

**Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Community Service Center, 3rd Floor Conference Rm

1. Call to Order (10:03 AM) by Chair Mary Lynn McKenna
Present: Chair Mary Lynn McKenna, Vice-Chair Bob Wren, Rose Nyman, Lynette Foulger, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Ungaretti, Planning Director Carl Hamming, Gayla Hess, and members of the public per sign-in sheet
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
Bob Wren moved to approve minutes with a second by Rose Nyman. Motion carried 3-0.
Note: Lynette Foulger arrived at 10:15 AM and was not present for this agenda item.
Public Comment: None.

Documents:

[10-07 HRB-MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business

- 3.1. Speaker Series

The schedule was updated based on commitments from presenters contacted and the group agreed not to schedule events in July, August and December. Joe Ungaretti asked the Rileys to speak about Irish history and they offered to host at their home later in the year.

Rose Nyman asked about refreshments and suggested that each member donated a case of water. Mary Lynn McKenna offered to bake cookies for the first event.

The Leader's Community page was reserved for December 17th by Rose Nyman and Rose suggested the group pay for additional ads. Mary Lynn McKenna recommended running a small reminder ad in January before the event and suggested asking CVMAC to post about events on their social media. Audrey Aspholm talked about Glacier Bank's community service announcement that they donate and said there is a form available to apply.

Rose Nyman reached out to a recording company but has not received a quote. Joe Ungaretti recalled that at Smeltermen's Days recordings were done with help from the UM Irish studies program. Mary Lynne McKenna mentioned that the Helena Historical Society used to lend equipment for oral histories. She also suggested asking if there is a student, class, or club at the high school that may wish to help. Mary Lynn offered to reach out to the high school to ask. Lynette Foulger volunteered to look into apps that could be used. Rose Nyman thought the recordings could be sold as a DVD in businesses throughout town as a fundraiser. Gayla Hess suggested making recordings available online and if recordings are sold to have an accompanying booklet or pictures.

Rose Nyman shared that The Forge has offered space for this event. Mary Lynn thought more ppl may attend as they might not have visited the space yet. Carl Hamming suspected that acoustics could be better for a recording than in the gallery at Copper Village.

Joe Ungaretti suggested running small ads on 1/5 and 1/12. Rose Nyman agreed to schedule these with the Leader. Bob Wren wanted to ensure that the ads

mention the HRB as hosts and include a reminder for people to bring a lunch; Mary Lynn McKenna "HRB presents Anaconda's past." Carl Hamming said that the small ads could also highlight upcoming topics and speakers.

Public Comment: None.

3.II HRB Work Plan

Continued discussion of tasks with focus on implementation actions for the 2022 work plan and drafting an overall schedule with projected start dates.

Gayla Hess told the group she had updated list with short, mid, and long-term designations per the HPP implementation tables and is starting to work through projected start dates. She invited anyone to help and offered to make time available at their convenience.

Audrey Aspholm asked about the work plan and how many would be targeted as there are so many themes and tasks: structural/buildings, policy...She suggested taking a few goals from each; noted scheduled talks are a great start and suggested having regular speakers in the high school as well. She also cautioned the group not too much or too many to take on at once but should select from several themes.

Bob Wren reviewed the list and shared 5 HRB-lead tasks that he thought would be important to start with and could be accomplished:

- 1.8.1** identifying oral history and thought the speaker series ties in
- 5.1.4** hands-on workshops with local craftsmen, could tie into the speaker series, and window restoration could be featured
- 4.10.4** self-guided house tours; we have discussed this
- 3.1.5** training from SHPO and ongoing educational to help with long-term goals and to help with board function; **3.2.1** relates
- 1.5.2** CLG grants and CLG workshops; **3.8.4** applies

Mary Lynn McKenna liked the targeted goals to start and agreed that some of these have already been started as BW noted. Rose Nyman concurred.

BW marked additional items with our lead organizations:

- 2.6.2** rehab housing and **3.3.2** waiving of fees by county.

Carl Hamming volunteered to check on existing funding sources.

- 3.5.3** considering using portions of local taxes/fees to create preservation fund

Carl thought this line item in the budget which is discussed and set in the spring-wondered if this could be tied with the TIF funds and its district for preservation funding.

Audrey Aspholm wondered about a small (1mil) special incentive tax like the library. Bob Wren thought this would be difficult as many do not know about the HRB or preservation efforts in the community. Rose Nyman noted that people vote for the mil projects and though each is small these collectively add up

- 3.7.2** publicizing for members of the board.
- 3.3.1** URA match

Rose told the group that the URA will meet Tuesday and there are more applications requesting funds recently. Bob suggested not changing after hearing that all the funds are being used and the process is competitive.

4.8.2 consider 1% of URA funds or other county funds for installation of public art.

Bob thought this item was important as there are mural projects planned and mentioned that other cities have painted power boxes as public art.

Bob also noted that the HRB should support Friends of the Stack in their efforts to improve the Stack State Park. Rose asked if a memorial fund could help raise money; giving the library, Pintler Pets and the food bank as examples. Audrey cautioned that the fund would have to be very specific.

Rose Nyman suggested a vote. Gayla asked about preparing a draft template with a few more items to discuss for the work plan (like a website) and other organization-led tasks for the December meeting before a vote on the work plan.

Public Comment: None.

4. New Business

5. Learning Opportunities

11/03/21

Writing Successful Grants Online workshop hosted by the Montana History Foundation
<https://www.mthistory.org/events/writing-successful-grants-online-workshop/>

10/28-10/29/21

Armchair Plenaries hosted by Preserve Montana
<https://preservemontana.org/host-session-details/>

Hess noted that while these took place before the meeting recordings for the presentations will be available online.

6. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Rose Nyman met with a commissioner and discussed boards. She thinks qualifications need to change and the board should function to suit the community, used architect as an example position and noted Bob Wren's public works experience is a value to the board.

Mary Lynn McKenna noted loss of Persnickety cleaners building and the plans for a new coffee shop.

b. Public

Audrey Aspholm wants to see local history being highlighted.

7. 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

Joe Ungaretti announced that on Dec. 7th, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the American Legion color guard will be at the civic center in Butte.

8. Next Meeting: Dec 9th, 10AM in the 1st floor Community Service Center conference room

9. Adjournment (11:10 AM)