

June 14, 2005 - Leonard Apartments

Call to Order 7:05. Previous meeting minutes approved with revisions.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report - Checking account balance is \$3,862.69; we spent \$22.22; brought in about \$90. We now have 30 dues paying members. Mt. Dept. of Revenue sent us a letter in early June with 30 days to respond with various financial and corporate information. Mitzi said that she would respond with the needed information.

Council of Commissioners Meetings - Many proposals were received for the first two houses put up for sale by the Land Sales Office; the place on North Excelsior went to the next door neighbor for teardown.

Community Enrichment Meetings -- The committee is supposed to approve the draft tomorrow, and forward it to the Council, possibly as early as June 29. 502 W. Park and Cain hotel were discussed at the recent meeting; also concerns were raised on the method of change in classification from Class 2 to Class 1 in the proposed rules; changes may be brought out based on neighbors complaints; Mitzi brought up that there is a major open government issue with the building demolition/classification scheme; she emphasized that this just isn't just a preservation issue. We discussed about having a meeting with Babb; we thought that we'd propose to him that the Community enrichment committee be put into the community development department; also we'd like to say that we've gotten mixed messages from the Health Dept on the number of demolitions. Irene said she would ask Paul to get some time either at our July meeting or another meeting. Robert talked to the Community Enrichment people, including Dori, Eric Hesler, and Rick Larson; they thought the bid of \$68/opening ws high, and that, insurance and paying workman's comp for donated time was a big issue with having volunteers do the work. Robert then talked to Leo McCarthy and John Wulf about getting insurance-John estimated that the insurance would be about \$1000/yr for us. Mykl, Maxm, Robert, Larry, Carrie, and Andrea volunteered to work toward getting a possible contract with BSB to handle boarding up of buildings; major issues are the need for insurance, a bonded contractor license, and possibly a performance bond.

Committee Reports

Education- Tours and Events: Dust to Dazzle-The date is July 9. The committee has all vendors and houses lined up; publicity will start ext Monday. A call was put for volunteer to deliver posters. Uptown, Flat, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Helena, Missoula, Bozeman, Pburg, Dillon, Whitehall Bob will distrib. the posters Monday. We will sell tickets at the Antiques and Art Fair Thurs, Fri, Sat; Mitzi will be the contact for that times; tickets are also on sale at Cavanaugh's and Montana Restorations; BSB is participating as a sponsor; CPR should put together a booth and pamphlets, including BIF information.

Historic Window Workshop-NPS contacted Irene about the schedules for the two August 10 workshops; she plans on 9-4 and 6:30-9PM times; issues: Irene needs to solidify what is to be covered at the workshop, and what needs to be done to prepare for the day.

Ordinance and Oversight (O&O)- Historic Preservation Ordinance? Larry will send a copy of the BSB Dept Heads plan to Rolene and Bobbie Stauffer at the Standard.

Building Improvement Fund --Andrea needs all the paperwork back so she can send out the letters. We should rewrite the application for next year.

Old Business

O'Rourke Building -Mykl started the process for a contract for deed on the building, he is on record as owner; he says he doesn't have all of the money to fix it right now; his intention is to clear the title (~1 month), put package together on history of the building and people, architectural information, and look for funding possibilities. The health department is making noises about a September deadline for getting something done on the building.

New Business

646 Galena needs protection, brick has fallen in the front, and is getting water; the building is owned by a trust that wants ~\$30k for the building, which is way too much, it needs a LOT of work. Look at South Main as an example for keeping water out of the building; Bob will ask Alana about getting permission to temporarily patch the Galena building.

Next Meetings: July 12 Montana Bar East Park St. (Silver Bow LLC); Aug. 9; Sept. 13.

Action items:

Mothball contract: Robert, Andrea, Mykl, Robert, Max, Carrie, Larry. BIF Com Committee needs to rewrite the guidelines by the Dust to Dazzle tour and get paper work to Andrea. Dust to Dazzle: Mitzi will get a general email to Larry to forward out. Larry write a letter to Rolene about the Community Enrichment plans.