HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday April 6, 2021
5:30 PM
In person in Council Chambers
and
Via Web-Ex

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING/APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:
Minutes of February 8, 2021. [Minutes of the regular meeting of March 2nd and special meeting of March 8th not yet available.]

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item are asked to keep their comments to three minutes or less. Each member must identify themselves by name and address. Comments received via letters and email will be read into the minutes.

Call in #497-5009

Presentation

Mr. Ed Randall, Update on Butte-Silver Bow Community Enrichment Department
NEW/OLD BUSINESS
A. Design Review COA: 101 West Broadway

B. Design Review COA: 304 East Broadway

C. Design Review COA: 26 North Main

D. Design Review COA: 43 West Park

E. Determination of Eligibility: 330 East Front

F. Nomination of Historic Preservation Commission representative to the SARTA Board: Recommendation to Chief Executive

STAFF/MEMBER REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rescheduling May 4th HPC meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT
March 11, 2021

Mr. Steve Hinick  
Chairman, Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Commission  
100 E. Broadway  
Butte, Montana 59701

RE: Department Presentation

Dear Chairman Hinick,

I would respectfully request time on the April 6, 2021 Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda to provide commission members, and the public, an update on the Community Enrichment Department.

Please contact me at 406.497.6529 for any questions you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Ed Randall  
Director, Community Enrichment Department

CC: JP Gallagher, B-SB Chief Executive  
Karen Byrnes, Director, Community Development Department  
Jim Kambich, B-SB Chief of Staff  
Mary McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer  
John Moodry, Assistant Director, Community Enrichment Department
☐ Demolition Review COA
☒ Design Review COA

OWNER INFORMATION
Name: 640 Kimball Pipes LLC c/o Jeffery John Riggs
Address: 201 West Broadway Street
City: Butte State MT Zip: 59701
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

APPLICANT INFORMATION (If different from owner)
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

PROPERTY INFORMATION
Address: 201 West Broadway Street
Addition/Block/Lot: Butte Townsite/ Block 22/ S75’ East Portion of Lot 11 and S75’ Lot 12
Other Legal Description:

HISTORIC STATUS
National Register Listed ☐ Individually
☒ Contributing to Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District
National Register Eligible ☐ Individually
☐ Contributing to
Local Register Listed ☐

SCOPE OF WORK (Describe the proposed project in detail. Insert or attach maps, drawings, reports, photographs or other materials as specified by the “SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST” section of this form).
The property owner is seeking a grant from the Urban Revitalization Agency to assist with a window replacement project at the historic church on the northwest corner of Broadway and Montana, 201 West Broadway Street. Windows proposed for replacement are at the church’s day light basement or “garden” level. They include units on the West Broadway (south) facade, North Montana (east) facade, and the north wall, which is only a 2-3’ from the building to the north on Montana Street. Existing windows and their proposed replacements are as follows:
West Broadway Facade
Existing windows: 4 wood-sash fixed with transoms and frosted glass.
Replacements: 4 Anderson Series 100 one-over-one single hungs with fixed windows at transoms, all with frosted glass.

Existing transom at door: wood-sash transom with frosted glass.
Replacement: Anderson Series 100 fixed window with frosted glass.

North Montana Facade
Existing windows: 7 wood-sash fixed with transoms and frosted glass.
Replacements: 7 Anderson Series 100 one-over-one single hungs with fixed windows at transoms, all frosted glass.

North Wall
Existing Windows: 4 wood sash one-over-one double hungs with transoms and frosted glass.
Proposed Replacements: 4 Anderson Series 100 one-over-over single hungs with fixed windows at transoms, all with clear glass.
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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☐ Photographs of all four facades of building/structure proposed for partial or complete demolition.
☐ Photographs of structural deficiencies of building/structure proposed for partial or complete demolition.
☐ Structural evaluation report prepared by a certified engineer or architect.
☐ Rehabilitation cost estimate prepared by a qualified contractor, or certified architect or engineer.
☐ Assessment of property’s fair market value prepared by a realtor.
☐ Proof of advertisement for the sale or lease of the property for a period of 90 days.
☐ Relocation plan.
☐ Design Review COA for any new buildings or structures proposed for construction.

Design Review COA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Officer recommends project approval.

Signature of HPO

[Signature]

Date

4/3/2021

Signature of Applicant/Owner

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North Montana facade.

North wall of 205 West Broadway to right and south wall of next building north on Montana St. at left.
Existing windows and transom at door proposed for replacement on the West Broadway facade.

Existing windows proposed for replacement on North Montana facade.
BUTTE-SILVER BOW HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

☐ Demolition Review COA
☒ Design Review COA

OWNER INFORMATION
Name: Closed on Thursday c/o Montana Knapp
Address: 850 N. Elston Ave.
City: Chicago State IL Zip: 60622
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

APPLICANT INFORMATION (If different from owner)
Name: Montana Knapp c/o Weitzel Signs
Address: 800 East Front Steet
City: Butte State: MT Zip: 59701
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

PROPERTY INFORMATION
Address: 304 East Broadway
Addition/Block/Lot: Thornton Addition/Block 4/Lot 6
Other Legal Description:

HISTORIC STATUS
National Register Listed ☐ Individually
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The property owner is seeking a grant from the East Butte Renovation and Rehabilitation Agency to assist with the fabrication and installation of a new business sign at 304 West Broadway, a historic commercial building. See attached documentation provided by Weitzel Signs.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Signature of HPO

Mary McCoan

Date

4-3-2021

Signature of Applicant/Owner

Date
FROM: WEITZEL SIGNS
TO: B.S.B. HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WEITZEL SIGNS IS PROPOSING THE FABRICATION & INSTALLATION OF ONE DOUBLEFACE FLAG MOUNT SIGN FOR 302 E. BROADWAY AS PER APPROVED SKETCH & COLORS.

SIGN CABINET TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF ALUMINUM COMPOSITE PANELS W/ 1" X 1" STEELTUBE INTERNAL FRAME. WEST FACING SIDE OF SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED WITH L.E.D. SOFT WHITE BULBS TO EMULATE THE ELECTRICAL SIGNS PRIOR TO NEON. LETTERS WILL BE LIGHT YELLOW W/ 3" RETURNS AROUND THE PERIMETER. THE BOARDER BULBS TO ROTATE FLASHING SEQUENCE. BACKGROUND TO BE BLACK SMALT (BACKGROUND ON PARKING GARAGE). EAST FACING SIDE OF SIGN NOT TO BE ILLUMINATED. BACKGROUND TO BE BLACK SATIN PAINT. COPY & BOARDER TO BE 3M REFLECTIVE GOLD VINAL.

SIGN TO BE MOUNTED TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF BUILDING AS PICTURED.
□ Demolition Review COA
☒ Design Review COA

OWNER INFORMATION
Name: Piccadilly Museum, LLC
Address: 20 West Broadway Street
City: Butte State MT Zip: 59701
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

APPLICANT INFORMATION (If different from owner)
Name: Jessika Sayler c/o Weitzel Signs
Address: 800 East Front Street
City: Butte State: MT Zip: 59701
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

PROPERTY INFORMATION
Address: 26 North Main Street
Addition/Block/Lot: Butte Townsite/ Block 28/ Lot 16
Other Legal Description:

HISTORIC STATUS
National Register Listed □ Individually
☒ Contributing to Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District
National Register Eligible □ Individually
□ Contributing to
Local Register Listed □

SCOPE OF WORK (Describe the proposed project in detail. Insert or attach maps, drawings, reports, photographs or other materials as specified by the “SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST” section of this form).
The applicant is seeking a grant from the Urban Revitalization Agency to assist with the fabrication and installation of a new business sign at 26 North Main Street, a historic commercial building. See attached documentation provided by Weitzel Signs.
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Signature of HPO

Date

Signature of Applicant/Owner

Date
FROM WEITZEL SIGNS

TO! B.S.B HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

WEITZEL SIGNS IS PROPOSING THE FABRICATION &
INSTALLATION OF ONE DOUBLE FACE FLAG MOUNT SIGN
FOR 26N. MAIN AS PER APPROVED SKETCH & COLORS.
SIGN PANEL TO BE 7/8" SIGN GRADE PAPER COATED
PLYWOOD. GRAPHICS TO BE HAND PAINTED WITH
ONE SHOT LETTERING ENAMELS & 3M HIGH PERFORMANCE
VANYL. SIGN TO BE MOUNTED TO EXISTING BRACKET.
Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Office
Certificate of Appropriateness Application

☐ Demolition Review COA
☒ Design Review COA

Owner Information
Name: Patrick Schenck
Address: 915 S. Tracy Ave
City: Bozeman State MT Zip: 59715
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

Applicant Information (If different from owner)
Name: Kayla Lambrecht c/o Weitzel Signs
Address: 800 East Front Street
City: Butte State: MT Zip: 59701
Phone: E-Mail (optional):

Property Information
Address: 43 West Park Street
Addition/Block/Lot: Butte Townsite/ Block 29/ Lots 26, 27 & W30' of 29
Other Legal Description:

Historic Status
National Register Listed ☐ Individually
☒ Contributing to Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District
National Register Eligible ☐ Individually
☐ Contributing to
Local Register Listed ☐

Scope of Work (Describe the proposed project in detail. Insert or attach maps, drawings, reports, photographs or other materials as specified by the “Submittal Requirements Checklist” section of this form).
The applicant is seeking a grant from the Urban Revitalization Agency to assist with the fabrication and installation of a new business sign at 43 West Park Street, a historic commercial building. See attached documentation provided by Weitzel Signs.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Officer recommends project approval.

Signature of HPO

Date

4-3-2021

Signature of Applicant/Owner

Date
THE SIGN FOR MONTANA AXEBAR WAS DESIGNED TO REPLICATE THE SIGNAGE OF THE LATE 30'S INTO THE 50'S. SIGN FACE TO BE OUTLINED W/NEON BOARDERS, COPY & GRAPHICS TO BE ILLUMINATED W/ NEON ALSO. THE ARROW TO BE ILLUMINATED W/ L.E.D. BULBS THAT WILL FLASH TO GIVE THE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT. COLOR OF SIGN TO BE BLACK, WHITE, RED & IMITATION GOLD.
OVERALL SIZE OF SIGN IS 5' W X 6'1/2" H. THE SIGN FACE IS APROX. 4'-2" X 4'-8". THIS IS A DOUBLE FACE SIGN.
# MONTANA HISTORIC PROPERTY RECORD

For the Montana National Register of Historic Places Program and State Antiquities Database

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
PO Box 201202, 1410 8th Ave
Helena, MT 59620-1202

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style: Other: If Other, specify: Industrial
Property Type: Industrial Specific Property Type: Ore sampling facility

Architect: Architectural Firm/City/State:
Builder/Contractor: Company/City/State:
Source of Information:

The Butte Sampling Works at 330 East Front St. is a large industrial building situated between the street to the north and the historic Northern Pacific Railroad main line to the south. It currently is part of the Big Sky Rentals/Party Time complex owned by Bishop Properties, LLC. In addition to the sampling works, the complex includes the two adjoining metal buildings to the east: a storage shed/loading dock and the Big Sky/Party Time store at 400 East Front. A large, fenced storage yard east of the store is also part of the complex. Bishop Properties currently uses the Butte Sampling Works building for miscellaneous storage only. Prior to that, the building housed a Rent to Own Store.

Constructed in 1898-99, the Butte Sampling Works building measures 60’ wide, 100’ long and about 20’ tall and has a side gable roof with a low pitch. It is of wood-frame construction. Exterior walls are covered by heavy corrugated metal siding. The siding on the Front St. (north) facade and east wall has been painted and displays signage for the Rent to Own Store. Fenestration on the Front St. facade and east wall is non historic and reflects the building’s current interior configuration: a finished store/office area toward the west and a much larger unfinished storage or warehouse area toward the east. There is an entry and three fixed windows on the facade at the office/store area, while the unfinished storage/warehouse area has a single fixed window on the facade and a large garage door on the east wall. Both the south and west walls display original, unpainted corrugated metal siding. Former windows and a freight door on the south wall have been infilled with corrugated metal.
HISTORY OF PROPERTY
The Butte Sampling Works began business as an informal partnership between two assayers in the late 1880s. The partners appear to have leased and set up operation at an old mill, with a capacity of 50 tons or less, in South Butte. At the mill, ores were reduced and assayed to determine the mineral content. Butte Sampling Works would purchase and ship ores of sufficient values to smelters for refinement. As such, it offered small independent mining firms a viable outlet for their production.

By the mid-1890s, George E. Casey had assumed operational control of Butte Sampling Works. Casey had come to Butte in the early 1880s and opened a grocery store with P.J. Brophy. After amassing a small fortune in that business, he began buying and selling mining properties. Success in his real estate and mining ventures likely encouraged Casey to invest in the Butte Sampling Works.

In August 1898, Casey announced in the local press plans by the newly incorporated Butte Sampling Works Company to construct a new mill. Increased business demanded that the firm increase its capacity. Property next to the Northern Pacific Railroad line along Front Street had been purchased, plans for the new mill prepared, and contracts let for building the mill and purchasing and installing the equipment. Additionally, “a well-known mill builder,” Robert Tait had been retained to supervise construction.

The new Butte Sampling Works at 330 East Front Street started operation in 1899. The mill building was a large wood-frame structure sided on the exterior with heavy corrugated iron. Reduction equipment included a crusher and rollers with the capacity to handle 150 tons of ore a day. The assay office was situated in a separate building to the west of the mill. An ore platform was next to the railroad and an ore bin stood next to the mill.
Butte Sampling Works appears to have operated at near capacity for at least a few years. It primarily handled ore from Butte mines and was an important supplier to the American Smelting & Refinery plant in East Helena. The sampling works success, however, declined after the Anaconda Company erected a 1,500-ton sampling plant at its new Washoe Smelter in Anaconda. Operations at the Butte Sampling Works ceased for good in late 1906 or 1907.

Following the shutdown, the Butte Sampling Works Company sold the milling and assaying equipment but left the former mill building standing. The building’s nearness to the railroad, sturdy construction and large size made it attractive for other uses. The company apparently began leasing the building for automobiles storage in 1907. About 10 years later, the Ellis Paint Company purchased the property and readapted the building for use as a paint and glass warehouse. By at least the late 1950s, the warehouse was part of a large lumber yard.
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Information Sources/Bibliography

Property Name: Butte Sampling Works

INFORMATION SOURCES/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Anaconda Standard.
1894 February 13.
1906 May 16. September 2
1908 December 25.

Butte Miner
1887 June 22.
1896 December 16. “Sampled Then Shipped.”
1901 February 23.


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Statement of Significance

Property Name: Butte Sampling Works

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

NRHP Listing Date:
NRHP Eligibility: ☒ Yes  ☐ No ☐ Individually ☐ Contributing to Historic District ☐ Noncontributing to Historic District
NRHP Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
Area of Significance: Period of Significance:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butte Sampling Works is just outside the Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District. While Front St. marks the Landmark District’s southern boundary, the south side of the street was not included. This side of the street is dominated by commercial and industrial buildings from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Similar to the Butte Sampling Works, however, most have been extensively remodeled and no longer retain integrity.

The Butte Sampling Works is not eligible for independent listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to the lack of significance and integrity. Regarding its historic values under Criterion A, the works had little impact on the development and growth of Butte’s mining industry. For example, there is no documentary evidence to suggest that small independent mining firms would have necessarily failed without its services. The building’s conversion and reuse as warehouse in the ensuing years additionally had little impact on the local economy. It was one of hundreds of warehouse facilities operating in Butte during the historic era. The Butte Sampling Works does not have engineering merits under Criterion C. All the equipment and auxiliary facilities from its era of use as a sampling works were removed soon after the facility shut down.
INTEGRITY (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, association)
The Butte Sampling Works has essentially lost all aspects of integrity. Due to extensively remodeling in recent years, the it has the appearance of a modern building when viewed from the street. Most other historic age buildings along the south side of Front Street also have been modified on the exterior and lack integrity of design and materials.
Overview of Big Sky Rental/Party Time complex, looking southeast.
Butte Sampling Works (Rent to Own Store) at right.

Front St. facade and west wall, view to east.

North wall, view to southwest.
Property Name: **Butte Sampling Works**

**South wall, view to north.**

**Interior view of warehouse area.**

**Interior view of office/store area.**