

State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
January 10, 2014, the "Boo Room" at the Montana Historical Society,
Helena, Montana
Minutes

January 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Tim Urbaniak, Carol Bronson, Milo McLeod, Zane Fulbright, Debra Hronek, Lesley Gilmore, Rosalyn LaPier, Jon Axline, Miki Wilde

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

Guests: Tim Light, Chere Jiusto, Eddie Greene, Abaki Beck

Call to Order-10:10 a.m.: Ms. Gilmore called the meeting to order and read the board mission statement. Ms. Gilmore requested the board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves. A safety briefing by the entire board followed the introductions.

SHPO Preservation News-10:20 a.m.: John Boughton briefed the Review Board about several subjects including:

Montana Modernism Travelling Exhibit: the exhibit opens January 14 at MSU's architecture department where it will stay for the month. After Bozeman, the exhibit heads to Billings to the Western Heritage Center until May. The board was requested to let Pete Brown know of further ideas regarding future venues.

Montana Economic Development Summit in Butte: Pete Brown attended the summit last September and participated in a panel discussion of the historic rehabilitation tax credit.

Sequestration cuts: SHPO continues to operate at reduced levels due to the sequestration. Cuts spread across the SHPO operating expenses include a 5% cut in CLG sub-grants. The reductions continue to affect SHPO:

- 1) No money for contracting professional nominations and other special projects,
- 2) Out of state travel is frozen and in-state travel severely reduced,
- 3) Reductions in non-fixed operational expenses occur whenever possible.

Update of the Montana Historical Society Website: a statewide agency and department website change/update continues including the Montana Historical Society webpage. Some glitches remain but will be resolved by the Montana Historical Society IT person.

New SHPO faces: the former Grants Administrator, Stephanie Crider, left SHPO for another state position. Former Administrative Assistant Tammy Henderson filled the position. Jennifer Peterson filled the Administrative Assistant position previously occupied by Ms. Henderson on January 6.

Properties listed since September 2013 Review Board Meeting:

Central School and the Seventh Avenue Gymnasium
Montana State University Historic District in Bozeman

Potential Upcoming nominations:

- Flathead National Forest Bob Marshall Wilderness Cabins
- Hayward Lodge
- Circle 8 Ranch (Pine Butte Guest Ranch) [Nature Conservancy], Teton County
- MacDonald Pass Airway Beacon

Nomination Consideration-10:35 a.m.

1) Haight-Bridgwater House (Helena)

Kate Hampton and John Boughton of the State Historic Preservation Office who co-authored the nomination along with Ellen Baumler presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under Criteria A.

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:

- Please include a floorplan.
- Add to the "Significant Dates" the year the house was used as a mission.
- Refine the conclusion of why the house is important.
- Because several sections are large, try to outline at the start of each what will follow and why it is important to facilitate tying the different portions of the nomination together.
- Delete paragraph 1 of Section 8, page. 9.
- Correct "Montana" vs "Montana Territory" call-outs.

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

2) St. Wenceslaus Church (Danvers)

Ms. Gilmore introduced Chere Jiusto of the Montana Preservation Alliance who presented the nomination. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion 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:

- Please include the unfamiliar liturgical terms in a footnote or on a floorplan.
- Correct "Montana" to "Montana Territory" and visa-versa where applicable.
- Page 8, paragraph 4—clarify the first sentence.
- Page 6, footnote—add complete citation.
- Please make a clear distinction between Czech or Bohemian.

- Is it possible to obtain a quote from a community member stating whether they refer to themselves as Czech and Bohemian?
- Uncheck "not for publication" on page 1.
- Update the building description to how the church presently looks.
- Do standardized plans exist for this type of church? Ms. Jiusto responded in the negative.
- Extend the Period of Significance to 1964.

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

3) Big Creek Ranger Station

Ms. Gilmore re-introduced Chere Jiusto of the Montana Preservation Alliance who wrote and presented the nomination. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion 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:

- Section 10, page 22 (Geographical Data)—the Boundary Justification doesn't match the map.
- Page 9, the reference to the girls dormitory should state the dormitory was built in 1939, not moved in 1939 (it was moved to its present location in 1964).
- Please expand the flood discussion; a footnote may be used if desired.
- Page 15—for the discussion of the primary charge of the Forest Service, change "was" to "a".
- Is the "531" number provided regarding the lookouts constructed by Region 1 accurate? Mr. Light responded it seemed reasonable.
- Include in the Statement of Significance that the ranger station operated in that capacity until the 1980s.

Ms. Wilde motioned for the nomination, with the discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Ms. Bronson seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred and the motion passed.

Lunch-12:45 p.m.: While the review board ate lunch, Chere Jiusto provided a Montana Preservation Alliance activities update.

Resumption of Nominations-1:00 p.m.

4) Cottonwood Creek Bridge

Ms. Gilmore introduced Jon Axline of the Montana Department of Transportation who wrote and presented the nomination. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion 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:

- Is the wood treated? Mr. Axline responded treatment was limited to creosote when the bridge was originally constructed.
- Any idea how many of these types of bridges remain? Mr. Axline responded he is aware of five.
- The described length the Yellowstone Trail seems short (St. Paul to Glacier). Wasn't it longer? Please expand the length description.
- Uncheck "previously determined eligible by the National Register" on Section 9 page 13.
- Extend the Period of Significance to 1964.

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

5) the Yodeler Motel (Red Lodge)

Ms. Gilmore re-introduced Jon Axline who wrote and presented the nomination. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion 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:

- Is the present motel configuration the same as when the building operated as an apartment? Mr. Axline responded "yes".
- Correct the number of rooms reference on page 6.
- Any historic photographs found? Mr. Axline: none found so far.
- Please expand the discussion of the development of motor lodges in Montana, and the importance of the ski hill near town in the development of the motel.

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

Public Comment-1:55 p.m. Ms. Gilmore called for public comment; no public comment.

New Business-2:00 p.m.

Approval of the September 2013 Review Board Meeting Minutes: Ms. Hronek motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Axline seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion of SB3 (State Agency Stewardship Reporting): The review board briefly discussed that SB3 reports will soon be ready for them to review. It was

also mentioned that for the prior review cycle, the board organized a smaller working group to facilitate the review.

Discussion of future Review Board meeting location and dates: The board decided to hold the next review board meeting in Seeley Lake on May 2 and 3. The meeting will be coordinated with a National Register workshop.

Adjourn-2:35 p.m.

Mr. Fulbright motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. LaPier seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Motion passed.