

Historic Resources Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, September 7, at 10:00 AM
Community Service Center, 118 E. 7th, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM) by Vice-Chair Terry LaValley
Present: Vice-Chair Terry LaValley, Lynette Foulger, Mary Lynn McKenna, and Rose Nyman
Staff: Carl Hamming and Gayla Hess
Excused Absent: Bob Wren

2. Previous Meeting Minutes
A Preservation Booth at Smeltermen’s Day was hosted by the Historic Resources Board on August 5th. The event was attended by members Lynette Foulger, Terry LaValley, Mary Lynn McKenna, and Rose Nyman along with Gayla Hess.

Mary Lynn McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment : None.

Documents : [23-08-04 HRB MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Unfinished Business

- 3.1. Speaker Series (5.1.7)

Continued planning for speaker series events, including:

- September event and tasks, including:
 - Greeter (Terry and Lynette)
 - Introduction (Mary Lynn)
 - Thank you note (Mary Lynn)
 - Handout – schedule with Oct & Dec events (Gayla)
 - Distribute posters (Terry, Gayla, Rose, Lynette, and Mary Lynn)
 - Cookies (Rose per schedule)
- October ad

Terry will bring the sign-in sheets, Find a Grave information cards, and schedules to the event. Rose noted we’ll have to watch the time as this could run long with questions and level of interest.

For the ad Rose asked if the ad should read “50 years at Discovery Basin” or “50 years of Discovery Basin.” Terry said “of.”

Mary Lynn McKenna moved to approve ad with the correction. Lynette Foulger seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [HISTORICRESOURCES-OCTOBER.PDF](#)

3.II. Preservation Booth at Smeltermen's Day (5.1.10)

Quick debrief of event.

Terry thought the event went well. Mary Lynn noted that there were a lot of attendees, and that it's worth the effort because people enjoy it. Rose requested the sign-up sheets be sent to the board, suggested having an assigned greeter to help with sign-in, and recommended that event be a 1-day event with HRB as sole host. She spoke of the time it took to coordinate with the oral histories group and that they did not use the space as arranged.

Rose asked if the same photos should be displayed next year and said that she has already received additional pictures. She received a request for more photos of schools, and Mary Lynn thought the class reunion groups would appreciate that. Terry suggested photos of businesses.

Gayla asked if anyone in the photos had been identified. Rose shared that Edna Martin was pointed out in a photo taken at a bank. Jeff Frank had passed along that the A was placed on the hill in 1918 so one of the photos on display was taken before then.

Public Comment: None

3.III. HRB 2023 Work Plan (3.6)

Work plan updates

For 5.3.2 Rose spoke of a tour to the Butte-Silver Bow archives with county employees and commissioners and how user-friendly it is for access to materials and help from staff and volunteers. Speaking further of outreach, Carl Hamming shared that Gayla will be part of a historic preservation panel at the Montana Association of Planners conference.

Lynette will report on funding and task 2.6.2 at the next meeting.

Mary Lynn and Rose plan to meet in September for task 1.1.1 (nomination of future historic districts) to discuss the Northern Addition and its history.

For 3.2.4, the Planning Department will be reviewing the Development Permit System this year.

Rose informed the group that the URA board has allocated \$100,00 for fire suppression grants (task 2.2.2).

Gayla asked about re-visiting 3.3.1 (lower match) and 4.8.2 (1% of URA funding for public art) with the URA board. Mary Lynn reminded the group that the URA was more interested in a proposal for a project or a plan than generally dedicating funds. Carl thought this to be a good time as URA continues to discuss funding criteria but that the next couple meetings might be busy.

Public Comment: None.

Documents: [23-24 WORK PLAN STATUS MAR2023.PDF](#)

4. New Business

4.I. Finding a permanent location for an antique threshing machine

Terry told the group that finding a permanent location is the first step, that he has spoken to the CEO who is in favor of the project, and that he will be reaching out to the FWP region supervisor about the agitator. Mary Lynn asked about who owns it and Terry explained FWP acquired it with the Willow Creek Addition.

Public Comment: Carl is in favor of the project.

5. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board

Rose suggested having the list of potential speaker series topics printed out for the next meeting so the 2024 schedule could be drafted. Lynette suggested adding the racetrack as a topic, and Terry suggested the history of Dunne communications; both added to list.

Rose shared that she spoke with Larry Sladich about the history of the C-Hill recently. She will request permission from Larry to distribute her interview notes.

b. Public

No announcements.

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: October 5, 2023, at 10AM

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

8. Adjournment (10:57 AM)