

State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
The New Atlas Bar, Columbus, Montana
May 21, 2011
Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donna Coate, Jon Axline, Lesley Gilmore, Miki Wilde, Jeff Shelden, Bob Valach, Don Matlock

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff: Mark Baumler, John Boughton, Kate Hampton

Guests: Shelly Troy, Nick Van Hale, Linda Halsted-Acharya, Libby MacClay, Bob Perch, Jennifer Ries, Joan Brownell, Penny Redli

Call to Order-8:30 a.m.: Chairman Don Matlock called the meeting to order. Mr. Matlock read the board mission statement then asked the board for permission to rearrange portions of the meeting agenda to accommodate property owners who were travelling to the meeting. The board concurred.

SHPO Preservation News-8:32 a.m.: John Boughton briefed the Review Board about several subjects including:

- **SHPO Preserve America IV grant (Preservation Planning) workshop** hosted by SHPO (Sonia Powell and Kate Hampton). PAIV is to assist local communities with sub-grants for economic development and architectural plans promoting heritage tourism and the preservation of historic properties.
- **University Site Records Office to move to SHPO;**
- **Update on the SHPO Post World War II-Modernism Architecture Initiative** including:
 - 1) distribution of the Preserve America III sponsored Post WWII architectural survey report to owners and Montana Preserve America communities and posting on the SHPO website;
 - 2) the design and distribution of a preservation poster celebrating Montana Modernism architecture;
 - 3) contracting services for conducting oral histories of former practicing Montana Modernist architects;
 - 4) the preparation of National Register nominations of two of the 50 previously surveyed eligible Post WWII properties;
 - 5) the preparation of nominations of two un-surveyed Frank Lloyd Wright designed properties in Montana – the Como Orchards Office building near Darby and the Lockridge Medical Clinic in Whitefish;
 - 6) the preparation of an MHS Museum exhibit on Montana modernism;

- 7) the facilitation of an article for the MHS magazine on Montana Modernist architecture.
- **Report Scanning:** SHPO has initiated digital scanning of its 32,000 inventory and other reports that will be linked to the SHPO database and the computer mapping system.
- **SB3**
- **Recently listed properties;**
- **Upcoming nominations.**

9:00 a.m. Mr. Matlock asked for introductions of the board and SHPO, followed by guests.

Consideration of Nominations (9:05 a.m.):

Mr. Matlock asked to begin consideration of nominations.

1) Lonesomehurst Cabin (Gallatin County)

Mr. Matlock introduced Joan Brownell who authored and presented the nomination to the Board. The property was presented as significant under Criterion A.

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

The following issues discussed by the Review Board need to be addressed prior to submittal of the nomination to the Keeper.

- Please add a paragraph explaining the Forest Service process of special use permits.
- Please clarify the existing interior relates to the Mark's ownership of the cabin.
- Please add floorplan.
- Footnote 31 is missing from the footnote section.
- Please add more interior photographs.
- State in text why the period of significance ends in 1961 (50 year termination date).

Mr. Valach motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Mr. Axline seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously approved the nomination.

2) Montana, Wyoming & Southern Railroad Depot (Belfry)

Mr. Matlock introduced Jon Axline who authored and presented nomination to the Board. The property was presented as significant under Criterion A.

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

The following issues discussed by the Review Board need to be addressed prior to submittal of the nomination to the Keeper.

- Please add historic and recent photos of the garden and grounds area (if possible).
- Please mention/describe the fireplaces.
- Include the floorplan from the Sanborn Map.
- Please add interior photos (if possible)
- Please include photos of koi pond and cobblestone cairn.
- Please clarify when the tracks were removed (1954 or 1955?).
- Elaborate on the removal of the tracks and ties.
- Elaborate on the poor construction of the rail line, who was the responsible party to maintain the line, and the fact that these types of lines were often poorly constructed.
- Remove references to the shop.

Ms. Gilmore motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, to be forwarded to the Keeper and that the owners of the property be encouraged to return the roof dormers to their original style (as eyebrow dormers). Mr. Valach seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously approved the nomination. Mr. Axline abstained from voting.

3) Florence-Carlton Community Church (Missoula County)

Mr. Matlock introduced Kate Hampton of the State Historic Preservation Office, who authored and presented the nomination to the Board. The nomination was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

The following issues discussed by the Review Board need to be addressed prior to submittal of the nomination to the Keeper.

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

- Please correct spelling of “Carlton” throughout.
- On page 3, please correct the number of stories of the church (1 not 1 ½).
- Please mention this is the best local representation of this type of property in the area in the narrative statement of significance.
- A quote appears, but no source is provided; please correct.
- Please reword the phrase concerning how delegations would “teach their tribes”—too ethnocentric.
- Please check for typos.
- Please include when the diocese deeded the property.
- Please add interior photographs.
- Please mention the pews are original.
- Please mention how the arborvitae complement the lines of the building.
- Mention the foundation materials.
- On page 9, “During the next decade...”, please clarify which buildings are being discussed.
- Please add some historic photographs.

- Please clarify the religious context a bit more regarding Methodism and the variations.
- Should “Methodist” be mentioned prior to “Episcopal”?
- Please include new photos to document the new roof and tower rehabilitation.
- Page 7, please change “white Europeans” to “Euro-Americans”.
- Mention that the end date for significance (1924) reflects the end of the circuit riders.
- Please include site plan or plat map.

Ms. Wilde motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, to be forwarded to the Keeper. Ms. Coate seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously approved the nomination.

4) The Atlas Block (Columbus)

Mr. Matlock introduced Penny Redli of the Museum of the Bearhooths, who presented the nomination to the Board. The nomination was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

The following issues discussed by the Review Board need to be addressed prior to submittal of the nomination to the Keeper.

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

- Please mention the mason. The building is extremely well built and executed.
- Page 3, please remove the note to author which occurs in the last sentence of the third paragraph of the Narrative Description.
- Please mention that the original sign still exists in storage.
- Page 3, please change railroad call-out to BNSF Railway Co.
- Page 8, please change the reference to “earlier nineteenth century...” to “twentieth century”.
- Please change (where it occurs) “Northern Pacific Railroad” to “Northern Pacific Railway”.
- Page 12, should a discussion of “elementary and grade school” be “elementary and high school”?
- Page 12, “The city boosted...” needs to be changed to “the city boasted...”
- Please check for other typos.

Mr. Sheldon motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, to be forwarded to the Keeper. Mr. Valach seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously approved the nomination. Mr. Axline abstained from voting.

Public Comment (11:15 a.m.):

Mr. Matlock called for public comment. No public comment.

New Board Business (11:20 a.m.)

Edits to the January 2011 Meeting Minutes were called for. Mr. Valach motioned to accept the minutes pending the change of “Sheldon” to “Shelden”. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

The board was provided copies of the SHPO Preserve America III sponsored Post WWII survey report and asked to review and provide concurrence or non-concurrence on eligibility as state heritage properties of the 50 inventoried properties at the next review board meeting in Missoula in September. The individual inventory forms of the properties will be posted in the near future on the SHPO website.

The next review board meeting is scheduled to be September 22 in Missoula. It will be held in conjunction with the Montana History Conference and a National Register workshop slated for the afternoon of the 22nd.

Senate Bill 3 regarding state agency biennial reporting to the board and SHPO on stewardship of state-owned heritage properties was discussed. The Daly Mansion, now under university ownership and management, needs to be added to the working draft list of state owned heritage properties. The board felt it important not to request information from the different state agencies that won't actually be reviewed by the board. The board also felt it important to provide a template for the state agencies to allow reporting consistency. The board suggested a preliminary list of table headings: Smithsonian Number, Property Name, Location, Category of Property (Building, Structure, site, etc.), Status (current usage?), and Condition. SHPO agreed to forward a draft template along these lines to the board for their review and comment by July 1.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Valach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wilde seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.