

September 13, 2005 - Rookwood Speakeasy

Attendees: Erick Vines, Justine Conlan, Mitzi Rossillon, Bob Benson, Toni Seccomb, Mark Reavis, Andrea Stierle, Kelly Rose, Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Larry Smith
Previous meeting minutes read and approved

Reports

Treasurer's -Recent increase was \$513.20: window workshop took in 405, plus \$10 in dues, \$45 in Alice Bishop memorials, current checking balance is \$4,561.23.

Council of Commissioners -- Commissioner Rocko Mulcahy has been corresponding with Rolene S. at the State Historic Preservation office asking about details having to do with NHL and the probationary status of Butte. Rolene has put together the list of ~300 demolished historic properties. Mark says the county wants to get off CLG probation and the NHL threatened status. Mark Reavis and Ellen Crain are fleshing out the list.

Historic Preservation Commission - Mark reported that they focused on surplus property classification. At work, Mark is now more focused on preservation themes. The McQuinn Body shop was approved for demolition. The HPC will review parking lot design. Health department says they are committed to getting off of probationary status and off the threatened status. HPC also selected light fixtures for south Main project. HPC chair will sign letter to Babb for a Rykema lecture or workshop for the city/county; Mark will prepare the letter. The Neil Rogers demolition/parking lot was brought up as an example of where there was little follow-through on demolition mitigation. CPR suggested that the HPC write letters to all that have not done their mitigation. Bonding for future projects should be discussed.

Community Enrichment Meetings - The weekly meetings are changing to twice a month. Five properties for sale were brought up; two should be sold with higher prices. CPR and others don't think the county will get a sufficient proposal for the Greek Cafe (Grain Belt) building. The building will need an incentive package. Mitzi asked if additional advertising was being done; Mark said no. Mark suggested we put together a response to the developer's packet. We would offer to help marketing of the building; it may be a non-response for the land sales. Bob moves that we do a packet for the building, Andrea seconded, all agreed Mitzi will chair and put in a marketing response plan.

We need to keep sending people to meetings, and send in agenda items to get on the discussion. Meetings are first and third Wednesdays at Courthouse Conference Room.

Main Street Uptown Butte- we have not answered our survey of members-we should suggest a targeted advertising approach for attracting new businesses e.g.-- targeted trade journals.

Committee Reports -

Education --Brick Workshop coming up ask Burtons about using their house. We need to work with NPS to encourage workshops, possibly: masonry, metalwork, stained glass, wood restoration.

Ordinance and Oversight --Historic preservation ordinance -- Mark said the HPC wants to actively participate in rewrite and are collecting and wanted to talk about it at the next meeting.

BIF-we need to discuss partial payments.

Old Business --

501c3--get IRS Form to BOD--Need chairperson

Hawthorne school -We voted to pledge of support \$500 for the building; Kelly will talk to Leslie McCartney about who to contact and get a press release out.

Reception -- Need chairperson; Carrie will talk to Julie about doing in after the holidays.

New Business

Economic development funding opportunities--With the mill levy funding each year, Mitzi suggested we submit an application this year. We suggested promotion of how Butte is open for business, including advertising of buildings, and spiffing up BSB website. We need to talk to Linda Sager Joyce at BSB about the website and tie into schools, and advertising BSB properties in the semi annual Realtor Guide. Dick said he'd help meet with Linda. Need to include links for BLDC, Pub Schools, Health Dept., and keep the site current.

Meeting tomorrow-- Expanding the Historic District at Archives at 4 PM.

Sept 23 John Richard open house at Park Hotel. 4-7 PM

Mark said the Haunted house people are in desperate need for a building.

Action Items

- BIF meeting Tuesday Sept 27 at Andrea's BIF at 7 PM BOD at 8 PM. Send DRAFT to Andrea and Kelly
- BOD Meeting
- Andrea press release
- Mitzi, Mark, Dori, and Justine response to developer's packet
- Dick and web committee
- Carrie, Julie, Bob Reception committee

Next Meetings October 11- Kelly Rose; November 8; December 13.