

**Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 10 AM
Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Rm

1. Call To Order (10AM) by Chair Mary Lynn McKenna

Present: Mary Lynn McKenna, Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, Gayla Hess, Joe Ungaretti, and members of the public per sign-in sheet

Absent (excused): Bob Wren

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair McKenna noted no corrections. Rose Nyman motioned to approve with a second by Terry LaValley. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents:

[02-03-22 HRB MINUTES_DRAFT1.PDF](#)

3. New Business

3.1. Proposed Projects

3.1.i. 200 Hickory Street

Greg McLeod of Northcon Inc. will discuss plans for the Alpine Apartments and changes to the facade; National Register nomination available at [HTTPS://NPGALLERY.NPS.GOV/NRHP/ASSETDETAIL/FB229A53-7604-479F-9BA6-00CFA10A923A](https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/ASSETDETAIL/FB229A53-7604-479F-9BA6-00CFA10A923A)

Greg McLeod summarized the project of converting the Alpine (originally 29 apartments) to 16 condos. He outlined the exterior changes to the building such as: sandstone on the lower level (similar to the Old City Hall), entryway repairs and a canopy, removal of a back corner addition comprised of CMU block, an elevator in the rear (west) area of the building, and landscaping. He said the changes will improve curb appeal and will be consistent with other buildings in the area.

Mary Lynn McKenna spoke favorably about use of the building. Rose Nyman told of the real need for condos in the area and pointed out that if an existing resident moved to the building it would free up other properties in the community. Terry LaValley asked about the project timeline, and Greg spoke of difficulties in scheduling contractors but a hope for late Fall.

Gayla Hess thanked Greg for joining the group, noted the great site chosen for the elevator, and said that while the exterior will look nice as presented it is moving away from the aesthetic of the National Register listing of the building.

Public Comment: None

Documents:

[PLANS_021522.PDF](#)

3.I. ii. 400 Main Street

Jeff Riggs will discuss plans for the old Junior High School. Described in the West Side Historic District, "Anaconda Junior High School at 408 Main features a Commercial-style, central block and wings design with Colonial Revival affinities and sandstone medallion trim (similar to the Brentwood Apartments one block south)." Additional information on page 3 of the [WEST SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT NATIONAL REGISTER DOCUMENTS](#).

Jeff Riggs told the group he plans to keep the old Jr. High and Daly Gym exterior as they are with the intention to have areas open for community use. He said that he is still in the early stages of planning interior changes to the old school building but is considering condos and apartments along with a space to allow community or neighborhood meetings.

He reported that the gym is in good shape overall despite some water damage from a leak in the roof. Jeff spoke of a possible non-profit and allowing the gym & walking track to be available for public use and the possibility of the classrooms to be available for businesses or non-profits. He is seeking ideas, thoughts, and concerns from the community to ensure success of the project.

Rose Nyman asked about the number of condominiums and spoke of the need for more housing in the community. Jeff knows parking is a constraint that will drive the number of condos possible. He is considering off-street parking on the southside of the gym and is sensitive to landscaping needs around parking. Rose asked if any feedback had been received from the neighbors. Jeff said that he had not yet received feedback but is anticipating concern from the neighborhood and his plan is to be sensitive to the area and he desires to garner support for the project.

Mary Lynn McKenna noted that the area is walkable and that not all residents would need a car. Jeff Riggs closed by telling the group that he is still working on his plan, a survey, and is in the process of cleaning up issues including the abandonment of an alley which was platted between where the school and gym stand. The group thanked Jeff for joining the meeting.

Public Comment: None.

4.Unfinished Business

4.I. Speaker Series

Continued planning for 2022 Speaker series events, including:

- review of Leader ad
 - one 2x3 (\$42/print)
 - publish dates: April 6 and 13
- tasks and volunteers for next event(s), including thank you cards
- memorabilia fundraiser (photos, newspaper prints,...), including donations
- scheduling speakers for the remainder of the calendar year

Chair McKenna liked the graphic chosen for the April ad. Rose Nyman suggested removing Barclay II for the ad since arrangements have been changed. Rose moved to approve the ad with proposed change. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Rose Nyman informed the group that she had received a box of photos from the Thrift Center. Photos seem to be centered on two different men, including photos of emigrating from Finland. She plans to display these at the next event.

Volunteers & Tasks

- Mary Lynn will send thank you cards to The Forge (this month) and to April's speaker.
- Terry LaValley will introduce March's speaker and will check-in with her prior to the event to see how we may assist the day of
- Gayla will bring a sign-in sheets, clipboards, hardcopies of the updated schedule, and will share an old photo of the hatchery with the mailing list
- Gayla Hess will send a thank you to March's speaker

Rose Nyman reported that at the last event \$2 was raised by the sale of a photo.

Terry LaValley suggested the Silver Lake-Butte waterline as a future topic. Rose told the group Dan Goddard is available for the November event to speak on Aladdin homes if the group would like. Gayla reported that she had contacted Milo Manning about the October event and he agreed to speak with several ideas for topics.

Public Comment: None.

Documents:

[HISTORICRESOURCE-APRIL.PDF](#)

4.II. HRB Work Plan

Continued consideration of tasks with focus on implementation actions for the 2022-2023 work plan including:

- tasks, budget, schedules, and HRB representatives for each task
- working draft of overall task timeline

Chair McKenna said that the timeline seemed doable. Gayla Hess checked with Adam Vauthier for the question involving URA billing and updates involving the downtown area. She reported that as a focus of Accelerate, downtown master plan implementation committee, this would not be a URA expense.

Lynette Foulger was ok with the tasks she is listed as a prospective HRB point of contact. Rose Nyman suggested delaying a vote on the proposed work plan until next month and suggested a meeting with Gayla Hess.

Terry LaValley motioned to vote on work plan at the next meeting. Rose Nyman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents:

[2022 WORK PLAN DRAFT 02-03-22.PDF](#)

4.III. Preservation Month Planning

May essay contest event planning

Gayla Hess reported that she is planning to meet with a teacher willing to assign the essay competition to her class and will report back after this meeting. She asked the group for suggestions for prizes or feedback on the draft prompts. Mary Lynn McKenna offered to donate for a cash prize. Lynette Foulger suggested that Donivans and Pad 'N Pencil would be willing to donate gift baskets or certificates for prizes.

Public Comment: Joe Ungaretti noted that Dairy Queen will open soon.

Documents:

[STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST.PDF](#)

4.IV. Smeltermen's Day

Group to discuss hosting a booth at the August 6-7 events

Rose Nyman has photos of past Smeltermen's Days that could be displayed. Mary Lynn McKenna volunteered to help and suggested if there are multiple volunteers for shifts two days would be possible. Gayla Hess reported that the booth could be set at either the Common or at Stack State Park as buses to the Stack board there. Friends of the Stack also offered to help with a tent or trailer for a shaded area for the booth. Gayla is to check on how to apply for a booth.

Mary Lynn McKenna recommended having a booklist of books about Anaconda's history available.

Public Comment: None.

4.V. Starr Block

Update on found property information, photos,...

Gayla Hess reported passing along the property history of the Starr Block to the consultant and didn't find the Drivers to have owned this building, but they did own a lot east of the alley. Rose Nyman reported passing along Lisa Saur's, member of the Driver family, contact information to the consultant.

Public Comment: None.

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Rose Nyman reported:

1. Smelter Mouse books might be reprinted by Marion Geil
2. Research into the movement of graves from "cemetery east of smelter"

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: April 7th At 10AM at Community Service Center, 3rd floor conference room

Note: Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, will be held Thursday, March 10th, at Noon at The Forge.

Event attended by Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, Bob Wren, Gayla Hess, and ~35 members of the public. Recording is available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lh4gS3k93zDBZfE1QAHBaKyOjBQsvq-H/view>

8. Adjournment (11:10 AM)