

State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
Double Tree, Missoula, Montana
September 22, 2011
Minutes

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

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

Guests: Steve Adler, Randall Williams, Paul Lusignan

Call to Order-8:08 a.m.: Chairman Don Matlock called the meeting to order. Mr. Matlock read the board mission statement, and asked for the board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves.

SHPO Preservation News-8:15 a.m.: John Boughton briefed the Review Board about several subjects including:

2011 Post-World War II Modernism Architecture Initiatives:

- A Modernism preservation poster printing;
- Oral histories of former practicing Modernism architects;
- Preparation of National Register nominations for the Little Western Life Building and the Walt Sullivan building in Helena;
- Preparation of a National Register nomination for the Lockridge Medical Clinic in Whitefish, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright;
- A Modernism exhibit now displayed at the Montana Historical Society (prepared by Pete Brown and Kate Hampton);
- Contact between Molly Holz, MHS Publications Editor, and Dr. Rafael Chacon for preparation of a modernism architecture article in *Montana, the Magazine of Western History* next year.

SHPO assumed the services of the State Site Records Office effective May 17:

- The records were formerly housed at the University of Montana and supported through contract between SHPO and the University of Montana since the 1980s;
- Over 52,000 archaeological and historic site records dating to the 1940s were physically transferred to the Montana Historical Society to be archivally managed by SHPO.
- New SHPO responsibilities, assumed by Shannon Vihlene include assigning Smithsonian numbers to newly recorded sites, keeping records on file, digitizing, and providing copies on request (fee).

SHPO Hires New Grants administrator:

- Kristen Moyle hired as Grants Administrator to replace Sonia Powell, who resigned in July to pursue other opportunities. Kristen was previously employed as an Administrative Specialist/Grants Manager in the Quality Schools Grant Program at the Montana Department of Commerce and holds a Masters Degree in Sociology.

Recently listed properties since May Review Board Meeting:

- Target Range Elementary School (Missoula),
- Lonesomehurst Recreational Cabin (Gallatin National Forest),
- Atlas Block (Columbus)

Discussion of possible upcoming nominations.

8:23 a.m. Mr. Matlock asked to begin the consideration of nominations.

Consideration of Nominations:**1) University Heights Township and Historic Landscape (Ravalli County)**

Mr. Matlock introduced Kate Hampton of the Montana State Historic Preservation Office who presented the nomination in the stead of Mary Greenfield, the author, who was contracted by the SHPO to prepare the nomination as part of the SHPO modernism architecture initiatives. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

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

- Issues with integrity including the statement “degree of integrity”.
- Building plans need to be included.
- (comment) Unfamiliarity of what needs to be discussed in a landscape based nomination; is everything included that is required?
- The landscape features and arrangement requires further description and analysis as that is the important aspect of the property. Much of the information discussed in the presentation by Ms. Hampton helped clarify the landscape—it needs to be included in the nomination.
- Dates of significance don’t match with the construction of the canal.
- (comment) The property is probably eligible, but better description is necessary.
- Add more context on community planning. Discussion of Broadacre? Jens Jenson?
- Discuss how the area appeared before the development of University Heights.

Mr. Light, Mr. Sheldon, and Ms. Gilmore volunteered to provide additional written comments and suggestions to the author/SHPO to improve the nomination.

Mr. Light motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, to be tabled for resubmission to the Review Board. Ms. Wilde seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

2) the Modern (Borden) Hotel (Whitehall)

Mr. Matlock introduced Happy (Doris) Avery who authored and presented nomination to the Board. The nomination was prepared under contract to SHPO as part of SHPO's local preservation assistance efforts. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

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.

- State the building is the *earliest* and the *last* major building in Whitehall.
- The Statement of Integrity needs to be made more obvious.
- Add/clarify that the additions tend to reflect the evolving architectural trends of the time (which is most obvious in the 1929 addition).
- Add the floorplan.
- Include a Sanborn Map showing the building.
- If the original backbar is still in the restaurant, state that in the nomination.
- Mention that all parts of the building are accessible from the interior.
- Two "North Elevation" call-outs occur on page 4 under the 1919 Addition discussion. Please correct.

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

3) Glasgow Satellite Airfield Norden Bombsite Storage Vault (Valley County)

Mr. Matlock introduced Jon Axline, historian, who authored and presented the nomination to the Board. The nomination was prepared as part of a FAA Section 106 compliance action involving modifications to the Glasgow airport. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion A.

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:

- Delete the geologic discussion—unnecessary.
- Include a picture of the bombsite.

- Why isn't the property eligible under Criterion C? (SHPO responded that a more intact example displaying superior integrity exists in Lewistown, thus, the strongest position is eligibility under Criterion A).
- Remove the statement of eligibility under Criterion C from the nomination.
- Make clear whether two or three examples remain nationally.
- (comment) Early histories and prehistories only need to be included in nominations when it is appropriate to the nomination. No reason to make all nominations per forma in the future.

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

Break (10:00)

Prior to a 15 minute break, Mr. Matlock acknowledged two Board members whose terms have expired and that will be leaving the Board after this meeting: Donna Coate (2008-2011) and Bob Valach (2003-2011). Each was presented with a copy of the new Montana Historical Society publication, *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*. Both Ms. Coate and Mr. Valach expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Review Board.

Reconvene (10:15)/New Board Business

Montana Post-World War II Architectural Inventory Property Eligibility

Mr. Matlock called for an eligibility discussion and resolution of 50 Post-World War II properties included within the *Montana Post-World War II Architectural Survey and Inventory* report sponsored by SHPO with a Preserve America grant and completed in December of 2010 (Painter 2010). Copies of the report and inventory forms are posted online on the SHPO website. Dr. Baumler and Mr. Boughton provided some additional background information regarding the inventory of the properties, which includes both state and local government and privately owned properties. Dr. Baumler informed the Board that SHPO concurs in the findings of eligibility/ineligibility as recommended in the report, but (for the sake of disclosure and conflict-of-interest) also seeks Board approval pursuant to MCA 22-3-422(3) in adding the eligible properties to those to be considered as state heritage properties.

After discussion by the Review Board, Ms. Gilmore motioned to accept the findings of eligibility for properties documented in *Montana Post-World War II Architectural Survey and Inventory* report with the exception of two properties: the Brick Breeden Field House in Bozeman (24GA1795) and the Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown (24FR1099) which were recommended as ineligible in the report but are to be considered "unresolved," pending further study. Mr. Valach seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Review Board.

Senate Bill 3 Discussion (10:55)

The Review Board decided to include review and discussion on SB3 state agency reports, if available, at the next Review Board meeting in Helena on January 20 and 21, 2012.

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes (11:25 a.m.):

Mr. Matlock called for public comment and approval of the May 2011 Meeting Minutes. No public comment was forthcoming. Ms. Coate motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Valach seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Matlock asked Mr. Paul Lusignan, Historian with the National Register in Washington D.C. to address the Review Board. Mr. Lusignan stated he was pleased with the attention the Review Board pays to the nominations and feels this is one reason why the nominations submitted to the Keeper of the National Register from Montana are very good.

Following appreciation for Mr. Lusignan's comments and for his attendance to give an afternoon National Register workshop, Mr. Valach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wilde seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.