

January 10, 2006 - Mitzi Rossillon home

In attendance: Carrie Kiely, Irene Scheidecker, Beth Yost, Julie Tranmer, Dick Gibson, Toni Seccomb, Andrea Stierle, Kelly Rose, Mark Reavis (as preservation officer) and Mitzi Rossillon. Andrea presiding.

2005 fiscal report. Mitzi passed out copies for comment. 2005, the most money spent and the most money brought in. Expenses were relatively high, but workshops brought in \$505, and that's a lot more than previous years.

Election of board members. Board is larger than it has been to accommodate the at large member in for Carol Westine. Irene said she was willing to stay on as board member...Carrie agreed to serve on the board, Kelly Rose also agreed. So Carol and James are replaced with Kelly and Carrie. Larry, Mitzi, Bob and Irene are retained. Board = Larry, Mitzi, Kelly, Irene, Carrie, Bob, Andrea.

Election of Officers: Discussion about election procedures. No by laws yet, so the procedures are 'flexible'. Larry Smith was nominated for President. Three nominees for VP: Kelly, Tony and Dick. Mitzi accepted the nomination for Treasurer. Carrie was nominated for Secretary. All nominations were accepted. Dick withdrew from the race early on to avoid the rigors of a campaign. But the confirmation hearing was what really scared him. All nominations were voted on and approved...Kelly accepted VP position. Board member meetings should be scheduled next Tuesday the 17th at Andrea's at 7pm.

Kelly reported on organizing this year's Dust to Dazzle. Mitzi, Janice, Bob are this year's committee and Mitzi said they needed more members. Organizational meetings for last year's event started in February, so that needs to get going. The Madori Manor (Mark and Dori's house) was nominated for inclusion in this year's tour. Kelly offered to serve on the committee...Beth also offered. Five more houses will be needed. Committee meeting will be the 24th at 7pm at Kelly's. 1135 W. Mercury

New Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mark Reavis attended as Historic Preservation Officer. Gave the latest version that has been sent to the Historic Preservation Commissioners. He reported some confusion on the term "contributing element"... But offered copies for everyone who was interested. He said this version had been vetted through the county atty's office, and should be ready for review and comment by the historical commission. URA, local tax abatement will all follow the same format for demolition and rehabilitation review. Getting individual residents to sign on to the ordinance in order to abide by the Sec of Int's standards for historic preservation. He also said that the overlay zone will now share the same boundaries as the new expanded historic district. Mitzi asked for a draft to be made available on the CPR website. Right now, the only incentive to participate is the URA money....she would prefer "SID" (Special Improvement District) type participation. If a majority voted to participate, the rest would be obligated...Mitzi wanted the option. Mitzi thought it was important to do some sort of public outreach for a public vote...to amend the ordinance to include "SID." Mitzi asked if the schedule for approving the revised ordinance would accommodate the CLG re up in March. Public hearings would probably be scheduled in April. Mark expects a long process with public participation.

Newsletter updates. Information was supposed to be to Irene in Dec... but Andrea got hers in 'today'. Irene was asked when she'd like newsletter items, she answered the last (full) week of January for release during the first week of Feb.

WEB plan, the mill levy proposal. Dead in the water, scratched from the agenda.

Butte CPR's offer to develop a marketing plan for BSB properties. Mitzi reported a 'nil' response from the city. But Dori got back to her about marketing the Sears building well outside the Butte area.

Advertising through CPR's website to spread the word. Mitzi looked at "HistoricProperties.com", at \$50 for three weeks/or month. Preservationdirectory.com advertises for a whole year for a lot more money. If BSB does not want to spend the money for that kind of advertising, would CPR be willing to spend the 50 bucks themselves? Motion carried.

Status of the Greek Cafe. BSB has agreed to re evaluate the cost of demolition, and offer that amount to a responsible developer as an incentive to rebuild and occupy the structure. Mark reported that BSB expects soon to get a response from the architect who wrote the first report concerning a revised cost estimates for demolition. Mitzi would like to advertise via CPR's website that the property will be available for a developer's packet in the near future.

Stained glass pamphlet. Irene, Dick and Andrea on the committee, with Mitzi and Toni. They met in November. Irene has letters ready to go to 10 pastors, will go out on 1/11. The date is April 23, from 1 to 5 in the afternoon. Irene read the letter for review. Mitzi said that once we have a commitment from 10 churches, they will go to URA for a \$1,000 grant to support the project. Mark warned that we will have to carefully phrase our request to indicate that URA money will only be spent for those churches in the URA district.

Carrie reported on CPR's spring open house. Menu items and venue issues were discussed. Lots of help was suggested for invitations; Mitzi, Andrea and Toni offered to help with that, since the invitation list was expanded. The Board will meet and go over the CPR mailing list for starters. Stop, Look and Listen posters were also mentioned. In addition to the Finlen Hotel, the courthouse, the Thorton and the Metals Bank building were also mentioned as possible venues. If the Finlen cannot be had, then perhaps the courthouse (free!) could be utilized. Advertising venues were discussed, and so those will be utilized once the mailing list is finalized. Title of the party is tentatively named "The Butte CPR Preservation and Appreciation Open House". Additional help with setup, takedown and mingling with the guests was requested.

Nominations for the Montana Preservation Awards were passed around. Butte CPR is nominating the MEPS building, Lexington Gardens, the 4 Quens, and the Parshal Shepard house. The Parshal house nomination was not completed.

Butte Archives has asked for sponsorship for Northwest Archivists annual meeting in May. Various levels of corporate sponsorship are available. Decision to participate was tabled.

MAS (Montana Archaeological Society) is meeting here in Butte. Mitzi suggests a ghost sign tour during the conference we could help an intern develop this tour as part of their education/training (technical communications students)...and having it available for the conference. Andrea stated that Bill Macgregor's students will be looking for projects, and she'll contact him about this possibility. The students will develop the tour as a technical communication product.

Meeting reports... Council of Commissioners and URA. Julie reported distress over the demolition of the McQuinn Auto Shop building. She was upset that URA money is being used for demolition, and also for Butte High's parking lot. Mark explained that URA and the school district have a relationship that is mostly mutually beneficial. Mitzi said that the school gets money right off the top. URA meetings are very hard to attend (9am on Tues. mornings), so monitoring their activity is very spotty. Julie decided to try to attend URA meetings since she found out no one from CPR was going to them. No other meeting reports.

Committee meeting reports: Irene mentioned the stained Glass committee activity already.

HIP meeting announce applications at the open house on the 23rd.

Next meeting will be on Feb 7th. Irene volunteered her house @ 31 E. Copper. Andrea will put the agenda together.