ITEM 164-2705-R0914

Authorization to Proceed with Heritage Property Status; Montana State University Billings

THAT
Consistent with the provisions of BOR 1003.5, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Billings to proceed with a historic nomination and heritage property status for McMullen Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. Pursuant to BOR 1003.5, The Commissioner of Higher Education, working with campus presidents and chancellors, shall identify heritage properties. If the Commissioner, with the concurrence of the campus president or chancellor, believes that property identified as heritage property should be submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board for addition to the state inventory, the Commissioner shall so recommend to the Board of Regents. If the Regents concur, the Regents shall submit the recommendation to the Review Board for approval or disapproval pursuant to 22-3-422, MCA.

2. McMullen Hall which was constructed in 1935 and was the first structure on the EMNS (Eastern Montana Normal School) campus. The building was named after Dr. Lynn B. McMullen who was the first President of EMNS and a professor of education. McMullen Hall remains the centerpiece to the University and houses student services and administration.

3. Facilities Services, working in conjunction with Dr. Tim Urbaniak (City College faculty), identified McMullen Hall as eligible for listing as a heritage property during the biennial reporting required by SB3. This building is noteworthy and deserves to be placed on the list of Montana-owned heritage properties.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment #1 - Building photographs