

August 8, 2006 - Leonard Hotel

In attendance: Larry Smith, Robert Edwards, Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Julie Crowley, Mitzi Rossillon, Patrick Kujawa and Sharon Amundson.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a balance of \$6,231.61. CPR activities - salvage sales, dues and donations, Dust -to-Dazzle, sales of the stained glass booklets and the brick workshop have brought in \$3,355.25 since June!

Dust to Dazzle recap: This year's presentations earned \$2,169.25, up from just over \$900 last year. This year CPR enlisted 6 sponsors, up from last year's 4.

Pamphlet: No report

Brick Workshop: Larry reported getting 16 new memberships and 1 renewal from the workshop attendees. The workshop was conducted at 410 S. Excelsior. Larry also reported getting lots of new ideas for the website. He also brought up a request for his services as a consultant. He thought that would be a good idea, with the fees going to CPR. Dick brought up similar requests from folks who've asked him to give presentations. Discussion followed about fund-raising possibilities. Patrick asked about salvaging bricks from the upcoming, but as yet unscheduled, I.C. school demolition. Further discussion about successes and failures with brick salvage in the past.

Ordinance and Oversight: Carrie reported hearing from Historical Commission member Mary McCormick that the ordinance was making its way through the public works dept. Mitzi replied that it should be getting review from the Council of Commissioners by now. Some discussion followed concerning the consequences of people moving in and not having an ordinance in place to protect historic buildings.

Community Enrichment Committee: Mitzi reported lots of discussion about the I.C. school at the last meeting.

Mitzi brought up the idea of writing a column in the *Montana Standard* in an effort to increase public education and highlight the problems from ongoing demolitions. There is an increasing need to educate the public over the value of the integrity of the landmark district. Robert suggested including the *Underground*, as well.

Historic Improvement Project (HIP): No report.

501(c)(3): Larry reported that there was still no word from the lawyer.

Reception: Julie reported that the date available for a representative from Baucus' office to attend the reception had been pushed back to June of 2007. She asked the attendees if they wanted to wait for that date, or proceed with our own reception. The group decided to proceed without congressionals. It was also decided to scale back the amount of money originally set aside for the event. The new date is Sept. 22.

Montana Cultural Trust: Dick reported that the grant application had been sent.

New Business: Robert asked about the possibility of setting up a CPR scholarship aimed at helping the students in the historic preservation program at the College of Technology. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea, and several points were discussed. It was decided to have a scholarship ready to award for the spring semester.

Robert also asked about the thank you cards. Dick said the thank you's for the Dust to Dazzle participants and sponsors were probably mailed, since Justine and Kelly had picked some up from him.

Discussion followed about how to make more available for good maintenance and restoration projects seen around town.

Action Items:

- Carrie - call Andrea about publicizing the HIP grant recipients
- Larry - new brochure
- Julie - call Irene before Dick leaves town.
- Robert - research scholarship details