

Historic Resources Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at 10AM
Community Service Center, 3rd floor Conference Rm

1. Call to Order (9:59 AM) by Chair McKenna.
Present: Chair Mary Lynn McKenna, Vice-Chair Bob Wren, Rose Nyman, Lynette Foulger, and Gayla Hess.
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
Documents:

[06-17-21 HRB-MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

Rose Nyman noted no corrections and made a motion to accept the minutes of June 17th. Bob Wren seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Unfinished Business

- 3.1. Historic Preservation Plan
Review draft available on project website
[HTTP://ANACONDADLCPRESERVATIONPLAN.COM/](http://ANACONDADLCPRESERVATIONPLAN.COM/)

Documents:
[ALDC_HISTORIC-PRESERVATION-PLAN-JUNE-2021-DRAFT.PDF](#)

Mary Lynn McKenna started the conversation by saying she likes the architectural explanations, the suggestions for what is encouraged and discouraged, and the use of pictures from Anaconda. Lynette Foulger agreed. Bob Wren mentioned this was identified as a need early on- especially for things that should not be done based on architectural style and said that the draft includes what was asked for in the plan.

Lynette Foulger called out the grant funding sources of in Initiative 2.2 as a resource for upper stories of commercial buildings. Rose Nyman stated that upper story housing creates foot traffic generating business for restaurants and shops- noted parking as a hurdle, especially with the Davidson and parking should not prevent development.

Lynette Foulger spoke about the struggle of how to tell the quick history of Anaconda to clients and asked for local history book recommendations. Mary Lynn McKenna spoke of cooperation with stakeholders about a synopsis to tell visitors as there is a lot of information out there; matter of getting it into a format to easily share. Copper Smelting Boom Town by Patrick Morris was recommended by Rose Nyman.

Rose Nyman recalled a covenant on [701 E 5th] a church requiring the outside to stay looking like a church; allowing for an adaptive use. She voiced support for some items:

- Early planning of events; including Preservation Month activities
- Heritage tourism- noting limited hours and resources in the community
- Outreach-especially to kids and early local history education
- Tours; including the Courthouse
- Database for vacant and at-risk properties- asking if Lynette was aware of specific at-risk properties
- Ghost murals -mentioned the need for a list of existing signs in the community

Rose also recalled a past initiative for cleaning up Goosetown properties and attempts by the county for painting and snow removal programs.

Mary Lynn suggested the murals could be a tour or incorporated into a tour, spoke of the former Garden Club sponsored tours, possible architectural tours, and how Copper Village has offered tours of the building to kids in the past.

Rose Nyman recognized the need to digitize the archives. Mary Lynn McKenna told the group of efforts at Marcus Daly Archives with labelling as first step. Mary Lynn brought up oral histories as a great way to share local history though noted some speakers are nervous about being recorded and that these stories are being lost.

Rose Nyman pointed out that the Montana State Hospital is not on the National Register and would like to see it listed. Lynette Foulger asked about the nomination process and oversight for changes to a building with Smelter City Brewery's building as an example. Gayla Hess outlined the nomination and approval process; spoke of private funding vs using preservation tax credits as part of a project. Rose stated that local URA funds were used.

Mary Lynn McKenna asked about feedback from the community. Gayla Hess responded that while the draft plan is available on the project website that she has not seen any emails to stakeholders or posts about the plan. No comments have been forwarded to her though she has been emailing some of the stakeholders/steering committee members to alert them about the posted draft. Gayla Hess then spoke of the need for a date for a community meeting.

Gayla Hess told the group that printed copies of the draft plan have been tracked and asked if the group would be supportive of using funds to reimburse for more copies for community review. Mary Lynn McKenna expressed preference for a paper copy and thought that the community would as well. Rose Nyman volunteered to pass along a hardcopy of the plan to someone who may be interested in joining the HRB.

Mary Lynn McKenna brought up the upcoming report to the Commission- asking for ideas to highlight the plan and to get people interested in checking out the plan or attending the community meeting. Bob Wren suggested emphasizing the recommendations in the plan - recalling 90's preservation plan hurdles. Rose Nyman recalled that the demolition permits were contentious. Mary Lynn spoke of how permitting is now normal for the county.

Lynette Foulger voiced support for the plan overall. Rose Nyman noted a correction need on page 137 of "June First Draft" to change St. Paul's to St. Peter's.

4. New Business -None.
5. Miscellaneous/Announcements
 - a. Board:

Gayla Hess reported on a walkthrough of Upper and Mount Carmel cemeteries with Carl Nyman, who has done a lot of research and restoration in the cemeteries, and an idea for creating historical (self-guided) tours; possible categories such as veterans (incl. Civil War), notable locals, mysteries/crimes/murders. Mary Lynn McKenna suggested these could be presented in booklet format with information about featured people and thought Spanish American Vets could be included as a category. Rose Nyman proposed that information on gravestone rubbings could be provided.

Rose Nyman thanked the group for all the brainstorming.

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: August 5th at 10 AM
8. Adjournment (10:49 AM)

Minutes approved at the 08/05/21 meeting. *G.Hess*