Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 3PM
Community Service Center, 3rd floor Conference Rm

I. Call to Order (3PM)
Present: Chair Milo Manning, Vice-Chair Henry Lussy, Ray Haffey*, Mary Lynn McKenna, Bob Wren, and Gayla Hess; members of public on sign-in sheet

II. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2020.
Motion made by Henry Lussy with a second by Mary Lynn McKenna to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0*.

*Note: Mr. Haffey was not for the approval of minutes vote, arriving by 3:05PM

III. Unfinished Business

a. Demolition Review -Root Barn at 356 Trapper Way (Warm Springs)
Mr. Manning reminded members of the correspondence between SHPO and DPHHS.

Ms. Tracey Thun of Montana State Hospital spoke of the very poor condition of the root barn, the hazard the non-secure structure and its contents pose on the open campus, and that while it has historical value it is inaccessible to the public.

Milo asked about the contents of the barn. Tracey noted files and equipment, including a crusher which might be sold on surplus if it cannot be used by someone else. Milo suggested that the landfill might be able to use it.

Tracey addressed the SHPO recommended mitigation suggestion of an interpretive sign on the site by pointing out that this campus is not accessible to the public and that Warm Springs has changed since the day of the ranch. Milo spoke of a display at Copper Village and how that might be a challenge for the staff based on space and archive renovations but stated that the article could be very interesting; Ms. McKenna spoke in favor of an article.

Ms. Thun hesitates to publish an article in advance of the demolition. Mr. Haffey volunteered to help with an article.

Mr. Manning noted that wayfinding signs to the mound had been considered in the past, but access was an issue at the time. Tracey mentioned that the bird farm has been taken over by FWP and that

the mound could become a state park with an alternate entrance-very historical.

Mr. Wren spoke of how some of the wood could be re-purposed for the Glover Cabin and Ms. McKenna said that it was a good idea to re-use some material. Mr. Haffey mentioned that high school students could help. Ms. Thun stated that if a proposal were submitted for amount of material needed that it could be checked it to see if it could be incorporated into the plan.

Mr. Lussy made a motion to recommend approval of the root barn demolition and to request material for re-use. Mr. Haffey seconded. Passed 5-0.

b. CLG 2020-2021 Grant Application update
Hess updated the members on the bigger received contract from SHPO for $1,835 with a required match of $1,223.33; noted budget projected about $4,000 match based on volunteer and HPO hours. Contract is to be discussed at Commission work session of 02/25.

c. Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage (RMRH) Grant
Hess reported that the Glover Cabin application was not invited to the second round for this grant, but that BSB and the ARA (MT Hotel) can be congratulated for continuing with the application.

Milo asked about a letter of support for the MT Hotel application, and Gayla replied that a letter had been requested for the first round of the application.

IV. New Business

a. Preservation Plan funding
Gayla told the group of the $20,000 Main Street grant awarded to ADLC for a historic preservation plan. The group can apply for a TIF technical assistance grant of $7,500 to go towards the plan and could additionally designated funds from CLG funding; estimated cost of $30,000. Milo asked about how the total cost was estimated and about if the plan would be contracted out. Hess stated that the cost was estimated by ALDC with help from contractors and that a contractor would be hired to help with community outreach and writing the plan.

Mr. Haffey made a motion to support pursuing TIF technical assistance grant with a second by Mr. Lussy. Pass 5-0.

b. Officer Elections
Hess stated that normally the group holds elections in November. Mr. Haffey made a motion to wait to hold elections until November with a second by Mr. Wren. Passed 5-0.

c. Preservation Month planning
Chair Manning asked the group for ideas for May. Mr. Lussy asked if the group could support the MT Hotel. Ms. Hess said that preservation displays could be used- the Courthouse has a sign showing the work done on the dome with before, during, and after photos; library could make a poster to show recent work completed.

Ms. McKenna suggested that Copper Village could show old photos and that the Elks building was also a candidate. Mary Lynn volunteered to speak with the Library and Copper Village. Milo said that he could speak about this at the upcoming Elks meeting.

Mr. Haffey proposed that these locations could all be included in a walking tour. Ray volunteered to speak with the ARA and with Smelter City Brewing about involvement. Hess mentioned that Accelerate was planning to unveil National Register signs within the Commercial Historic District in May, and McKenna suggested coordinating with the Chamber of Commerce.

V. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Mr. Haffey briefed the HRB on his efforts towards getting historic silhouettes made and placed near the Copper Village. He has shown the Chief of Police and the Fire Dept. the designs for a policeman (Commercial) and a firefighter (Cedar Street) which he proposes to place next to the building.

Mr. Wren spoke of concerns related to encroachment permits or easements concerns and MDT.

Mr. Wren spoke about the Montana Preservation Grant Program opportunity and the hope that an overall vision for the Glover Cabin could be worked on to make it more competitive for grants.

b. Public
None.

VI. 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.

VII. Next Meeting: March 19th at 3PM, 118 E. 7th St, 3rd floor Conference Rm

VIII. Adjournment (4PM)

MINUTES APPROVED 06/18/2020. gm