

Feb. 8, 2005 - Rose's Home

Call to Order: Attendees Mitzi Rossillion, James and Kelly Rose, Janice Hogan, Irene and Don Scheidecker, Carol Westine, Andrea Stierle, Bob Benson, Toni Seccomb, Dick Gibson, Larry Smith

January Minutes read and approved with minor spelling changes

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report - Since January 1 we took in \$170 in donations and \$70 dues, we paid out some for PO box, current checking balance is \$2821.24.

Council of Commissioners and Butte Silver Bow Govt. Mtgs. - We need to get in contact with Rick Larson and meet again for the land sales committee, James will contact Rick. One issue is that property sells to adjacent land owners for 0.15 per square foot, which seems like a pittance. We'd also like an update on list of properties considered for sale, and the fact that the County put out a call for bids to do title work on all identified properties. We wonder if there are plans to bring a large number of properties to sale at one time. Paul Babb has been looking for new members for a number of city/county boards, a list was published in the first week of February in the Standard.

Hospital tear downs and Historic Preservation commission - In view of two recent demolitions of Hospital homes, we need to have to look back at the agreements on allowing the tear downs. Carol Westine will look at the signed agreements from a few years ago and see if what the Hospital agreed to do was followed. We would like to have an opportunity to salvage if possible. Larry will contact Dave Fawcett and see if we could be involved in anything on future demolitions.

Main St. Uptown Butte -- Annual meeting Feb 22; Gretchen Leipheimer is listed on the ballot as an alternate BOD member. They are moving to the Phoenix building along with Habitat for Humanity and other non-profits.

Other--Butte Priority Soils-Smelter dust in older homes and its abatement is an issue of concern to our organization. Another public meeting will be held March 15 somewhere Uptown. Larry encouraged people to comment on the proposed plan by the deadline, March 20. Comments can be sent to ron.bertram@epa.gov.

Committee Reports

Education - Tours and Events: Stained and Leaded Glass, Building Renovation and Restoration- Stained and leaded glass committee decided the tour will be the evening of April 1; we need several volunteers to scour the neighborhoods and place notices in peoples' doors; Mitzi will try to organize a workshop evaluation/repair of glass on April 2 with the owner of Glass Craft in Helena, a location to be determined; George Everett said Main St. will help in any way--including providing tour buses from Tucker Transportation. We would need a tour guide on each bus and quite a bit of preparation on what to say; Andrea suggested that we wait until we have our tour guide done. Because we did not have the volunteers to coordinate the tours, we decided we will wait until later on the bus idea.

Building Renovation and Restoration--Mitzi and Janice has talked about plans for a tour of fixed up and fixable buildings with commercial sponsors that would explain their products. The committee will work towards a date this May for the tour. Possibilities of piggybacking with Mayfair (Mother's day) or possibly National Historic Preservation week, was discussed. The committee of Mitzi, Bob, Dori, and Janice will meet and decide.

Salvage - Larry, James and Kelly got a start on rack building, which will continue Feb 10, 5:30 Thursday at the Grand. Any more hospital demolitions? We should talk to Dave Fawcett Larry will call him to see if any salvage opportunities. Salvage of the moved Stockton home? It will go for back taxes this next year, so it's not ready for salvage.

Ordinance and Oversight (O&O)- Offers to help writing new Historic Preservation Ordinance? Rolene met with Paul Babb on 2/7/05 and he had mentioned separately that rewriting the HPO will be a priority; we need to ask Mark Reavis what is up with the HPO. Maybe we should invite Mark and Paul to a meeting concerning the HPO and land sales committee.

Building Improvement Fund - We need to contact Chris Witticar to see if the NPS might sponsor 3 BIF grants; Andrea will contact Chris. The committee will meet 7 PM Feb. 24 at the Rose home to finalize the call for proposals. Buddy Walker initiated the Butte Realtors donation last year. Larry talk to Marissa at McLeod, Bob will contact Elena LaRock about the possibility of continuing the support from the Realtors.

Old Business

O'Rourke Building -Mitzi it would be worth finding out any offers were made to Mark Rule. If not, we should market it. James will contact Mark Rule to see what is happening. Need to talk to Dori about specifically what the URA can put together o the O'Rourke. Larry will reply to the Livingston Realtors, abut their inquiry.

Newsletter-Irene needs articles: Larry, brick workshop, Irene will be sent the announcement on the Virginia City workshops, Mitzi landlord and attaboy for major donors. Andrea Stained Glass tour. Irene, award from SHPO. Steve Luft will be asked for information on the HP degree at Montana Tech.

New Business

Mitzi testified Monday Feb 7 for the Arts council

Next Meetings: March 8, Andrea and Don Stierle's, 1118 Waukesha. April 12 at Dick Gibson's 301 N. Crystal.