

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 10:00 AM
Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM) by Chair Mary Lynn McKenna
Present: Chair Mary Lynn McKenna, Terry LaValley, and Rose Nyman
Excused Absent: Lynette Foulger and Bob Wren
Staff: Gayla Hess

2. Previous Meeting Minutes
Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, was held September 8, 2022 at Noon at The Forge. The presentation was attended by Mary Lynn McKenna, Lynette Foulger, Rose Nyman, and Bob Wren. The recording is available at <https://www.adlc.us/724/Anacondas-Past>

Rose Nyman stated that she did not speak in favor of terra bronze as noted on draft minutes page 3. Terry LaValley moved to approve the minutes with correction and Rose Nyman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [09-01-22 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for Speaker series events, including:

- October event tasks
- November ad
- Discussion of 2023 event schedule
- Gayla Hess reported that she has met with Mr. Manning for his upcoming presentation, listed items needed to support the displaying of photos during the presentation, and agreed to contact The Forge in advance. Rose Nyman asked if there would be a handout. Gayla said that the presenter did not have something he wished to have handed out but had discussed how the photos will be posted on the website along with the audio. An updated tentative schedule will be prepared for handing out.

Chair McKenna volunteered to bring cookies, to introduce the speaker, and plans to ask the audience for suggestions for future event topics.

Rose Nyman asked if the Leader was able to contact the presenter for an interview and asked if there was a volunteer for a greeter. Terry LaValley said he would help getting folks to sign-in. Gayla said that Milo had met with them for an interview.

- Rose Nyman suggested removing line about lunch with future ads. Rose moved to approve the November ad. Terry LaValley seconded the motion; carried 3-0.
- For 2023 schedule, Rose Nyman emphasized the need for a local focus for the Black History topic and noted a handful of prominent families. She and Mary Lynn McKenna voiced concern with a zoom backup option due to weather with concerns of engaging the audience. Gayla agreed to discuss with presenter.

Rose Nyman noted the popularity of the Norwegian event and how usually there is an Irish focus. Mary Lynn agreed and suggested more ethnic groups for future events. Terry LaValley was glad to hear that there was such a turnout in September. With March and April not yet tentatively scheduled, Chair McKenna offered to contact AFFCO for a possible March presentation. Rose Nyman volunteered to try to schedule an Italian in Anaconda speaker for April.

Public Comment: None

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

3.II Lower Gate Rehabilitation Project Update

Rose Nyman reported curb and bumpers took a whole gallon of paint and would like to see the jobsite cleaned of debris. Rose told the group she intends to ask the Commission for speed limit signs. Note: Gayla Hess reached out to the Road Foreman to request posting signs in the area for the existing speed limit.

Terry LaValley and Mary Lynn McKenna talked of swinging by to see if they could help.

Gayla Hess mentioned sharing a photo of volunteers with the Leader.

Note: Coverage of project was published 10/07:

<https://anacondaleader.com/content/renovating-guardsmans-cabin>

Public Comment: None

4. New Business

4.I Semiannual CLG Report

Draft report for activities from April 1- September 30th.

Gayla Hess gave a brief overview of the report and drafted financials pointing out expenses for the Montana History Conference as eligible reimbursement federal funds. Rose Nyman noted the need for HPO and/or members to attend. Gayla spoke of including details about the Smelter Road project to the report. Mary Lynn McKenna and Rose Nyman said it looked good overall.

For the update on work plan tasks, Rose Nyman pointed out that the URA is now accepting applications and a meeting will be scheduled where HRB could discuss work plan tasks. She spoke of historic preservation as a goal of the URA and how this was discussed at their last meeting.

Rose Nyman moved to approve the semiannual report prepared for April 1-September 30. Terry LaValley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment: None

Documents: [SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT PACKET DRAFT.PDF](#)

4.II Cemetery Mapping

Cemetery Department and Board have been working on making cemetery information more accessible to the public. Visit <https://www.adlc.us/154/Cemetery> for a link to the online maps.

Gayla Hess gave a quick introduction of the maps, spoke of the recent cemetery board meeting and how the group discussed installing a kiosk. Rose Nyman explained the kiosk would be located at Mt. Olivet but was unsure if the kiosk would contain directories for all the cemeteries.

Mary Lynn McKenna told the group that Copper Village has cemetery records which could help supplement county records. Terry LaValley asked about church records. Mary Lynn noted that some of St. Pete's records are in German.

Public Comment: None

4.III Photo Donations

Discuss recruiting for photo donations

Rose Nyman told the group she had asked for this to be on the agenda as at Smeltermen's Day there had been several people who expressed interest in donating old photos or yearbooks to a county archive. She spoke of Gayla Hess's concerns about storage, cataloging, and being able to share any archival material with the public. Rose noted the county has so many records including land transfers and rights (water, mineral, etc...) that could be part of an archive. Mary Lynn McKenna spoke of donations at CVMAC. She said she would support a county archive and asked about the records that had been kept in the old church.

Rose Nyman suggested locations for an archive and suggested possibly tabling the item until the full board could discuss. Mary Lynn agreed about having the full board in attendance to continue discussion and Terry LaValley said he would like more information.

Terry LaValley moved to table until all 5 members are available for discussion. Rose Nyman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None.

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board: Terry LaValley announced his adult education Montana History class will be advertised in the Leader. Gayla Hess reported going to the Montana History Conference.

b. Public : No announcements.

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: November 3, 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 (11:05 AM)

Minutes with correction approved at the 11/03/22 meeting. *GH*