

State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
September 13, 2014, the Gibson Room in the Civic Center,
Great Falls, Montana
Minutes

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

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

Guests: Amy Dixon, Cole Dixon, Kay Combs, Walter Combs, Richard Hopkins, Sara Scott, Carl Davis, Chelsea Chamberlain, Charlie Haecker, John Taillie, Ellen Sievert, Patt Donich

Call to Order-8:40 a.m.: Ms. Gilmore called the meeting to order and read the board mission statement. Ms. Gilmore requested the board and SHPO personnel to introduce themselves. A safety briefing followed the introductions.

SHPO Preservation News-8:45 a.m.: John Boughton briefed the Review Board about several subjects including:

Montana Preservation Roadshow in Lewistown: SHPO co-sponsored and several SHPO personnel participated/assisted in the second biennial Montana Preservation Roadshow organized by the Montana Preservation Alliance in Lewistown, June 12-14, 2014. SHPO staff included Kate Hampton, Kathryn Ore, Andrew Craft, John Boughton, and Sobotka intern Chelsea Chamberlain. Zane Fulbright of the review board also participated/assisted.

Montana SHPO-THPO Summit: Occurred May 20 and 21 in Helena. Stan Wilmoth and Kathryn Ore of SHPO spearheaded the meeting which discussed agency consultation, development of protocols and programmatic agreements, and working relationships among Agencies, Tribes and SHPO.

2014 MHS Sobotka Educational Internship: Chelsea Chamberlain received the Montana Historical Society 2014 Sobotka Education internship and worked at SHPO during the summer. During her time at SHPO, Ms. Chamberlain worked on two NR nominations, the Morrisite Church south of Deer Lodge, and the Montana State Training School in Boulder.

The Montana Territory: 150th Anniversary poster: Two thousand copies of the 2014 Montana Preservation Poster (*Montana Territory: 150th Anniversary*) were printed. Copies were mailed to over 900 recipients and the remaining posters distributed free in conjunction with the MHS Museum 150 year exhibit. Ms. Hampton and Damon Murdo of SHPO were responsible for design of the poster.

CLG update: Eight CLGs were awarded matching seed grants up to \$5000 from the SHPO. The requested use of the grants ranged from bricks and mortar to identification type of projects.

Grant Application: SHPO submitted a grant application June 30 to the National Park Service for special funding for the identification of historic properties associated with Underrepresented Communities nationwide. The Montana application, written largely by Ms. Hampton, seeks \$27,788.00 in federal funds (total project = \$49,577.12) to identify African American heritage places in Montana, as a second phase to the Montana Historical Society's African American heritage resources project. The announcement of awards should be this month or October.

Resignations/hirings: Tammy Henderson left SHPO to move back to Idaho in June and was replaced by Robb McCracken as the new SHPO Preservation Grants Manager, beginning July 14, 2014. Mr. McCracken is an experienced grant developer and former employee of the Montana Department of Commerce. For the past 14 years, he worked as a consultant out of the greater Spokane area.

Kathryn Ore, SHPO Compliance Officer, left August 15, 2014 to pursue an environmental law degree at the University of Montana. Her vacancy was filled, beginning September 8, 2014, by Jessica Bush who worked in Bismarck for a private consulting firm. Jessica received her MA from the University of Montana.

Cultural Records Assistant Andrew Craft resigned in late August to move to Washington State with his brother. SHPO currently seeks a replacement.

Properties listed since May 2014 Review Board Meeting:

- ❖ St. Wenceslaus Church
- ❖ The Red Lodge-Cooke City Approach Road Historic District (Beartooth Highway)
- ❖ Camus Creek Cut Off Road
- ❖ The Milwaukee Road Railroad Substation No. 10
- ❖ MacDonald Pass Airway Beacon

Potential Upcoming nominations:

- ❖ Hayward Lodge
- ❖ Convict Grade
- ❖ Doncaster Round Barn
- ❖ Graf House, Billings

Consideration of National Register nominations-8:55 a.m.

1) First People Buffalo Jump National Historic Landmark (west of Ulm)

Charles Haecker of the National Park Service presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under NHL Criterion 6.

- Ms. LaPier recommended clarification regarding the property's integrity.
- Ms. Bronson inquired how the NHL process worked.
- Mr. Urbaniak questioned if elevating the property's status from National Register to NHL changes the managerial procedures (basically it does not).

- Dr. Baumler reiterated what Mr. Haecker discussed during his presentation to the board; much of the significance of the site comes from its potential to address research questions, not just locally, but on a much larger scale. Dr. Baumler mentioned that SHPO staff reviewed the draft nomination, and recommended the board to move the nomination forward.

Mr. Urbaniak motioned for support of the NHL nomination. Ms. Hronek seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously supported the NHL nomination.

2) Double Arrow Lodge (Seeley Lake)

Jon Axline, the author, 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:

- Please include a floorplan.
- Orient the boundary on the topo to the aerial better.
- Mention the log ends were cut off at some point.
- Drop Criterion C and proceed with the nomination only under Criterion A, but leave all the historic information in the nomination.

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. Mr. Axline abstained from voting.

Break-9:50 a.m.

Resumption of Nominations-10:05 a.m.

3) Cat Creek Oil Field Sign

Ms. Gilmore introduced Amy Dixon who wrote and presented the nomination. The nomination was presented as significant under Criterion 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:

- Address whether any other such signs exist. (The author reported that two similar signs were constructed in Wyoming by the same person who constructed the Cat Creek sign, though it is undetermined if either of the two Wyoming signs remain.)
- Address whether the sign was moved. (The move is already discussed in the nomination.)

- Address whether there are bullet holes in the sign. (The author stated there are a few bullet holes; the description will be updated to include their mention.)
- Include that oil drill bits are used in the construction to serve as mounts for the arrow that tops the sign.
- Use another word than "desolate" to describe the surroundings.
- Extend the period of significance to 1969 when Continental Oil Company sold their holdings to Cenex.

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

4) Montana State Training School Historic District

Ms. Gilmore introduced Chelsea Chamberlain who wrote and presented the nomination. The nomination 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:

- Discuss the seven aspects of integrity individually including for the district as a whole.
- Extend period of significance to 1970; explain rationale under *Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph*.
- Explain in a footnote, the district numbers associated with the buildings.
- Building 69 appears as noncontributing on the map but is contributing; please change.
- Change the electrical shed and the metal electrical shed to contributing buildings.
- The Montana Historical Society may have pictures of the bridge being worked on by convicts. Add, if possible.
- The history of the district is well written.
- If the author knows what the ramps on some of the buildings represent, please include in the nomination.

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.

Public Comment and New Business-10:55 a.m. Ms. Gilmore called for public comment; none occurred.

Approval of May 2014 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Bronson motioned to approve the May minutes; Ms. Wilde seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

Election of New Chairperson: Zane Fulbright was nominated and elected unanimously as new chairperson.

January 2015 Meeting: The January meeting, scheduled for the 23rd of the month, will be held in Helena in conjunction with the biennial Montana Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. The meeting will occur in the morning at the Montana Historical Society and the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony will occur in the afternoon at the Myrna Loy Center. A decision regarding holding the May meeting in Fort Benton in association with the Mullan Road Conference (MRC) was put on hold as the MRC appears to be slated for Memorial Day weekend. Need to clarify.

Final Meeting for Rosalyn LaPier: The review board acknowledged and thanked Ms. LaPier for her eight years of service on the board. Ms. LaPier served as the Traditional Cultural Specialist on the board.

State Heritage Stewardship Report Discussion: Dr. Baumler praised the current second biennial report, *Montana's Shared Heritage*, produced by the review board and SHPO. Dr. Baumler, Dr. Urbaniak, and Ms. Gilmore will present the report to the Interim Legislative Committee on Education and Local Government on behalf of the board and the Montana Historical Society on September 15.

The board discussed the report, the presentation and future reporting, including determining what the emphasis should focus on for future reporting, and whether to remind the Education and Local Government Interim Committee that the originating Senate Bill 3, which amended the State Antiquities Act, passed with no funding to either the SHPO or the agencies for reporting or for the stewardship of heritage properties.

The board also recognized and acknowledged the efforts of review board member Lesley Gilmore and CTA Architects. CTA again donated publication design and formatting services for the work as they had for the previous report.

Adjourn-12:06 p.m.

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