

November 14, 2006 - Dick Gibson's, 301 N. Crystal

In attendance: Carrie Kiely, Mizi Rossillon, Bryan Woodford, Larry Smith, Irene Schiedecker, Nicole Von Gaza, Russ Hansen, Jim Griffin, Dick Gibson, Kelly Rose, Andrea Steirle, Justine Conlan, and Robert Edwards.

Treasurer's Report: Mitzi said the balance was \$7,554.86 with \$511.59 in bills paid, and an income of \$159 from salvage sales. Total assets were reported at \$13,306. She said the HIP grants still needed to be paid out. Irene said she sold 3 stained glass books.

Education: No report.

Ordinance and Oversight: Following some general discussion about the ordinance, Larry explained that Historical Advisor Mark Reavis would write the guidance for implementation. He suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea to consider including language to change the makeup of the historical commission to include more persons with professional expertise in the field of historic preservation. After going over the positive points in the ordinance, Mitzi expressed some concern that the public safety provisions might be misused. In particular were the "owner consent" clause and the lack of any discussion about inappropriate renovation and remodeling. The first of three public hearings would be held on November 21st, and the membership agreed to have the board draft a letter to present to the Council of Commissioners at that time.

HIP grants: No report.

Dust to Dazzle: Dick said he got Denny Dutton to list his house on the 2007 tour.

Longfellow School: Robert gave his summary of the building tour, and said he thought the historic portion was perhaps 40% of the entire building. He went on to say that the historic portion appeared to have three components, and that there was very little that needed to be done to preserve the building. He drew a sketch to show how the water damage had occurred and what could be done to stop it from getting any worse. He also sketched some small fire-damaged areas. None of the other members who were also on the tour noticed any friable asbestos. Justine asked about CPR taking action and Mitzi recommended that we wait until we find out what the school board is going to recommend.

Vernacular Architecture Forum: Larry went over the materials mailed to the forum, and said he felt sure the conference would be held in Butte in 2009. He asked Rolene Schliesman, architectural historian with the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, about tours and fund-raising opportunities around Butte, and how CPR could assist with as well as benefit from the conference.

YMCA Cleanup: Irene reported that not too many people came, but the 6th floor got pretty clean regardless. The same couldn't be said for the 5th floor, however. She didn't think there was much potential for salvage items. Irene said in conclusion that there were no plans for another cleanup.

Scholarship Committee: No movement this month. Andrea volunteered to talk to Steve Luft to let him know what we'd like to do. Dick said that if we put together an announcement, he'd post it on the website. He said he thought it could help with fund-raising. General discussion followed about what the applicants should do, and it was agreed that they could prepare a short paper to present at a CPR meeting.

501c(3): Larry hadn't heard anything from the attorney reviewing CPR's application, despite telling her that he wanted to submit it before Thanksgiving.

Dumas Brothel: Larry asked about the sale of the Dumas. Mitzi relayed a request from Mykl Meagher to work with Rudy to figure out some sort of deal to get the building. Robert said he knew of 4 liens against the brothel and \$48,000 in liabilities (check with Robert). He said the roof was bad and the foundation needed some work, and he asked CPR to ask the URA for money to pay for the repairs. Justine volunteered to look into it and Irene said she'd find out about the tax status. Dick and Larry thought the County Restoration Alliance might have money available. Since the Parrott tailings were not removed, they thought there should be historic restoration money available.

BLDC: Mitzi brought up the community business plan. She thought CPR ought to know what's in it. She pointed out that one of their goals is making Butte a tourist destination and that their plans were good, but could be expanded - such as making Butte a historic preservation "center" or "area". She said the plan was on BLDC's website and Main St. Uptown website also.

Old Business: Mitzi revisited the issue of the psychiatric center proposed for Copper St. across from Irene's house, and said that perhaps CPR could protest the facility based on design problems.

Historical Commission: No report

Community Enrichment Committee: Mitzi passed out the minutes of the last meeting. Larry stressed that Ed Drabant has not been cited. He went on to say that Ed's place looks pretty good and also that the house near Ed's would be a great addition to the website.

URA: No report.

Main St. Uptown: Jim mentioned the possibility that a large folk festival may be held in Butte. If so, it would be a great tourist source, since the sponsoring organization holds the festival in the same community 3 years in a row (find out name of festival and organization).

New Business: Larry brought up a request by Julie Crowley to have CPR to hold money from a grant that Mike Byrnes received from Coca-Cola to paint the Coke ghost sign. Coke will only grant money to a non-profit, and Old Butte Historical Adventures wouldn't be qualified to receive the money. Larry said Julie will have a presentation next month.

Robert mentioned that the **Grand Hotel** had been donated to a Mr. Greg MacDonald to run a culinary school for at-risk kids. He asked for help in cleaning the place on Saturday, the 18th. Larry told him that's where CPR stores it's salvaged windows and other items, and it was fine to move the stored items to where they wouldn't be in the way.

Action Items: 501c(3), find out what we can do or just submit. Council of Commissioners meeting on the 21st. Individual members are encouraged to attend.

December meeting - Broadway Cafe at 6pm on December 15th. \$10 per person.