

**Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 10 AM

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

1. Call to Order (10AM) by Chair McKenna

Present: Mary Lynn McKenna, Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Rose Nyman, Gayla Hess, ~~Planning Director Carl Hamming, and Building Inspector James See~~. Excused absent: Bob Wren.

~~Planning Director Carl Hamming and Building Inspector James See and~~Members of the public per sign-in sheet.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, was held Thursday, May 12th at Noon at The Forge. The event was attended by Terry LaValley, Mary Lynn McKenna, Rose Nyman, Bob Wren, Gayla Hess and about 38 members of the public attended the presentation by John Fitzpatrick on his family's grocery business. Event recording is available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QXN7X-VFAX0XjuBAS2331uMUwePg9pHi/view>

Chair McKenna noted that she had attended the April community speaker series event and was not listed in the minutes as board member in attendance. Message from Bob Wren was relayed that he had no comments on the minutes.

Terry LaValley moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [04-15-22 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. New Business

3.1 Revolver Sign Permit Application

Applicant to discuss proposed sign for The Revolver. Historic sign is available online at <https://historicmt.org/items/show/2840>

Gayla Hess briefly explained the inclusion of the application as a sign for a business in the commercial historic district, summarized questions about the proposal that had been discussed with the applicant and introduced Kris Smith.

Kris Smith spoke of the need for signage for her business and spoke about other signs in the area. She noted that she was understanding of the limit for signs, a willingness to remove a sign on the door, and a desire to protect the façade by installing the sign in existing holes or installing hardware in mortar joints to avoid drilling into brick. Kris pointed out the rounded corner design, specified white LED lighting to be visible

against the painted black sheet metal, and plans to connect to the existing gooseneck lighting on the façade of the building.

Rose Nyman asked about the size of the Beautiful Life sign with concerns about balance and that signage can be larger than people realize. Kris said that she could find out about the existing sign's size but estimated it to be similar in size to what she is proposing. Rose also asked if the sign was to be made through the high school, mentioned the required historic preservation officer sign-off, and asked if the lighting would be on a timer. Kris confirmed that she would work with Ryan Pesanti and the high school, & that she would be open to the idea of using a timer.

Dan Goddard told the group about his experience with signs for Cadillac's Diamond Jubilee and suggested that as the logo had cutouts in the middle that movement would really draw the eye. Carl Hamming advised caution noting the sign ordinance prohibits flashing lights and wacky wave-able type displays. James See joined the meeting and asked about Beautiful Life sign for comparison.

Public Comment: No additional public comment.

Documents: [22-05 SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION-REVOLVER.PDF](#)
[HPP SIGN GUIDANCE PG162.PDF](#)

3.II Archive Access

Rose Nyman informed the group that she asked for this to be on the agenda as she has had difficulty gaining access to the archives even during Tuesday-Friday, 10AM-4PM (website listed hours). Lynette Foulger asked why the archives aren't accessible.

Rose Nyman noted that staffing is an issue and appointments would be difficult for tourists to make when they visit on the weekend. Mary Lynn McKenna told the group that a part-time person has been hired to work, that summer hours have been discussed as a possibility, and she volunteered to reach out to Copper Village.

Public Comment: None.

3.III Preservation Webpages (5.8.2)

Task: Update the HRB and Planning Department pages or create a dedicated preservation page on the ADLC website with relevant preservation documents, historic district maps, and links to preservation resources.

Gayla Hess showed draft webpages related to preservation & HRB activities that could be made accessible from the Community tab at [adlc.us](#) She asked the group for feedback and suggestions. Carl Hamming said that it was a lot of work. Mary Lynn spoke favorably of the pages and suggested that the compiled local book reading lists could be available from the doc center.

Dan Goddard spoke about how he appreciates the list of contributing houses by address from The Lakota Group preservation plan website. Gayla gave background

about the contributing properties list and spoke of the goal to have a search feature from the county website.

Rose Nyman asked about things tourists may search for, including keywords. Lynette Foulger thought historic tours could be a feature. She expressed excitement for the new cultural heritage signs.

Rose Nyman made a motion for board & staff to create a dedicated preservation page on the website. Terry LaValley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comment: No additional comments

Documents: [PRESERVATION WEBPAGES DRAFT 042622.PDF](#)

4. Unfinished Business

4.I Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for 2022 Speaker series events, including:

- review of Leader ad
 - one 2x3 (\$45/print)
 - publish dates: June 1 and 8
- tasks and volunteers for next event(s), including cookies and thank you cards

Rose Nyman shared that she had contacted the May speaker about next week's event which is a community (not campaign) event. John Fitzpatrick spoke of displaying photos and Gayla Hess had offered to help him figure out how to display some photos and will reach out to Rose about any items that might be needed for the event at The Forge.

Rose explained that the McCarthys plan to take turns sharing stories about the events and that a good crowd is anticipated for June. For the ad, Rose suggested that an edit be made to clarify "The History of Leprechaun Village" to be clear that the party isn't being held. Rose also spoke about how great it's been to work with the Leader.

A motion to edit the ad to include "the history of" was made by Rose Nyman and with a second by Terry LaValley the motion passed 4-0.

Volunteers and tasks:

1. Bob Wren previously volunteered to bring cookies to the May event.
2. Mary Lynn McKenna will introduce the May speaker & follow-up with a thank you card.
3. Gayla Hess is to follow-up with June host re: PA
4. Rose Nyman will contact the Leader for the ~~May~~ June ad.

Public comment: None.

Documents: [HISTORCERESOURCES-JUNE.PDF](#)

4.II Preservation Booth at Smeltermens Day (5.1.10)

Reservation of the multi-purpose structure at Kennedy Common for Saturday, August 6, 2022

Rose Nyman explained special event permits and how the multi-purpose structure is a separate reservation through the Parks Department. She has arranged for a reservation for the HRB to use the structure, but if the group would not like the reservation it would need to be released.

Mary Lynn McKenna spoke in favor saying that it would be great for audibility. Terry LaValley thought this could cut down on materials the group would need to bring like tables, chairs, etc. Rose Nyman suggested placing photos in sleeves and displaying throughout the interior. Rose suggested having cookies and bottled water. Gayla reminded the group there will be vendors selling food and drinks. Rose replied that the refreshments are hospitality.

Mary Lynn recommended allowing people to order a copy of any photo rather than making copies in advance when quantities are unknown. She volunteered to bring copies of local books and thought a list of where they are sold around town could be available.

The idea of having a banner was brought up from the previous meeting and Rose suggested a sandwich board as there's not a great place to hang a banner. Terry LaValley offered to work on this.

Public Comment: None

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Terry LaValley shared that he may teach an adult education course about Montana History. Mary Lynn McKenna and Rose Nyman expressed support- noted interest and attendance of speaker series events, and suggested this be placed on the June agenda.

Rose Nyman let the group know about an article in the Montana Standard featuring the Sladich Bar sign: https://mtstandard.com/news/local/puff-the-magic-flagon-smoking-drinking-other-factors-earn-butte-anaconda-low-health-rankings/article_0c9e4b59-80ae-5890-b048-875cca3339a2.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

Rose also shared some Under The Shadow of Mount Haggin trivia where she read that TC Davidson had a 2-story brick house which was not demolished but covered with slag.

Gayla Hess alerted the group that details of the essay contest were printed in the 5/4/22 Leader and noted that there is a potential brick workshop in the works in partnership with Anaconda Restoration Association which we may discuss in June. Gayla asked Lynette if the previous offer to have a donation from Pad 'n Pencil could be used as a thank you to the teacher supporting the competition, and Lynette replied "yes."

b. Public

Dan Goddard is preparing for his November presentation on Aladdin homes and plans to print 50 small booklets for attendees. He will focus on buildings from 1910-1920.

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 2nd at 10AM in the 3rd floor Community Service Center conference rm

Note: Anaconda's Past, a community speaker series event, will be held next Thursday (5/12/22) at Noon at The Forge

8. Adjournment (11:02 AM)

Minutes with changes approved at the June 2nd meeting. GH

