

## **May 10, 2005 - Benson Home**

Call to Order: 7:10. April meeting minutes approved

**Reports and Announcements** Treasurer's Report - expenses \$143.15 since last month. With income, checking balance is \$3794.99.

**Council of Commissioners meetings:** Salvage issue sent to judicial committee; Laura Lee asked if anyone was complying with current statues on pawn shop reporting; Meeting will happen with the pawn shops, and possibly the antique stores.

**Historic Preservation Commission Mtgs.--** Mary McCormick reported on the last HPC meeting about a preliminary draft of policy about handling county-owned buildings on the tax rolls. The plan is to classify the property. Class (1) would be for buildings falling under the dangerous building code; the committee could call for demolition. Class (2) are those that need major repairs, Class 3 minor repairs, Class 5 not in need of obvious repairs.

**URA Mtgs.-**Plans for Original mine yard suggest construction of a convention center. Andrea will draft a letter for CPR stating our opposition in spending so much on new construction when there is great need for restoration of buildings.

**Main St. Uptown Butte --** Mitzi said Rick Larson talked with the Main St committee about mothballing buildings. CPR is interested in getting a contract for mothballing that would include closing up structures, but also ongoing monitoring. Mitzi made a proposal of \$50 per opening. She understood that they are not interested in hiring CPR for the mothballing, but are interested in the monitoring. Mitzi pointed out that they closed up the house at 621 W. Quartz; we don't know how they are contracting out.

### **Committee Reports**

**Education-** We have all houses set up for six buildings on the Dust to Dazzle tour. We still hope for including a county building. Coordinators at each house are lined up. Building histories will be published in a booklet. We got the \$4500 grant for stained glass research and publication.

**Building Improvement Fund --**Deadline is Friday May 13. We will meet Thursday May 19 6PM at Roses'.

### **Old Business**

**Newsletter** - Came out first week of May

**O'Rourke Building** -Lee contacted Larry today that Rick Orizoti is interested in what is going on; Mitzi will check on taxes, James will ask Mark Rule for an update, and then get back with Rick.

501 c(3)- Board meeting needed.

### **New Business**

Mitzi-A Stockton home at 701 No Excelsior (Antimony and Excelsior) keeps getting opened, Jim and Mitzi boarded up doors, but a back window was broken. We plan on boarding it up this weekend.

Next Meetings: June 14 Leonard; July 12 Montana Bar 82 E. Park; Aug. 9; Sept. 13.