

## June 12, 2007 • Leonard Hotel, 215 W. Granite

The June meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Jen Titus, Cindi Shaw, Curt Buttons, Robert Edwards, Stephen Foreman, Irene Scheidecker, Sharon Amundson, 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.

**Treasurer's Report:** No formal report; no significant activity

**Education:** The Pamphlet of Appropriate Historic Design and Materials for Renovation, done. Nicole was asked to contact Realtors (CPR members)

Sue & Scott Lewis to get a supply of the pamphlet to them, and to ask them to distribute them to Realtors to give to property purchasers.

The **Dust to Dazzle Tour**. Posters were delivered and members present took some to post. Most are to go to Carrie and Justine for distribution. Tickets for the tour are at the printer and should be available for advance purchase as scheduled, June 15.

**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 19 & 21.

**Windows Workshop** Irene contacted the NPS and they are eager to repeat their workshop. Scheduling issues will delay it until sometime in October. Irene will keep this on her radar screen.

**Ordinance & Oversight:** no report

**HIP Grants:** Six awards, totaling \$3,000, were announced: 659 Maryland Street, painting, Jen Titus,

### ACTION ITEMS - June-July 2007

- **Nicole** - Get a supply of the Design Pamphlet to Sue & Scott Lewis for distribution to realtors
- **Larry et al.** - Get CPR brochures and other distributables to Josh's house by 6:00 pm June 29, for redistribution to each of the D2D venues
- **Larry** - contact Smith Contracting re: IC School demolition and possibility of salvage
- **Board** - discuss budget and possible extra HIP grant money
- **Mitzi & Irene** - Preservationist of the Year award: deal with physical award/frame, photo etc
- **Dick** - send Press Release for Preservationist of the Year
- **Andrea** - send HIP grant press release and official letters to recipients
- **Everyone** - Robert & Co. can use help when doing the Wrought Iron Gate securing
- **Larry** - deal with 501(c)3 and state tax issues
- **Dick** - contact Pauline DeBarthy re: Welcome Packet info from CPR
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Dick** - change phone # on Salvage page
- **Robert** - put "for sale" sign at 945 W. Granite
- **Dick** - finalize Junior Historian program

\$900; the old Blue Ox, 601 W. Park, painting, Etchingshams, \$750; corner Montana & Park, historic light fixtures, Bryan Woodford, \$450; 415 W. Broadway, porch work, Dan Rice, \$250; 845 W. Granite, historic steps recreation, Josh Yarrington, \$150; 724 Maryland, repoint & bolt bricks, Derringer LLC, \$500.

Discussion focused on the fact that some of the grantees from last year probably will not complete their work within the allowed one-year period, thus freeing up additional previously budgeted funds. Mitzi moved and it was approved to have the Board discuss a full budget plan in general, and the topic of applying this additional money from last year to 2007 awardees. At the recommendation of the HIP Grant Committee, selected 2007 recipients will receive a notification letter indicating the possibility of additional funding. Andrea will send the official grant letters and will also send the press release on the awards.

Kelly has sent a letter to the Butte Board of Realtors requesting a continuance of their generous annual support of the HIP Grant program; no response as of this meeting.

**Butte Restoration Alliance:** Dick reported that the Historic Preservation Subcommittee of the BRA has continued 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 subcommittee is to make a presentation on their observations and recommendations at the next full B.R.A. meeting, Monday June 18.

**Salvage:** Calls are coming in; Dick is to change the listed phone number on the web site from Jim Warner's to Robert Edwards'.

**Grants:** Dick discussed the Preserve America grant program, which must be applied for by a city government agency, but they are seeking proposals that marry private cultural tourism organizations, local historic preservation organizations, and government activities. Dick will work with Mark Reavis to try to make such an application happen by the deadline June 29.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Dumas:** Robert reported that during the clean-out, significant brick collapse occurred, but at least the place is now accessible for contractors to evaluate needs. Robert is coordinating contacts with contractors for repair work. The Susan Roberts pass-the-hat fundraising plays, "Scarlet Ribbons," netted CPR \$1300 for the work on the Dumas! Thanks! Susan and company seek another venue in Butte to repeat the performances - they have been invited to Toronto, Ontario, by a producer who saw the play at the Covellite. The possibility of the Montana Tech Theater was discussed.

**NHLD Expansion Celebration:** Events we re-announced. More details can be found on our NHLD Page.

**Protect-a-Gate effort:** 20 have been done and 50 requests are outstanding. Toni will help, Robert will loan her his portable welder. Robert could use volunteers to help with logistics when the work is going on - they usually try to do it Monday and Tuesday evenings.

**Newspaper articles:** List of topics and contact info are posted in the Members Only area. Input welcome!!

**Preservation Award:** John Richen was in town but is gone again. It was decided to "just do it" and get the physical award to him as possible. Irene, Mitzi, and Cindi will deal with the physical award. Dick will send a press release on the award.

**501(c)3:** The IRS acknowledged our application. There are some things to do regarding state taxes,

including need for a signed copy of our By-Laws - Larry will deal with it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Welcome Packet:** Dick & Mitzi talked about a packet of CPR stuff for newcomers - Nicole's pamphlet, CPR Brochure, etc. Dick will contact Pauline DeBarthy (Newcomer's Club) regarding this.

**945 W. Granite - For Sale:** Mark Reavis contacted Larry about us listing this property "For Sale" - Larry told him we have had it on our web site for months, but that we were not going to pay for ads and such, but we were willing to add a "For Sale" sign and the owner's phone number to the property. Robert will do this.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**Historic Preservation Commission:** Dick reported that the commission's draft guidelines for historic preservation for locally listed properties under the new ordinance should be in second draft and ready for public review and comment during July, with advancement to the Council for the approval process during August. Two new members of the Historic Preservation Commission will be Dick Gibson and Alana LaRock (after Council approval), and there is still one vacancy; interested parties should express interest to Chief Executive Paul Babb. During the HPC meeting, it was announced that the Fire Dept. will no longer be using historic properties of any condition for target practice.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Cindi Shaw reported that the Council of Commissioners had accepted the low bid for **demolition of the IC School**, at a cost of \$63,500. Demolition is expected within four weeks. Because of asbestos issues, no salvage will be permitted by the city-county, but Larry Smith will contact the demolition contractor, Smith Contracting (no relation to Larry) regarding possibilities through them.

The next meeting will be **July 10 at the Leonard Hotel**.