

August 14, 2007 • Leonard Hotel, 205 W. Granite

The August meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Julie Crowley, Mykl Meagher, Mitzi Rossillon, Larry Smith, Stephen Foreman, Josh Yarrington, Andrea Stierle, Irene Scheidecker, and Dick Gibson. New additions to the membership mailing list are posted in the "Members Only" pages.

Ellen Crain gave a presentation about the Archives' proposed bond issue to expand and rehabilitate the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives. There will be a

mail-in ballot in late October-early November that requires a 40% return and a majority of those voting to pass the \$7.5 million bond issue. In discussion, CPR collectively and individually embraced the idea and promised to do what they could to get out the vote and to get information into the hands of voters. Various ideas were discussed, including door-to-door information distribution, stuffing envelopes, adding info to CPR's e-Newsletter, and other ideas. A few concepts require legal opinions as to what levels of advocacy, donations, etc. the Archives can participate directly in; Ellen expects information about that following a meeting with the County Attorney this week.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,939 in checking; approximately \$5,000 in CD.

Education:





Articles for Newspaper - Nicole still seeks to have a slush pile of 8 or more articles. Several people signed up to write articles (see Members Only section for list). Please contribute! Articles need only run 300-350 words.

Hot Water Heat Workshop (Robert, Larry, Irene, Bob Walker) - Irene reviewed a lengthy document prepared by Montana Tech PTC students and had thoughts about converting it into a pamphlet. Larry will talk to Mike Hogan again and ask him to help review the pamphlet.

Uptown Historian Program - Dick reported that about 600 copies had been distributed to hotels, attractions, and businesses both in the Flat and Uptown.

Windows Workshop Discussion focused on scheduling and grant possibilities. The decision was to try to put the workshop off until Spring, when people might be getting ready to use what they

ACTION ITEMS - Aug-Sept 2007

-  **CPR Board** - meeting 7 pm Monday Aug 20 at Josh's home
-  **Larry** - Talk with Mike Hogan about plumbers and Hot Water Heat workshop, ask Mike to review pamphlet
- **Andrea** - send HIP grant press release
-  **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)
-  **Julie** - draft letter for input from Boardies regarding theft of city property (cobblestones etc) and lack of policy to deal with such things
- **Irene** - talk to Glenn Bodish and Tom Cohan (National Park Service) about details and scheduling for Historic Windows Workshop
- **Mykl** - obtain copy of job description for HPO/Mark Reavis' position(s)

learn. This would also give us more time to seek grants for partial coverage of the \$5000 cost of the program (National Park Service says they can cover \$2500). Sub-grants from the SHPO's Preserve America grant (\$100,000 earmarked for training) should be available soon (a few weeks, probably). Discussion included a possible venue (MoFAB) and interactions with the COT Historic Preservation Program - and making those good things happen probably demands more than 2 months prep time. Irene will discuss with Glenn Bodish and the NPS folks about the schedule etc.

HIP Grants: Two of last year's grantees submitted receipts, and were approved for payment. Andrea is coordinating with Kelly and will send a press release about the 2007 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: No report

Salvage: No report

Grants: We are supposed to hear about the NEH Virtual Historic Butte grant in September. The Montana Cultural & Aesthetic Grant, which we got and which will kick in soon, requires that we think about the place for an office and other issues related to that grant application. The Board will meet Monday August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Josh Yarrington's to consider this.

OLD BUSINESS

Dumas: Larry has been soliciting bids, but many licensed contractors are not interested because the project is too small. We have one bid, for the roof work, at \$22,500. We discussed how to approach the URA for matching. We have received a very nice support letter from Ellen Baumler with the Montana Historical Society to be used in connection with such applications.

Protect-a-Gate effort: ongoing; Toni will help

Developers' Packet News - E. Copper lots were awarded to the Mental Health Organization. The two West Granite properties were awarded but no one was sure to whom.

Welcome Packet: Dick was supposed to contact Pauline DeBarthy (Newcomer's Club) regarding this, but has not done it yet.

CPR Library - everyone thinks it is a good idea and this will become a more useful item once the question of where we will have an office is settled.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Officer - Mark Reavis resigned from his position as Property Manager and Preservation Advisor effective August 20. Discussion focused on the job description for a replacement, inasmuch as Mark was not, we think, strictly speaking a "Historic Preservation Officer". CPR is interested in actively participating in helping define the position. Mykl will get an existing BSB job description from the city-county and Dick will contact Rolene at the SHPO to clarify the requirements of the CLG (Certified Local Government) vis-a-vis the HPO.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Dick reported that the HPC had its first demolition review of the year, and although the property in question is a contributing property, conditional approval was granted

because the property was in bad shape last year *before* the Fire Department used it for target practice; there had been a promise of removal, unfulfilled, and the property (1126 S. Arizona) essentially fell into limbo with the new ordinance coming into effect later. Conditions attached to the approval include a new proposed building to undergo HPC design review, and the new vacant lot to be landscaped and screened in an acceptable manner. The HPC also discussed the need for URA granting to be done in a consistent manner and that the HPC should be able to have design review input to URA decisions. This will be an important topic at the next HPC meeting.

URA Parking Garage - apparently the upshot of the public meeting held August 9 was that there is a lot more groundwork to be laid, ranging from ownership issues and relationships to the question of need and of location.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mykl Meagher asked about the CPR's philosophy of serving as a non-profit go-between for grant applications, specifically for the O'Rourke. The question was tabled at Andrea's suggestion, pending a time when a specific proposal can be reviewed.

The next meeting will be **September 11 at the Leonard Hotel.**