

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 3PM

Community Service Center, 3rd floor conference room

- I. Call to Order (3:04 PM)
Present: Milo Manning (Chair), Ken Schmidt (Vice-Chair), Ray Haffey*, Henry Lussy, David Webb, Gayla Hess; members of the public per sign-in sheet.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of March 20, 2019.
Motion made by Mr. Schmidt to approve minutes as presented from the previous meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lussy. Motion carried 4-0.
*Note: Ray Haffey did not vote on approval of minutes as he arrived at the meeting late.
- III. New Business
 - a. Smelter City Brewing (Electric Light Building) Improvements with Guest Luke Carlson
Mr. Carlson introduced himself to the group mentioning his art and drafting qualifications and previous restoration work. Luke spoke about past renovations of the Electric Light Building including his recent efforts to salvage as much as possible from the building. Future plans for the building and the outdoor area were discussed, including:
 - Second floor restoration
 - Mural sign designed to emulate old ghost signs with a font inspired from 1910-1920. Lime wash has been applied to wall which will fade with time
 - Design of Main street entrance to the outdoor area which includes plates, planters and corrugated metal

Mr. Manning stated that the proposed wall sign would fit in with mural signs in the area.

Mr. Schmidt spoke of how the work fits in with preservation goals and made a motion to recommend support of the exterior plans. Mr. Haffey seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Ray thanked owner for the effort and the presentation.
 - b. Historic Signs
HPO informed the group of an initiative by Anaconda Local Development Corporation and Accelerate Anaconda for promoting more historic signs within the Commercial Historic District. Accelerate Anaconda is having a Lunch and Learn event Tuesday, May 14th at 12PM. New signs will be additional stops for the **Anaconda Commercial Historic District Tour** on Explorebig.org
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Haefner's Dam nomination to NRHP
HPO briefed the group on the consulting firms contacted and the bids received; the lowest bid was submitted by Rossillon Consulting for \$1,360 to finish the nomination and to be available for the review board presentation. This expense would be part of the MT-19-010 contract funds as the deadline for MT-18-010 usage has passed.

Motion made to hire Rossillon Consulting for nomination work with the MT-19-010 CLG funds made by Mr. Schmidt with a second by Dr. Webb; motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Webb proposed that a presentation be made to the Commission for this expense. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Webb detailed the upcoming Earth Day Celebrations on April 28th at Haefner's Dam. He mentioned the idea to have a sheet for community members to sign as a show of support for the individual listing on the NRHP.

b. CLG Contracts

i. MT-18-010 Reimbursement

HPO requested the group fill out and turn in Donated Services forms for the reporting period, and any receipts for money spent. Other than reimbursement for items purchased by members and supplies, the only other large qualified expense eligible for reimbursement is part of the Historic Preservation Officer salary. Mr. Haffey made a motion to request reimbursement for part of HPO salary with a second from Dr. Webb. Motion carried 5-0.

ii. MT-18-010 Final Report review

Group discussed the draft of the final report and offered suggestions for corrections on Haefner's Dam nomination start date, emphasis on HRB role within the community (#5) and provided additional feedback for the unanswered questions (#2, 3, and 4) on the draft. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the final report with the edits. Mr. Lussy seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

iii. ~~MT-19-010 Funds~~ Discussed during IV.a. Haefner's Dam nomination

c. Tammany

Mr. Haffey informed the group that the old Tammany bar menu is laminated. Otherwise this project is on hold as there has been no word from the Tammany mosaic owner.

d. Glover's Cabin

Mr. Haffey discussed rough measurements with the group as well as a plan to coordinate foundation and floor work with Job Corps and high school with the HRB acting as facilitator.

e. Preservation Month Planning

Mr. Manning briefed the group about contact with the Leader for an article showing past and present photos of properties previously discussed (Copper Crown, Smelter City Brewing, Washoe Theatre, etc.) which are examples of preservation or restoration with historic integrity.

f. Bylaws

Chair Manning summarized the drafted amendments to the bylaws including but not limited to removal of TIFD activity, CDBG revolving loan fund, and the “small town” charm statement.

Mr. Schmidt suggested limiting number of terms served while other members including Mr. Lussy and Mr. Haffey voiced that a limit should not be imposed, but a member could decline to request re-appointment if desired.

Dr. Webb pointed out error with Membership Article number.

Mr. Haffey spoke of his disappointment about the HRB having not been involved in the TIFD in the past and thought it a slight, but saw how the board is now moving forward.

Hess asked if a line should be included clarifying that HPO is a non-voting member. Group discussed what dictated this and some members questioned if the HPO should vote. HPO is to research and report back to the group. Dr. Webb suggested tabling amendments until clarification given. Seconded by Haffey. 5-0.

V. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Dr. Webb spoke of previous efforts for Historic Wayfinding signs at off the highway on either end of Anaconda. In the past Helena and MDT had approved the signs. Funds were unavailable for project at the time. Dr. Webb suggested that this be a focus of the group in the future.

Mr. Haffey spoke of community contributions by Eleanor Ivankovich and suggested that the board could write and publish a thank you in her honor. Motion made by Mr. Schmidt to accept Mr. Haffey’s proposal to write a thank you; seconded by Mr. Lussy. Passed 5-0.

b. Public

None.

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 16th at 3PM in the 3rd Floor Community Service Center Conference Room.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:25PM