing of and any tanks/wells.

Ms. McKenna asked about the plans for the property once the annex is demolished.

#### 4.IV.iv.1619 And 1621 E. Commercial Persnickety Cleaners & Sugar Shack property

Hess reported to the group that there is new ownership for this property and the new owners are looking to demolish the existing buildings. Chair Lussy asked about their business plans and if a new building would be constructed. Hess replied that they are considering a coffee shop for the location and they do intend to build something new.

#### 4.IV.v. Church Renovation Proposal for church renovations and previous SHPO survey sheet

Documents:

1. [100 E 8TH.PDF](#)
2. [LDS CHURCH- 100 MAIN.PDF](#)

Hess spoke of the proposal the county received to renovate the church, mentioned that external changes were not planned, and invited the developer to speak more about the project.

Ms. Jessica Clayton spoke about the plans presented, her anticipation of owning the building by July 1<sup>st</sup>, confirmed not planning to change the exterior of the church but to preserve it. Ms. McKenna spoke of appreciation for the outside being kept and restored.

#### 4.IV.vi. 716 Oak

Ms. Clayton spoke of her plans for the property to the north of the church and a new structure to replace the existing house. Chair Lussy asked if it was brick. Ms. Clayton explained that the house has major structural issues even lacking a foundation.

Mr. Wren brought up infill considerations, the Historic Preservation Plan, and the need for new home designs to consider historic neighborhoods. He used craftsman-style as an example to incorporate elements in infill designs. Ms. Clayton stated that she does not have a plan for its appearance yet other than the home dimension of 800 sq. ft, how the home will be new and efficient.

#### 4.V. Board Protocol Info

Documents:

1. [PREPARING FOR YOUR MEETING AGENDA.PDF](#)
2. [MINUTE REQUIREMENTS.PDF](#)

Hess reported that all boards and members were receiving documents related to board protocol and asked members to review.

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

- a. Board – None.
- b. Public

Mr. Vermeire asked if there were any vacancies on the board. Hess answered that there are 2 vacancies and a member whose term will expire in March. Chair Lussy announced he is not planning to request another term and mentioned he had trouble hearing everything in the meetings especially with masks being used. Hess mentioned his several years of service to the board.

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

Mr. Vermeire spoke of the importance of the HRB, the history of Anaconda being a real attraction to the area, and the importance of preserving history. He spoke of the possibility of a brownfield grant application for the roundhouse- would love to create a museum there. He told the members about Evanston, WY and their roundhouse renovation (almost identical to ours) and how it is now an event space rented out for weddings after brownfield money was used.

Ms. McKenna reminded the group that the railroad museum already has so much that could be put on display; items currently stored at Copper Village.

7. Next Meeting: Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

8. Adjournment (3:50PM)