

April 11, 2006 - Dick Gibson's House, 301 N. Crystal

In attendance were Dick Gibson, Toni Seccomb, Mitzi Rossillon, Irene Scheidecker, Larry Smith, Beth Yost, Kelly Rose, James Rose, Bob Benson, Sabrina Holland, Robert Edwards, Justine Conlan, and Erik Vines.

Larry called the meeting to order and read the minutes from the March meeting. Corrections were discussed and noted. Mitzi gave the Treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$7,537.71. This included a \$500 donation from Jim Warner.

Education Topics

The Stained Glass Tour: We received a bid from ArtCraft Printers to print 1000 copies of the booklet for about \$2700 and \$750 for binding. The committee elected to use that firm because of the good price. The status of printing at that time was unknown, but the booklets were to be sent to the binder that Thursday. ArtCraft Printers has turned out to be a good company to work with. Although there was some discussion about the Stop Look and Listen posters, the committee had already purchased 50 copies of a color poster from Insty Prints. These were passed out to attending members to distribute around town, advertising the April 23 tour. We were still in need of volunteers, although we had received the names of six senior volunteers from the RSVP Program.

Dust to Dazzle Tour: Kelly Rose and committee reported that the six tour venues have been identified. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around to attending members for help on the day of the tour, July 1. There was a short discussion about researching an individual building's history. Also, we discussed where to find homes for future tours. In the future, the committee may consider other vendors, like Tupperware, Pampered Chef, and others. There was also a discussion about the need for a manned CPR booth at the D2D tour, where someone would make available to visitors CPR pamphlets, donation box, guest book, sign up lists, and the stained glass tour booklet. There were no volunteers to spearhead that effort, though.

Pamphlet on historic design and materials: Copies of Butte Historic Homes, prepared by the local historic preservation office many years ago, were passed around. These can be used to fashion the single page pamphlet we wish to distribute around town, telling people what historically appropriate renovations should include. Mitzi said she would give a copy to Brian ___ (Silver Dollar Saloon) so that he could get started with that pamphlet. We expect to put the pamphlet content on the website, too.

Workshop Series: We have heard nothing from the Jerry Metcalfe Foundation about our grant application for a series of instructional workshops. However, we were optimistic about getting to go to the second round of applications.

Ordinance and Oversight Topics

Historic Preservation Ordinance Comments: Dick had sent a letter of support to Stan Wilmoth at the Montana SHPO. Wilmoth replied that the Butte CLG is off probation. The CLG is off probation, but must comply with some conditions, the most important of which is that the new historic preservation ordinance must be passed by the Council of Commissioners by September 15.

Historic Improvement Program: There had been few expressions of interest to that point, although ___ Costello had called with an inquiry regarding window replacement. There was a clarification about

what constituted a conflict of interest in this program. A grant recipient cannot be on the HIP committee. She or he can be a board member, but cannot vote on accepting or rejecting the recommendations of the committee regarding actual awards. The committee will talk to Andrea about an announcement about the program in the Montana Standard. There was a question about whether the Butte Board of Realtors was going to be a sponsor again this year. Kelly had sent a letter to them two months earlier and hadn't heard back yet.

Old Business

501(c)3 Application: Larry and Mitzi met and were getting close to finishing Form 1023. When it is in a good draft form, it will be forwarded to a lawyer for his/her opinion. James and board members will be afforded the opportunity to review that draft and its attachments, including the conflict of interest statement. The latter was distributed to board members prior to this meeting. Open House/ Landmark Reception The event is on hold until BSB hears from the Secretary of the Interior or representative. Letterhead and Envelopes - Larry Smith volunteered to coordinate with Insty Prints. Larry and Irene mentioned various things to include; but the website and email address would definitely be there. Larry and Dick Gibson will work on pamphlets so they'll be available for Dust to Dazzle.

Used Brick from McHugh - Robert Edwards talked to Mark Reavis about the Butte School Districts supposed commitment to reusing brick from demolition of the McHugh building on South Main. There is yet no evidence that the school will live up to its promise to the Historic Preservation Commission. Robert did not receive a good answer from Mark about this topic, but he'll keep asking.

Web Hosting - Max Detjens has volunteered to host CPR's website (we're now with Big Sky). Among other things, this will get CPR away from the Hotmail account and concentrate our e-communication through the website.

Montana Cultural Trust - Project proposals need to be in by the August deadline. Mitzi and Irene talked to Ellen Crane who said the chances for funding larger projects looked good. Dick Gibson suggested that CPR publish a booklet about architectural features in Butte; borrowing from De Haas and "Butte's Historic Homes". One suggestion "Butte Architecture for Idiots". Larry suggested incorporating the historic neighborhoods. Another possibility was work with Mark Reavis on interpretation in the Granite Mountain Overlook area. A committee was formed to consider possible projects, and forward a recommendation to the membership about which one might work best.

Council of Commissioners - Sears building, Nick Kajawa - Science Exploratorium - submitted the successful bid, beating out 3 other proposals.

Historic Preservation Commission - WET proposal approved, with amendments.

Community Enrichment - discussion of the Greek Cafe; North Main St. pilot project proposed by BSB Community Enrichment Committee, and the Belmont Senior Center ground improvement project.

Main St. Uptown - no report

Action Items - Larry Smith will contact Andrea Stierle about Standard announcement about HIP grant, and will also get going on the pamphlets and letterhead/envelopes. The new committee in charge of envisioning and preparing a new proposal to the Montana Cultural Trust will meet after the Stained Glass Tour - May 2nd at 7 pm at Irene Scheidecker's house. James Rose will review the conflict of interest draft statement.

Next Meetings - May 9th at 503 S. Idaho; June 13th at Toni's 108 S. Montana and July 11th at the Leonard Hotel.