

**State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
January 18, 2013, Montana Historical Society, Helena, Montana**

Minutes

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Board Members Present: Tim Urbaniak, Jon Axline, Lesley Gilmore, Miki Wilde, Don Matlock, Milo McLeod, Rosalyn LaPier, Zane Fulbright

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff: Mark Baumler (SHPO), John Boughton, Kate Hampton, Stephanie Crider, Andrew Craft, Kathryn Ore

Guests: Josh Chase, Jessie Nunn, J.D. Bassett, Peter Tolivasia.

Call to Order-8:03 a.m.: Chairperson Lesley Gilmore called the meeting to order. Ms. Gilmore read the board mission statement, and asked for the board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves.

Safety Review-8:10 a.m.: Don Matlock

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

Inventory of the MSU Bozeman Campus—A cost sharing agreement between MSU and SHPO calls for inventory of the educational resources on campus and the preparation of a National Register nomination form for a historic district. The consultant selected is Jessie Nunn.

Traveling Montana Modernism Display—Pete Brown continues to work with Geoff Wyatt the consultant selected to design and construct a traveling exhibit based on the exhibit which was on display last year in the Historical Society.

CLG Update—Discussions continue regarding whether the Virginia City CLG will expand to include Madison County. Jeff McDonald recently filled the Virginia City CLG position, which was temporarily open.

State Preservation Plan update—The National Park Service conditionally-approved the draft 5-year state preservation plan update submitted by SHPO in November, a requirement for receiving federal funding. Once minor revisions are completed, *Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017* will be posted online.

Two New SHPO Employees—Andrew Craft and Stephanie Crider both began their SHPO careers two months prior. Mr. Craft serves as the new Cultural Records Assistant and Ms. Crider began her tenure as the new Preservation Grants Administrator.

SB3—Dr. Baumler briefed the board about SB3 matters. All legislators will receive a copy of the Board/SHPO first biennial report in their box.

Montana Preservation Awards Ceremony—Scheduled to begin at 1:30 at the Myrna Loy Center following the review board. A reception will follow.

Properties listed since September 2012 Review Board Meeting:

Montana, Wyoming and Southern Railroad Depot in Belfry
Western Life Insurance Company, Helena Branch Office in Helena
Dayton State Bank in Dayton
Garfield School in Billing
C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell
Guy Ressler Homestead near Huson
The John H. Huseby House in Helena

Potential Upcoming nominations:

Historic Logging Resources of the Kootenai National Forest, Montana
Old U.S. Highway 91 (the section between Helena and Great Falls)
John Ervin Homestead in the Missouri Breaks

Consideration of Nominations-8:25 a.m.

1) Kose Hall (Belfry)

Ms. Gilmore introduced the nomination's author, Jon Axline, who presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

The following issues discussed by the Review Board are to be addressed prior to submittal to the Keeper of the National Register:

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

- Add NR reference number of Belfry Depot (page 8).
- Mention the sandstone used in construction is likely from the same source (page 3).
- Add McKean railroad car information from Mr. Matlock (page 10).
- Conflict on the location of the depot operations on pages 8 and 10 (Bridger, Belfry?).
- Add North arrow to Sanborn Map.
- Expand "Integrity" discussion and justification.
- Add interior description, if possible.
- Mistaken reference of "Period of Significance" to the depot—change to Kose Hall.

Mr. Matlock motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Ms. Wilde seconded the motion. Mr. Axline abstained from voting. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Motion passed.

2) Montana's Historic Timber Stringer Bridges Multiple Property Document (MPD)

Ms. Gilmore reintroduced Jon Axline of the Montana Department of Transportation, who authored and presented the MPD and associated nomination. The associated property

nomination, the Cottonwood Creek Bridge in Custer County, was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

The following issues discussed by the Review Board are to be addressed in the MPD/nomination prior to submittal to the Keeper of the National Register:

Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

- Clarify Montana vs. Montana Territory.
- Please start history (Section 8) with a discussion of the treaties (i.e. Hellgate Treaty, etc.).
- Please mention that roads on reservations are federally maintained resulting in a split jurisdiction.
- Delete "concrete" from the MPD.
- Plug in a diagram of standardized timber bridge design plans.
- Please include better photographs in the nomination.
- Expand "Integrity" discussion in nomination.
- Many states didn't use timber bridges or if they did, the bridges were temporary and were intended to be replaced. This was not the case in Montana. Please discuss.
- Discrepancy between footnote on page 2 and guardrail reference on page 5. Reconcile.
- Clarify discussion regarding the number of eligible timber bridges left in Montana.
- Include in Integrity discussion that railings can be restored with in-kind materials within Period of Significance.

The State Historic Preservation Office went on record as being very pleased with the work the Montana Department of Transportation is doing with historic bridge nominations. Part of the bridge nomination process relates to a programmatic compliance agreement between MDT and the SHPO; the completion of these nominations reflects the commitment by MDT to this agreement.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of adding future contexts to the MPD to include Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs bridges.

Mr. Urbaniak motioned for the MPD and nomination, with the discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Motion passed.

Break-9:28 a.m.

Reconvene-9:40 a.m. Introduction of new guests.

Ms. Gilmore mentioned Custer County objected to the listing of the Cottonwood Creek Bridge (the SHPO received the objection the morning of the review board meeting). Ms.

Gilmore suggested a letter be sent to Custer County acknowledging their objection, providing information on the National Register, and explaining that listing the bridge should not hamper their efforts to maintain the bridge, but rather help to inform upon these efforts. (The bridge, as a public property, can still be listed with the county's objection). Mr. Axline commented that he should have probably talked to the county commissioners about this nomination effort and would do so in the future when nominating non-MDT owned bridges.

3) Stockman's Bank of Martinsdale

Ms. Gilmore introduced the nomination's author, Jessie Nunn of Bozeman who presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

Ms. Nunn mentioned to the board prior to her presentation that she has new historical information that was not available prior to her draft nomination submittal which will be incorporated into the nomination. This information supports, but does not change, the eligibility of the property for listing.

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Questions and Comments from the Review Board:

- Discuss with Bob Valach, past-review board member, to inquire if his father may have been involved with the bank's construction.
- The *Harlowton Times* may have information on the bank history.
- Add property transfer/ownership information when possible.
- Change "John" Axline to "Jon" Axline.
- Change footnote 6 from "Ibid." to "Axline".
- Make sure the use of "Montana" or "Montana Territory" corresponds to correct date.
- Expand "Integrity" discussion and justification to account for changes on the primary façade (garage doors added).

Mr. Urbaniak motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Mr. Axline seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. Fulbright abstained. Motion passed.

Peter Tolivaia, the owner of the Stockman's Bank of Martinsdale building, showed the review board bank "hours-of-operation" signs originally associated with the bank he recently purchased.

Public Comment-10:20-10:25 a.m.

Ms. Gilmore called for public comment. There was none.

New Business: 11:20: Discussion of SB3: Dr. Baumler announced that SHPO will host a meeting with state agencies in Helena within the next month to provide additional guidance regarding the next round of reporting (2014) under SB3. He asked the board how they would like to be involved. Written individual board member feedback to

SHPO was requested, specifically suggestions of changes to improve the reports and the property reporting forms.

An invitation to the Governor to participate was suggested.

A working group consisting of Don Matlock, Tim Urbaniak, and Jon Axline was formed to provide board revision guidance to SHPO and state agencies on the reports.

Montana State Preservation Plan: Dr. Baumler told the board that the NPS conditionally-approved the updated plan, though more specifics on priority activities in 2013-2017 under the Goals/Objectives were requested. Dr. Baumler requested that individual board members provide written feedback to him on possible prioritized outcomes for the individual goals and objectives of the plan.

Approval of the September 2012 Review Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Fulbright motioned for approval of the minutes with the correction of one typographical error. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion. The review board unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion of future Review Board meeting locations

The next Review Board meeting will occur on May 10 and 11 in East Glacier. The September meeting will occur in Bozeman; the exact date is yet to be determined.

Adjourn-11:30 p.m.

Mr. Urbaniak motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Axline seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Motion passed.