

JUNE 4, 2019

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Butte Silver Bow Council Chambers
5:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Russell O’Leary, Mitzi Rossillon, Butch Gerbrandt, Bobbi Stauffer and John Weitzel

Members Excused: Steve Hinick, Jennifer Petersen

Staff: Mary McCormick, HPO
Roxie Larson, Secretary

M I N U T E S

I. Call to Order - The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call – Roll call was taken, and a quorum established.

III. Reading/Approval of Minutes – Ms. Rossillon called for approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2019 and May 7, 2019 meetings. Mr. O’Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019 and May 7, 2019. Ms. Stauffer seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor was unanimous.

IV. Public Comment – Items on Agenda – Ms. Nancy Woodruff, residing at 520 S. Washington Street, read a letter on behalf of Butte CPR, which spoke of the need to preserve the house at 707 N Wyoming Street. The letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Macie Salser, residing at 6708 Cove Creek Drive, Billings, MT, noted that she was at the meeting to represent Megan Babin and Ian Gallaher in their proposed rehabilitation project at 410 W. Granite Street. The project architect, Ms. Salser expressed her willingness to address any questions.

V. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

A. Design Review: 410 West Granite Street

Ms. McCormick reported that Ms. Babin and Mr. Gallaher planned to apply for a grant from the URA to assist with rehabilitation of the historic house at 410 West Granite Street. A Design Review COA regarding the proposed

façade work was presented. A copy of the COA is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Gerbrandt made a motion to approve the design as provided. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

B. Design Review: 524 South Idaho Street (relocation to S. Dakota Street)

Ms. McCormick reported that Melissa O’Dell had purchased the historic duplex at 524 South Idaho Street from Town Pump and was proposing to move the building to vacant lots in the 500 block of S. Dakota Street. A Design Review COA regarding the relocation was presented. A copy of the COA is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Stauffer moved to approve the Design Review COA for the duplex and its relocation. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

C. Determination of Eligibility: 2207 Harvard Avenue

Ms. McCormick introduced Ms. Emma Cunneen to present the Montana Historic Property Inventory form she prepared for 2207 Harvard. Ms. Cunneen has an Associate Degree in Historic Preservation from Highlands College, and 2207 Harvard is her longtime family home.

Ms. Cunneen stated I live at 25 N. Lake Drive. She reported on her finding that 2207 Harvard is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the inventory form for 2207 Harvard is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Gerbrandt made a motion to approve the not eligible determination for 2207 Harvard. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

D. Determination of Eligibility: 2521 Yale Avenue

Ms. McCormick reported on a determination of eligibility for 2521 Yale. She recommended the property not eligible for National Register listing due to a lack of significance. A copy the Montana Historic Property Inventory form for 2521 Yale is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Stauffer made a motion to approve the not eligible determination for 2521 Yale Avenue. Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

E. Demolition Review: 707 North Wyoming Street

Ms. McCormick presented a Demolition Review COA for the house on leased ground at 707 North Wyoming. She recommended approval of the COA due to a combination of factors. Most notably, the house lacks a foundation and the property at 707 N. Wyoming is part of a 140-acre mining claim. It would require a survey to carve the house site out of the mining claim and make it a separate parcel. A copy of the COA is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Gerbrant read a letter from Clark Grant requesting that Butte-Silver Bow retain the house and get the property back into private hands. A copy of Mr. Grant's letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Gerbrant stated I would make a motion that this Commission recommend to Butte-Silver Bow that the City-County develop a policy for handling subdivision for structures on county land. Does anybody have any clarification for that?

Ms. Rossillon made a statement that could be added to this recommendation, namely that such a policy is important since it would have a bearing on the future preservation of historic buildings.

Mr. Gerbrant stated I would accept that addition to the recommendation. Mary could we ask you to take that recommendation to the appropriate parties in Butte-Silver Bow?

Ms. McCormick stated this recommendation should come from the Historic Preservation Commission. She could assist in getting to the Council of Commissioners and/or making presentation to the Land Sales Committee.

Mr. O'Leary clarified his understanding that the motion is to recommend to the appropriate parties at Butte-Silver Bow that this problem of framed buildings on leased land needs to be addressed, in part because of its implications for the future of Historic Preservation in Butte. He then seconded the motion.

The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Rossillon stated the need for a motion one way or another for the demolition of 707 N. Wyoming.

Mr. O'Leary stated the lack of a foundation is the biggest concern I have. Because of this, the chance of the house being redeveloped is probably slim to none.

Mr. O'Leary made a motion to approve the demolition permit as presented.
Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was 3 for and 1 opposed.

VI. STAFF/MEMBER REPORT-

Ms. McCormick gave an update on the Town Pump's Platinum and Montana Street Project.

Ms. McCormick gave an update on the going rehabilitation of the Sewell's prism tile and stained glass window.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM