

# October 11, 2006 Robert Edwards, 82-85 East Park

**In attendance:** Robert Edwards, Dick Gibson, Mykl Meagher, Erick Vines, Justine Conlan, Cindi Shaw, Sabrina Holland, Larry Smith, Irene Scheidecker, Mitzi Rossillon, Nicole Von Gaza, Carrie Kiely and Andrea Steirle. Butte Silver Bow Historical Advisor Mark Reavis attended as a guest speaker.

Mitzi gave the **treasurer's report**. \$171 was paid out to cover the cost of the brick workshop brochure. There was approximately \$500 in outstanding bills to be paid, mostly for the reception at the Leonard. \$276 dollars had been taken in - \$72 from the reception alone! The checkbook balance was corrected, showing approximately \$2,000 more than what was previously thought. (!)

**Education Committee:** Larry opened the discussion of old business by mentioning the historic design pamphlet, Mitzi said she will look into it. Larry said he was working on workshop materials on hot water heat using students in Dr. Macgregor's technical communications class. This would all be added to the website to develop its content, as well.

**Ordinance and Oversight:** Historical Advisor Mark Reavis attended to present the draft version of the demolition ordinance, and to answer questions. He was announcing the introduction of the draft to the Council of Commissioners the following evening. He stressed that the ordinance applies consistently to buildings in the district, and that the "overlay zone" will no longer be used and every building abandoned to the city/county would be reviewed and classified. Lots of discussion followed about how the ordinance would be used, and concern was voiced about adequate representation and comment during the review process. He added that the ordinance includes a local register and incentives for restoration and public works projects. Mitzi wanted to know if the ordinance would push the city to include specialists to the historical commission as listed by the Park Service. Mark said that it would. Mark also explained that tomorrow night's presentation at the council meeting was the introduction, and that there would be 3 more meetings before the public hearing. Larry said the board should draft a position letter. Mark agreed with that idea.

Mark also explained the "Class O" designation, and stressed that this designation is used by the Community Enrichment Committee, and not the Dept. of Public Works.

Some discussion followed about **Ed Drabant's place**, and Larry updated everyone on what had been done and what was left to do. Mark said that Ed had never been cited, and supported the work CPR was doing for him (Ed).

Under discussion of new business was the situation at the **Longfellow school**. Mykl appealed to CPR members to take on the issue of how to preserve this building.

He thought the roof would cost about \$20,000 to fix and that mold might be a problem. It was his opinion that asbestos wouldn't be much of a problem because it's located in areas that are rarely accessed. It wouldn't be worse than when the school was open in 2001. Irene brought up the issue of the psychiatric care center that was proposed for her neighborhood, and said that it would be a good idea to discuss housing it in the Longfellow.

Mitzi suggested adding school board members on the CPR website along with Mykl's information. She also suggested that CPR members call school board members individually and asking about these issues. Mitzi volunteered to look into scheduling a tour of the Longfellow for interested members and then those who attended could draft a letter, after the city reveals its plans.

Larry announced that the **Vernacular Architecture Forum** was considering holding its 2009 meeting in Butte. He would like CPR to be a co-sponsor and assist during the conference. He said he would re-send an email message when the organizational meeting was held on the 19th at the Butte Silver Bow Archives.

Larry asked for help cleaning the old **YMCA building**. He thought there were some salvage opportunities.

Mykl praised **Old Butte Historical Adventures**. He would like CPR to recognize and thank them for the great job they're doing.

Mitzi asked about the **scholarship** and Robert replied that the contacts he visited with said they gave their money directly to the school. Andrea said that she'd participated in a scholarship program, and that it was administered by the department where the recipient was a major. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be set up to work up a list of criteria and that the award would be for \$250. Mykl asked about a book fund, as well. It was decided that the scholarship would be awarded to defer the overall cost to the student, rather than anything specific. Robert said he would be taking names via email.

Mykl produced a letter he wrote to deliver to the secretary of the Council of Commissioners saying that he wants to purchase the **I.C. school!**

Dick's web ideas were discussed. Carrie, Irene and Larry all agreed that the web quiz was hard! Robert thought that putting portions of the quiz in the paper would be good publicity. It was decided that the first prize would be a stained glass booklet. Dick said he would coordinate with Carmen Winslow.

Next meeting: Dick Gibson's place, 301 N. Crystal.