

## *July 10, 2007 • Leonard Hotel, 215 W. Granite*

The July meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Curt Buttons, Robert Edwards, Toni Seccomb, Julie Crowley, Kelly Rose, Mykl Meagher, Denny Dutton, Nicole von Gaza, Bryan Woodford, Mitzi Rossillon, Don Scheidecker, Larry Smith, Irene Scheidecker, 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:**

\$12,622 in checking with some bills to pay.

**Education:** The Pamphlet of Appropriate Historic Design and Materials for Renovation: Nicole will write a cover letter and will distribute them to Realtors to give to property purchasers.

The **Dust to Dazzle Tour**. Kelly and Mitzi reported a great success: 47 volunteers, approximately 300 attendees, gross revenue \$3462, about \$500 more than last year; this more than covers HIP Grants. Visitors came from all over (CA, NY, GA, WA; including 2 who came from Spokane specifically for the tour). It is clear that the newspaper is the best form of promotion.

**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. Larry talked to Mike Hogan about plumbers who could help, and will talk to Mike again and ask him to help review the pamphlet.

### **ACTION ITEMS - July-August 2007**

- **Nicole** - write letter to accompany distribution of design pamphlet to Realtors, and distribute
- **Larry** - Talk with Mike Hogan about plumbers and Hot Water Heat workshop, ask Mike to review pamphlet
- **Larry** - talk with RHR and other contractors about bids for Dumas brick work etc.
- **Irene** - Preservationist of the Year award: finalize physical award
- **Robert** - when Irene finishes award, get Preservationist of the Year plaque to John Richen
- **Larry** - write letter to accompany Preservationist of the Year award
- **Andrea** - send HIP grant press release
- **Larry** - Send Dumas nomination for MPA endangered property list (due July 31)
- **Dick** - add Granite/Wyoming gas station to our threatened page
- **Dick** - contact Pauline DeBarthy re: Welcome Packet info from CPR (carry over from last time)
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Dick** - Draft press release about Dumas donations (Scarlett Ribbons, Curt Buttons, etc)
- **Dick** - Uptown Historian program: copy and distribute
- **Julie** - draft letter for input from Boardies regarding theft of city property (cobblestones etc) and lack of policy to deal with such things

**Brick Workshop:** on track for July 19 & 21.

**Windows Workshop** Anticipated in October; nothing new to report.

**Ordinance & Oversight:** no report

**HIP Grants:** Some discussion of extensions for last year's awardees. Andrea will send a press release about the Grants.

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:** Larry 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.

**Salvage:** Calls are coming in about making donations; but Robert reported no sales nor actual donations of late.

**Grants:** Dick reported that the possible Preserve America grant application, due June 29, did not happen. Julie has volunteered to join the Grants Committee, which is Jen Titus, Andrea, Julie, and Dick. They are trying to keep tabs on potential grant opportunities so that we have enough time to do something, should we choose to do so.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Dumas:** Larry is going to contact RHR and other contractors about coming in to bid on brick and other work. Dick will send a press release focusing on Curt's generous \$20,000 donation, other donations, and the fact that we seek additional financial support.

**Protect-a-Gate effort:** 22 new ones have been done and 45 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!! Nicole needs at least 8 complete articles in hand before approaching the paper.

**Preservation Award:** The award was announced in the paper, and Irene is essentially finished with the plaque. It will go to Robert who will give it to John when he is back in town, expected in a couple weeks.

**Uptown Historian:** Andrea and Bill M. reviewed Dick's draft, which was passed around at the meeting. Comments due back to Dick by Thursday, at which time he will have copies made and get it distributed.

**Welcome Packet:** Dick was supposed to contact Pauline DeBarthy (Newcomer's Club) regarding this, but has not done it yet. [moved to Old Business by Secretary]

## NEW BUSINESS

**MPA Call for Endangered Properties Nominations** - July 31 deadline. Discussion focused on the Dumas, Longfellow School, and the old Gas Station at Wyoming and Granite. Larry will write up the nomination form for the Dumas. Dick will add the gas station to our Threatened page.

**Developer's packet news:** The lots on E. Copper received two proposals, the Mental Health Center

and the Scheidecker's proposal for a Labor History interpretive center, B & B, and small RV Park. The public hearing scheduled for the Council meeting of July 11 was postponed to July 25. Creditable interest has also been expressed in the two Granite Street properties offered by BSB.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**Historic Preservation Commission:** No July meeting, no report.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Julie Crowley mentioned that a local "restoration" person was caught stealing city-owned cobblestones from the city streets. Our discussion focused on the need for Butte-Silver Bow to at least have a policy that prevents construction workers or others from taking city-owned materials that may be historic or valuable or both; Julie will begin drafting a letter to BSB officials outlining our concerns about this.

The next meeting will be **August 14 at the Leonard Hotel**.