

Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM

Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM) by Chair Bob Wren

Roll call, Present: Chair Bob Wren, Vice-Chair Terry LaValley, Mary Lynn McKenna (by phone), and Rose Nyman

Excused Absent: Lynette Foulger

Staff: Gayla Hess

Public: None

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, was held April 13, 2023, at Noon at The Forge. The presentation was attended by members Mary Lynn McKenna, Bob Wren, Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, and Gayla Hess. The recording is available at <https://www.adlc.us/724/Anacondas-Past>

Rose Nyman referenced page 2 of the minutes and said that she had offered to bring cookies for the reception. Mary Lynn McKenna reported another volunteer has also offered cookies. Rose asked about plates and asked about the May 20th event schedule being handed out at the speaker series event. Mary Lynn clarified that it was announced at the beginning of the event rather than given as a handout.

Mary Lynn McKenna made a motion to accept as presented. Terry LaValley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment : None

Documents : [23-04-06 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for speaker series events, including:

- May event and tasks, including:
 - Greeter (Bob)
 - Introduction (Terry)
 - Thank you notes (Gayla)
 - Handout (Gayla will print out May 20th schedule)
 - Distribute posters (Terry and Bob took remaining posters)
 - Cookies (Bob)
- June event ad
- 2023 Schedule
- Warm Springs Mound event
- Future topics

May Event: Mary Lynn told the group she wouldn't be able to attend the May 11th event. Volunteers for the May 11th event are shown in parenthesis in the above task list.

June event ad: Mary Lynn thought ad looked good. Gayla asked if the group capitalizes all letters in Montana. Rose couldn't recall and suggested leaving as-is and Terry agreed.

Mary Lynn McKenna made a motion to approve the June ad; Terry LaValley seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

For the 2023 schedule, Rose said that the issue is the Warm Springs Mound and reliability of the speaker; she was disappointed with being read to though good information was presented; and she noted no interaction with the audience. Bob thought it was an academic presentation, people enjoyed it, and said he did not like that the original speaker cancelled. Bob stated he is interested in the topic and wondered if another presenter could be found. Terry LaValley volunteered to reach out to Milo Manning to see if he would know someone as this topic is interesting not only for local but state history. Rose suggested a Native American co-speaker and volunteered to talk to Kate if there is to be a change.

Future topics and potential alternatives to the Warm Springs mound included: James Rosein who had previously volunteered, Ray Haffey, and Dave McKernan who suggested Discovery Ski Hill history and anniversary.

Public Comment: None.

Document: [HISTORICRESOURCES-JUNE.PDF](#)

- 3.II. Preservation Month (4.6.1)
May activity/event planning
- Ad
 - Schedule
 - Tasks

Bob liked the ad but had concerns about the schedule falling behind. Mary Lynn thought as a first-time event that it will be a learning experience and that the format will be fine with flexibility for the time of the reception. Rose asked for title suggestions and Bob offered "Historic Stroll on Main St."

Rose suggested having a board member at each location. Bob and Terry spoke of accompanying the crowd. Mary Lynn will setup Copper Villlage for the reception with hors d'oeuvres, cookies, and coffee. Gayla suggested having a sign-in sheet at the reception and Bob said he would do a head count at each location. Terry suggested starting the courthouse tour on the 3rd floor.

Rose informed the group that the ad is larger and costs \$75 to run. Terry thought the ad should run twice and Gayla verified this could be covered by the CLG reimbursement grant. Mary Lynn suggested advertising after the speaker series. Terry suggested announcing the tour at the May 11th event, running the ad the 12th & 17th, and providing schedule as a handout on the 11th.

Terry LaValley motioned to accept the ad with the new title. Mary Lynn McKenna seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Documents: [NATIONALHISTORICPRESERVATIONMONTH.PDF](#)

3.III. CLG Final Report – Update
Final reimbursement request

Gayla shared the updated reimbursement request. Bob asked if all the funding was used, and this was confirmed.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [REQUEST FOR PAYMENT.PDF](#)

3.IV. CLG 2023-2024 Grant
Continued discussion on a proposed \$2,000 GIS Mapping project

Gayla asked the group to consider a mapping project where the historic districts could be highlighted. Map areas and information would be displayed as a story map. Several existing maps and examples were shown and/or discussed:

ADLC Cemetery map:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/e25a3a8fdb2423ea0b70b349db47e36>

ADLC Planning map:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a9bb5a5a604a4cb9a8339c31c3d066bc/>

Montana's African American Heritage Resources Sanborn Map, showing properties found in the 1910 Census, a 1910 Poll, and the 1930 census with African American ties

<https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=34b753132f77453ea794b8734fe42770>

List of addresses from the above Sanborn map with Anaconda addresses and resident information

https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/AfAm_docs/SanbornMaps/ANACONDA_SANBORN_COMBINED.pdf

Montana's Map of National Register of Historic Places

<https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5378695ae71b414ba66f478fc57241f6>

An example to show how a story map would highlight information as a user scrolls

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0f58d49c566b486482b3e64e9e5f7ac9>

Bob Wren also mentioned the Find A Grave website.

Rose asked if this project would replace pursuing a nomination for the North Side.

Gayla said “no” and that this was a project that could be done with the extra funding offered this year whereas a consultant would likely cost more. Rose recalled the Glenn’s Dam nomination was around \$1200, and Gayla explained the consultants were very familiar with the area and were able to use related documents which decreased the overall cost. Rose told the group that there could be \$1200 and an additional \$500 available to help with a nomination. Bob asked about the cost of a consultant and Rose said she and Mary Lynn would get together for more information.

Gayla said that mapping was one idea, and the group could consider others such something cemetery-related like a tour (printable maps to build off the cemetery maps and a storymap for online viewing) or the money could be put towards a nomination. Rose suggested putting these ideas on the next agenda for further discussion.

Public Comment: None

4. New Business

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Rose reserved space for Smeltermen’s Day, spoke with Margie Smith who requested 2 days and to allow a sign-up for oral history interviews. Rose suggested having Lisa Sauer display some items.

Rose mentioned the board resolution and that any member can request agenda items; asked if board chair should review the agenda before it’s posted. Bob said he reviews the agenda and spoke with Gayla about the resolution including notice to members and tracking absences.

Gayla shared that Smeltermen’s Day Stack Tour tickets for August 5th & 6th available at <https://anacondacommunityfoundation.networkforgood.com/events/56409-2023-smeltermen-s-day-stack-tours>

b. Public -None

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: June 1, 2023

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

8. Adjournment (11:13 AM)