

Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, Sept.1, 2022, at 10:30 AM
Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order (10:31 AM) by Chair Mary Lynn McKenna
Present: Chair Mary Lynn McKenna, Vice-Chair Bob Wren, Lynette Foulger, and Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman
Absent: None.
Staff: Carl Hamming, Gayla Hess, James See

2. Previous Meeting Minutes
Smeltermen's Day Booth was a display of historic photos at the Kennedy Common Multi-Use Structure on August 6, 2022. HRB members in attendance were Mary Lynn McKenna, Rose Nyman, Bob Wren, and Terry LaValley at the community event.

Rose Nyman moved to approve the minutes with a second by Bob Wren. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None.
Documents: [08-05-22 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. New Business
 - 3.1 Design Review Training (3.1.5)
Kate Hampton of the State Historic Preservation Office will discuss design review options and procedures

Kate Hampton spoke with the group on the differing levels of design review present throughout the state, the benefits (sense of community, integrity of historic districts,...), and state and local zoning.

To highlight programs from advisory to regulatory Kate provided examples from Virginia City, Missoula, Butte, and Bozeman. Each community with design review has specific design review guidelines, tailored to specific zones or neighborhoods and often distinguish between commercial and residential. Programs throughout the state vary in setup (zoning overlays, voluntary individual listing on a local register, local historic districts).

Kate urged the group to consider capacity, community input and support when starting the discussion for local design review. She recommended using the Historic Preservation Plan as a launching point and suggested updating surveys could be a great way to start the community-level conversation.

The myth historic preservation review, how review by the State Historic Preservation Office is triggered (federal funding and Section 106), and property

rights was brought up by Kate. She explained that property owners may do as they wish with their properties, but that some modifications (such as painting it purple and adding a turret) may not fall in line with the historic building, Secretary of Interior standards, and would not be recommended by SHPO. Kate spoke about local regulations and consultation through the URA applications.

Lynette Foulger noted that some new construction in our area does not fit with the existing neighborhoods. Lynette asked if design review would apply to only new construction or if it would include remodels, and Kate explained that it could be both.

Rose Nyman asked if there is opposition when considering commercial facades and signage regulations. Kate said that yes, Montanans value private property rights, but overall finds that there is usually more support than opposition citing Virginia City and Philipsburg as examples.

Kate Hampton spoke about the opportunity to offer grants, such as through the Paul Bruen grant for revitalization, with design review. Virginia City used this grant program to offer local grants to help property owners restore windows to follow their local guidelines.

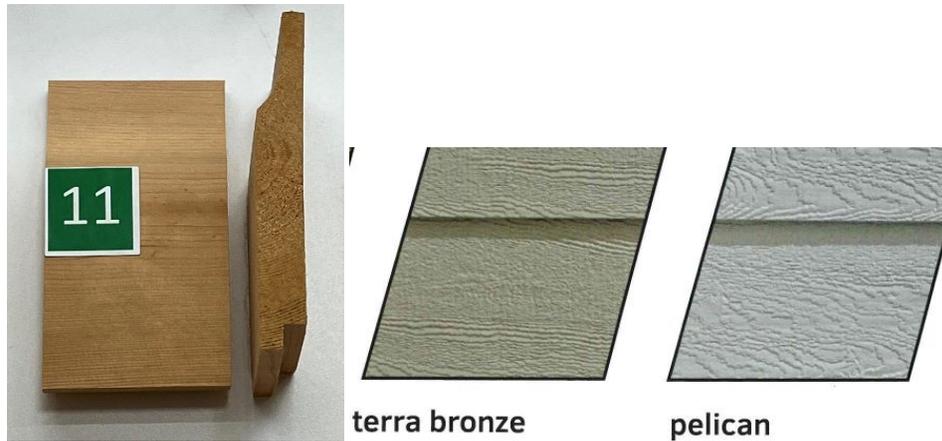
Mary Lynn McKenna said that it was a lot of information for the group to consider.

Public Comment: None

3.II Lower Gate Rehabilitation Project

Continued discussion about the rehabilitation project, including [LEXAN INFO](#), color, and siding options

James See, Building Inspector, updated the group on progress at the Lower Gate project. He told the group how demolition has started to remove old siding and roofing. He showed the group the siding he recommends, the lexan windows for security, and the color terra bronze or pelican which he thought would complement the black shingle roof and white trim.



Terry LaValley asked if there were traditional company colors. Rose Nyman pointed out the gray building in the BA&P yard and the turquoise/teal of the removed siding. Rose Nyman, Lynnette Foulger, and Tammy Mattson spoke favorably of the terra bronze as the main color.

Lynnette Foulger asked about the project timeline. James See reported that 85% of the demolition has been completed and plans for electrical work for the week of the 12th.

Public Comment:

CEO Bill Everett asked if the construction was occurring onsite and voiced concern for pedestrian safety, the increased traffic on this road as MT-1 traffic problems will arise without a traffic light, and plowing in the area. Gayla Hess spoke of working with the Road Dept. for a solution as future road work is planned. There could be an area to direct visitors to park and take photos away from traffic where the Lower Gate and the stack could be visible in their photos, and for speed limit signage.

Rose Nyman asked Tammy Mattson, General Manager of the Forge, about traffic in the evenings for the hotel. Tammy spoke of the increased day traffic in the area, anticipation of even more with Murdochs, and how traffic increases during their restaurant hours. Tammy also expressed concern for pedestrian safety and dog walkers in the area; spoke of questions from guests about the building and is pleased to see it improved.

Documents: [COLOR OPTIONS DIAMOND KOTE.PDF](#)

4. New Business

4.1 Driver's Saloon Individual NR Listing

Driver's Saloon and Cafe was located at 106 East Commercial and is a contributor to Anaconda's Commercial Historic District and the Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District. This property is being nominated for an individual National Register listing under Black Montana's Heritage Places multiple property document. A waiver

of the 60-day notification period had been requested by the State Historic Preservation Office

Lee Pleasant Driver's Saloon and Club Rooms narrative:

[HTTPS://HISTORICMT.ORG/ITEMS/SHOW/2844](https://HISTORICMT.ORG/ITEMS/SHOW/2844)

September 29, 2022 Review meeting and nomination information:

[HTTPS://MHS.MT.GOV/SHPO/NATIONALREG/RBAGENDA](https://MHS.MT.GOV/SHPO/NATIONALREG/RBAGENDA)

Gayla Hess explained that this was originally to discuss the 60-day waiver and that the nominations are now available online through the September 29th review meeting link. Gayla asked Kate Hampton to speak about this nomination as she has been working on this project for several years. Kate outlined the multiple property documentation (MPD) form which explores Black History in Montana and how this nomination allows for the individual listing of properties under its umbrella. This project has been funded by a grant through the National Parks Service. The Drivers Saloon, connected to the prominent Driver family, will be the first property listed in connection with the MPD. She spoke of a 1-hour long documentary which will air on Montana PBS early in 2023. This nomination will be reviewed at the State level on September 29th. She did recommend doing a keyword search in the MPD for areas specific to Anaconda as it is ~300 pages.

Lynette Foulger noted that this is her office building.

Public Comment: None.

4.II Preservation Booth at Smeltermen's Day (5.1.10) Recap

Quick debrief on August 6th event.

Chair McKenna stated that there was a good turnout. Bob Wren said he enjoyed being at the event and seeing folks identify people in the photos with their family. Rose Nyman reported that she received a suggestion that it be a 2-day event to coincide with an oral history project. Rose also suggested having city directories available, inviting Sharon Wren, and having the ability to search cemetery maps at future events.

Public Comment: Kate Hampton asked about how the photos were displayed, and Rose Nyman shared that the photos were hung around the room with numbers for identification.

4.III Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for speaker series events, including:

- October event: ad and tasks
- Discussion of 2023 events, including location and schedule

Bob Wren liked the ad as is and made a motion to approve. Terry LaValley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lynn McKenna offered to help with setup. Rose Nyman has been working with Carlye Hansen on the end and has ordered leftsa and Rose volunteered to bring cookies. Bob Wren suggested passing out schedules with tentative 2023 events. Gayla Hess reported that a podium and stool were requested for the event. Tammy Mattson mentioned an inquiry about a computer and screen for the presentation. Gayla Hess volunteered to follow-up with the Hansens.

Rose Nyman asked if Kate Hampton would be willing to do a presentation on the Warm Springs mound in 2023 and asked about participation by the tribes in relation to sacred places. Kate said that she would be interested in speaking about the mound and verified that oftentimes tribes may not wish to share info about sacred places. Gayla Hess invited Kate Hampton to speak in February (in person or by video) for Black History month, the Drivers Saloon, and the Black Montana's Heritage Places MPD.

Public Comment: None.

Documents:

[HISTORICRESOURCES-OCTOBER.PDF](#)

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements
 - a. Board: Terry LaValley is continuing to work on his adult education MT history class. Rose Nyman shared a yearbook photo of Alyce Driver.
 - b. Public : Kate Hampton thanked the group for having her.
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: October 6, 2022, at 10 AM

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

8. Adjournment (11:42 AM)