

## State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Minutes

September 20 and 21, 2017

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Helena, Montana

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**Review Board (Board) Members Present:** Jeff Shelden, Zane Fulbright, Dr. Riley Auge (Chair), Milo McLeod, Carol Bronson, Dr. Tim Urbaniak, Patti Casne, Debra Hronek, Marcella Walter

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff:** John Boughton, Kate Hampton, Brad Hanson, Jessica Bush

**Guests:** Jon Axline, Bruce Whittenberg, Janene Caywood, Mary Williams, Miki Wilde, Bill Bronson, James Hackethorn, Jessie Nunn, Chere Justo, Jane Van Dyk

**Call to Order-12:35 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called the meeting to order and read the Board mission statement. She then requested the Board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves.

**SHPO Preservation News-12:40 p.m.:** John Boughton briefed the Board about several subjects including:

- **Local Preservation/Certified Local Government (CLG):** Great Falls and Cascade County combined to fund, for the first time, a full-time staff person to lead the historic preservation office. Virginia City plans to combine the historic preservation officer with an archaeological position, creating a full-time position. Lewistown's HPO position remains open.
- **Montana Preservation Plan:** The SHPO preservation survey questionnaire elicited over 500 responses. In addition to the questionnaire, SHPO staff conducted verbal interviews with representatives of primary stakeholder groups, e.g. THPOs, Consultants, Agencies, Montana preservation nonprofits, Certified Local Governments, etc. Information from the questionnaire and the interviews will be included in the upcoming 2018- 2022 Montana Historic Preservation Plan. The revised plan, with goals, objectives and strategies for historic preservation in Montana over the next 5 years, will be submitted to the National Park Service in November 2017.
- **Montana State Historic Preservation Office Budget:** The Board-approved revised SHPO fee structure begins next quarter and will hopefully increase SHPO program income. However, in addition to state general fund cuts, SHPO has a federal budget deficit created by increasing costs (e.g., increased rent and indirect cost rate), declining revenue, and years of absorbing fixed costs increases with marginally-little state assistance, or federal adjustments for the program. SHPO has instituted across-the-board cost saving measures, including no travel not reimbursed by others to try to fill the budget shortfall.

- **SHPO Staff Update:** On June 16, 2017, Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager, and Michelle Phair, Cultural Records Assistant, were presented with medallions of Recognition of Excellence by Montana Chief Information Officer (CIO) Ron Baldwin for Contributions to the SHPO Database Upgrade Project.
- Jennifer Coen, SHPO administrative assistant, delivered a baby boy, John, on June 15. Jennifer returned to work at the end of July.
- **Properties Listed in the National Register Since May 2017**  
 Huntley Project Office, Ballantine  
 Gehring Ranch, Lewis and Clark County  
 Montana Aeronautics Commission Operations Historic District, Helena  
 Stone Hill Springs Prehistoric District, Broadwater County
- **Potential Upcoming Nominations**  
 Lewis and Clark Caverns  
 Lookout Cave  
 Fort Assiniboine amendment  
 Gird Point Lookout  
 Medicine Point Lookout  
 St. Mary's Peak Lookout  
 Lewistown Satellite Airfield Boundary Increase IV (Gunnery Range)

Following the SHPO Preservation News, Montana Historical Society Director Bruce Whittenberg addressed the Board, briefing them on the upcoming History Conference hosted by the Montana Historical Society.

**Consideration of National Register nominations-12:50 p.m.**

**1) Moose Lake Historic District**

Historians Jon Axline and Joan Brownell prepared and presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under Criterion A

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- The nomination refers to lots 4 and 5, and later to just Lot 5. Please clarify.
- Change the dock to noncontributing, and change the resource count to reflect the change in significance.
- Were the cookhouse and cabin originally all log [yes].
- Did the authors find any Forest Service recreation maps? If so, include the maps.
- Include the image of Mr. Savage in the nomination shown during the presentation.
- Change the name of the nomination to “Moose Lake Camp Historic District”.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Mr. McLeod seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

## **2) DeSmet and Little Chief**

James Hackethorn, the author and employee of the Glacier Park Boat Company, presented the nomination. The two boats were presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- Do scale drawings exist of either of the boats? [no].
- The board thanked Mr. Hackethorn for inclusion of the boat terminology glossary.
- Delete image on page 27 of the *Little Chief* nomination as it is the *Rising Wolf*.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Ms. Walter seconded, that the *DeSmet* nomination, with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Dr. Urbaniak seconded, that the *Little Chief* nomination, with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

## **3) Grant-Marshall Lime Kiln Historic District**

Jon Axline, historian, prepared and presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- Please add cross-section drawings to the nomination, if available.
- Add a sketch map showing the location of the features.
- Add the entire “lime cycle” of production as a flow chart or diagram.
- Include the historic photo of the Grizzly Gulch Lime Kiln seen in the presentation to the nomination and label it accordingly.
- Because much of the lime production of the area shifted to nearby Powell County around in 1893, resulting in the closure of many local Helena kilns, by including the Grant-Marshall Lime Kiln, would that date serve as a better end to the period of significance than that provided in the nomination draft [yes].
- Was lime from the Grant-Marshall Lime Kiln Historic District used in the construction of the Montana State Capital building [the author does not think so].
- Clarify in the nomination that the property occurs on both city-owned and private property.

- Check the acreage estimate in Section 10.

Ms. Walter moved, and Dr. Urbaniak seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

**Break-2:15 p.m.**

**Resumption of meeting-2:30 p.m.**

**4) L-4 Fire Lookouts in the USFS Northern Region (Region 1), 1932-1967; Lookout Development on the Bitterroot National Forest (Amended submission) Multiple Property Document, and Boulder Point Lookout National Register nomination**

Janene Caywood, historian and author of the Multiple Property Document (MPD) amendment and nomination, made the presentation to the Board. The lookout, managed by the Bitterroot National Forest, was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

*Multiple Property Document*

- How many L-4 lookouts were originally built in the Bitterroot National Forest? [approximately 16].
- One board member stated that when he began employment in the Forest Service in the early 1980s, over 800 lookouts dotted the peaks in Region 1. Now there are around only 80. This massive decrease occurs not only from intentionally dismantling the structures, but also from fires, such as the conflagrations that occurred this year in the Northwest. The loss of these structures has occurred as such a rapid rate that it becomes more important than ever to preserve and save them when possible.

Mr. Hronek moved and Ms. Casne seconded support of the federal Multiple Property Document amendment, with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod (retired FS) recused himself from voting.

Dr. Urbaniak moved, and Ms. Bronson seconded, support of the federal nomination (Boulder Point Lookout), with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod recused himself from voting.

**5) Draft Horse Barn, Fergus County Fairgrounds**

Jessie Nunn, historian, prepared and presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- What other historic buildings remain at the fairgrounds? [Agriculture Hall and the 4-H building].
- Were original plans for the building found? [no]. If found, please add.

- Could the nomination be set up as a Multiple Property Document? [not many original resources left, so wouldn't work well].
- Clarify the sentence on page 6 that mentions a "cultural landscape." [a historic plan existed for the layout of the fairgrounds, unfortunately, so many changes have occurred that the original plan is difficult to now recognize].
- The nomination contains so much background information that the discussion of the horse barn becomes a bit lost at times. Keep the introductory information, but move it to the end of the nomination under the "Additional Information" section of the document.
- Briefly discuss the concrete "fence" that abuts the building. This could be mentioned in the "Integrity" statement.

Dr. Urbaniak moved, and Ms. Bronson seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

#### **6) Western Clay Manufacturing Company (Additional Documentation)**

Chere Jiusto, historian, prepared and presented the nomination. The property was previously listed in the National Register in 1985 under criteria A and C. The additional documentation argues for a national level of significance under Criterion A for its association with the Archie Bray Foundation; no change is suggested for the previously-listed Criterion C-level of significance.

#### *Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- The ongoing work to update the kilns isn't discussed in the nomination, are there plans to discuss it in the future? [the ongoing work is being discussed in other documents].
- Did Rudy Autio make the ceramic centerpiece on the First Methodist Church in Great Falls? [yes, and others around the state].
- No date is provided for the office building described in Section 7, page 7. [the exact date isn't known, but it does extend back at least to the time of the Western Clay Manufacturing Company]. Please note that in the nomination.
- Two of the Harrison installments are called out as noncontributing. Could the period of significance be extended to the mid-to-late-1980s to make it a contributing resource? [it potentially could, but extending the period of significance poses additional complexities to the nomination].

Ms. Casne moved, and Ms. Walter seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

**Public Comment-4:30 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called for public comment. Ms. Jiusto said a few words regarding the upcoming Montana Preservation Alliance fundraiser, *Brunch en Blanc*, on October 8, 2017, and the upcoming historic preservation roadshow in June 2018 in the Flathead/Glacier region.

**New Business-4:35 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called for approval of the *May 2017 minutes*. Mr. Fulbright moved, and Dr. Urbaniak seconded, to approve the minutes. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

*January 2018 Review Board Meeting.* The Board voted to hold the January 2018 review board meeting in Helena, Friday January 26.

*State Preservation Plan update.* The Board was reminded that the State Preservation Plan update for 2018-2022 discussion was slated for the following the morning, September 21, at the Montana State Historic Preservation Office.

**Adjourn/recess-4:45 p.m.** Dr. Urbaniak moved for adjournment/recess of the meeting until the following morning. The move was seconded by Ms. Bronson. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

### **September 21, 2017**

**Review Board (Board) Members Present:** Zane Fulbright, Dr. Riley Auge (Chair), Milo McLeod, Carol Bronson, Dr. Tim Urbaniak, Patti Casne, Debra Hronek, Marcella Walter

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff:** John Boughton, Brad Hanson

**Call to Order-8:00 a.m.:** Dr. Auge called the meeting to order. This morning's meeting focused on discussion of the Montana Historic Preservation Plan for 2018-2022 and what input the review board could offer to the State Historic Preservation Office.

Brad Hanson provided an overview of the results of the planning questionnaire, which received 500 responses. The review board provided feedback regarding the results throughout Mr. Hanson's presentation.

The review board then discussed the *Goals and Objectives* portion of the Montana Historic Preservation Plan. The board based their suggestions on the previous plan for 2013-2017.

**Adjourn-12:10 p.m.** Mr. Fulbright moved for adjournment of the meeting. The move was seconded by Ms. Casne. The Review Board unanimously concurred.