

May 8, 2007 • Leonard Hotel, 215 W. Granite

The May meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Andrea Stierle, Nicole von Gaza, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards, Stephen Foreman, Bryan Woodford, Irene Scheidecker, Sharon Amundson, Kelly Rose, Darcel Yarrington, Josh Yarrington, and Dick Gibson. New additions to the membership mailing list are posted in the "Members Only" pages.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted and summarized by Dick.

HELP NEEDED

- Dust to Dazzle volunteers: Kelly Rose
- Jr. Historian walkabout: 7:00 May 16, Court House
- Newspaper articles - Ideas & words: Nicole von Gaza
- Work Party - Dumas 6:00 May 15
- Copper Ball June 16: Julie Tintinger

ACTION ITEMS - May-June 2007

- Everyone - Comments to Nicole on Design Pamphlet, by Friday May 11
- Everyone - Work Party clean up at Dumas, 6:00 pm Tues May 15
- Dick - check on eligibility of CPR for TIIP grants re: Dumas [answer: no]
- Mitzi - work on frame issues for preservation award
- Irene - check with Cindi re: historic photo for award
- Dick - send historic preservation month press release;
communicate with Ellen about mailing list; finalize talk on VAF/Savannah
- Irene - check with NPS on windows workshop
- HIP Grant Committee - review applications after May 11 deadline
- Larry - talk to Toni about pre-existing newspaper article on wrought iron
- Dick & Irene - finalize Stained Glass PowerPoint show
- Nicole - finalize Appropriate Design pamphlet after comments received; newspaper articles (list of topics - with Dick)
- Kelly - talk to Butte Board of Realtors re: Donation to HIP program
- Robert - review Salvage info on web site and tell Dick about any changes to make

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance,
\$8984.37 (checking),
\$5791.75 (CD).

Education: The Pamphlet of Appropriate Historic Design and Materials for Renovation, for realtors and others, was distributed by Nicole for discussion and input. Members were asked to have suggestions and corrections to Nicole by Friday May 11 so that we can get this into production. Dick suggested that we might want to consider having a second brochure, summarizing the Guidelines of the Historic Preservation Commission. Those guidelines are not expected to be final for another couple months.

The Dust to Dazzle

Tour. Kelly reported that things are proceeding

nicely. Volunteers are needed for distributing advertising posters to out-of-town locations. The posters should be available by the next CPR meeting, June 12. The Historic Preservation Commission voted to approve having representatives (Mary McCormick and Mark Reavis) on hand at one of the locations to answer questions about the new Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Guidelines.

Stained Glass Tour - The tour was successful, with four guides each escorting about 20 people on the walk. Mitzi reported that we sold \$50 worth of Stained Glass books, and received an additional \$51 in donations. Participants seemed to enjoy the format of walking with a guide.

Hot Water Heat Workshop (Robert, Larry, Irene, Bob Walker) - working on reformatting a lengthy document prepared by Montana Tech PTC students and converting it into a pamphlet. No report this month.

Brick Workshop: on track for July.

Windows Workshop - no report - suggestion was made previously to explore re-running this program, either with National Park Service people as previously, or on our own. Irene will check with the NPS about possibilities.

Ordinance & Oversight: no report

HIP Grants: Application deadline is May 11. Two applications are in hand and numerous email and phone inquiries have been received. One grant recipient from last year has requested an extension; after some discussion, it was decided that such a request must be made by letter.

Butte Restoration Alliance: Dick reported on the activities of the Historic Preservation Subcommittee of the BRA - they have been touring mine yards with the goal of identifying needed or useful actions in three categories: preservation and maintenance, safety, and role in the long-term Regional Historic Preservation Plan. The group is trying to identify which actions are most critical, as well as those that can be attained at low cost. The plan is to make a recommendation to the full Butte Restoration Alliance as to how ARCO Redevelopment Trust monies might be channeled to this cause. Dick also reported that there are discussions underway within the BSB Government regarding the nature of the governing board for managing and disseminating the ARCO Redevelopment Trust money (\$15 million). Ultimately the City Council will decide on the nature of the board.

Salvage: Short discussions of sales and prices and the fact that over the years CPR has probably sold on the order of \$10,000 worth of salvage. The volume is much less these days than it once was, however. Larry Smith expressed interest in no longer being the point person for salvage issues, and Robert Edwards volunteered to handle that. Robert will review the information on salvage on the web site and will tell Dick of any changes needed.

Grants: Discussion of grants in general and the need for the Board to indicate to the Grants Committee (Jen Titus, Andrea Stierle, Dick Gibson - others very welcome!) when suggested grants ought to be pursued, or dropped. Discussion of possible TIIP grant deferred to Dumas discussion, below.

OLD BUSINESS

Longfellow School: no one had any new information as to the high bidder actually acquiring the building, or not.

Dumas: CPR has received Curt Buttons' donation and will be proceeding with work as well as pursuing URA assistance. Robert asked for a work party to do general clean up before we consider asking any contractors in; the clean-up was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 15. There was some discussion about playwright Susan Roberts' plan to put on plays at the Covellite Theater with the proceeds donated to CPR for the Dumas work. Montana Standard article. The plays will be June 7-8-9 at the Covellite. Also, Dick will investigate whether CPR may or may not qualify for TIIP grants to be used for Dumas work. Robert also said that George Everett has told him that Mainstreet Uptown Butte is committed to helping as well.

Butte Fire Department: No report.

Contractor listings on web site: following on the discussion from last month, a brief discussion indicated that we still want to consider this idea. Larry pointed out for comparison the Iowa Preservation contractors' page which has little use. Larry has a message in to them to inquire about their criteria etc. The topic of a web forum was brought up - a venue where individuals could discuss this and other questions. Dick said that he and Max have that on their list.

NHLD Expansion Celebration: Archives-sponsored events will include dedication of the BA&P RR trail, June 11 or 12, and official events at Walkerville, Butte, and Anaconda June 15. On Saturday June 16, Butte CPR in cooperation with Old Butte Historical Adventures will conduct a free Labor History Walking Tour, beginning at noon at 117 N. Main. Saturday evening, June 16, the Copper Ball will be held at the Silver Bow Club; Julie T. & Julie C. want your help for set-up etc.! Contact Julie T. at 563-3186.. More details can be found on our Calendar Page.

National Historic Preservation Month: Dick provided a shopping list of activities, details of which can be found on our Calendar Page. See under New Business for the CPR Preservationist of the Year Award. Dick also asked for input on the Junior Historian program. [Following note added by Secretary after meeting] Andrea volunteered to participate in a walkabout to consider questions; this walk was scheduled for Wed. May 16 at 7:00 pm at the Court House, will all interested parties encouraged to attend.

Newspaper articles: Nicole and Dick are working on a list of topics for the newspaper article series. Input welcome!!

NEW BUSINESS

Protect-a-Gate Effort: CPR's help at protecting historic wrought iron gates from theft was spurred by recent thefts. Although the project was just announced last Sunday (May 6), Mitzi, Larry, and Robert reported a lot of interest as well as appreciation. The work is done by Robert. Details and links to press coverage.

Mailings for Ellen: Ellen Crain had requested our mailing list to send invitations to the NHLD expansion celebration events. We decided that, while of course everyone trusts Ellen, we did not want to set a precedent regarding our privacy policy, so we will ask Ellen for copies of the invitation which we will send to our membership.

Preservation Award: After some discussion, highly supportive of the idea, Dick moved that CPR establish a "Preservationist of the Year" Award and that for 2007 it be presented to John Richen. The motion passed, and discussion followed as to the nature of the award. Irene will check with Cindi Shaw on historical photos, and Mitzi will deal with frame issues. The date of the presentation ceremony is to be determined as John is out of town for about a month.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Dick reported that the commission's internal review of the draft guidelines for historic preservation for locally listed properties under the new ordinance is complete. Staff of the Historic Preservation Office and Health Department will create a second draft that will be returned to the Commission for further review and will also be made available for public comment; a public hearing on the matter will be scheduled.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Everyone agreed that the efforts by Bob Baide to save the historic St Paul's Church, site of the 1918 Omar Bradley raid, were admirable. We all signed a thank-you card for Bob.

Irene said that the Leonard sale fell through, and that they will probably de-list the place for the required period before trying to sell it again.

The next meeting will be **June 12 at the Leonard Hotel**.