

# September 11, 2007 • Leonard Hotel, 205 W. Granite

The September meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Mykl Meagher, Mitzi Rossillon, Larry Smith, Stephen Foreman, Irene Scheidecker, Dick Gibson, Rudy Giecek, Curt Buttons, Robert Edwards, and Nicole von Gaza. New additions to the membership mailing list are posted in the "Members Only" pages.

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

## Treasurer's Report:

Expenses since July 10: \$3782, mostly in HIP Grant disbursements. Income \$529. Checking balance = \$8779; CD = \$5818; Dumas account balance (accounting for value of stock donation) = \$18,830.

## Education:

**Articles for Newspaper** - Nicole still seeks to have a slush pile of 8 or more 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) - Larry passed the document to Mike Hogan for review.

**Windows Workshop** Irene will work on planning and scheduling for Spring 2008.

**Butte Restoration Alliance:** No report

**Salvage:** No report

**Grants:** We were notified that we were not awarded a grant for Virtual Historic Butte from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Preserve America sub-grants for training through the SHPO are coming up soon; this would be a good fit for funding the windows workshop.

## ACTION ITEMS - Sept-Oct 2007

- **CPR Board** - meeting TBA for ongoing plans on C&A grant
- **Mitzi** - deal with C&A '06-'07 report
- **Larry** - contact Paul Babb re: cobblestones issue for planning discussion
- **Irene** - Meet with Archives board re: CPR's help in bond issue vote
- **Andrea** - send HIP grant press release (carryover from last time)
- **Dick** - find digital info on C&A grant; **Irene** - find paper info
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Dick** - call a meeting on Virtual Historic Butte - ongoing plans
- **Larry** - contact Jim Jarvis re: HPO position
- **Larry** - contact Karen Byrnes, George Everett re: Dumas URA application etc.
- **Irene** - talk to Glenn Bodish and Tom Cohan (National Park Service) about details and scheduling for Historic Windows Workshop
- **Robert** - Draft description for safeguarding gates; then **Dick** - make brochure
- **Dick** - collate materials and get to Newcomer's Club

## OLD BUSINESS

**O'Rourke:** Mykl reported that the proposal he suggested last time had fallen through.

**Historic Preservation Officer position:** Dick reported from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting 9/11 that because of vacation time etc., Mark Reavis's position cannot be filled before at least December, but they will likely advertise in October or November. There was an indication at the HPC meeting that the HPC would be able to have a role in the job description and the interview process. It must be offered internally (BSB employees) first, then can be advertised more broadly (discussion suggested that "broadly" means well beyond Butte and even beyond Montana). Larry is going to contact Jim Jarvis re: possible interest.

**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. There are 2 bids for the masonry work (one not quite in hand). We discussed how to approach the URA for matching; under new URA rules, they will only provide up to 25% of a project's financing. Larry will meet with Karen Byrnes (URA) regarding application procedures etc., and he will talk to George Everett about MainStreet's offer of support.

**Historic Artifact Preservation (cobblestones):** Discussion ended with the decision that Larry will explore with Paul Babb the possibility of planning a meeting among government, contractors, CPR, and other interested parties to discuss the issue. Mitzi and Irene volunteered to help and Dick volunteered Julie Crowley in absentia, given her interest in this.

**Plans for supporting Archives bond issue:** Discussion ended with Irene volunteered to talk to the Archives Board and/or Butte Historical Society regarding how we (CPR) can best help. Larry pointed out that the Butte Historical Society will be meeting at the Archives Thursday Sept. 20.

**Protect-a-Gate effort:** ongoing; considerable backlog. The suggestion was made to create a brochure telling people how they can do their own protecting. Robert will draft the description for Dick to convert to a brochure; Dick will take pictures next time they go out doing the work.

**Newcomer's Club:** Dick talked to Elaine Harris, and they will be happy to distribute our materials (CPR brochure, Nicole's design pamphlet, HIP grant flier, Uptown Historian flier, and Cultural Booklet) to their members. They would also like CPR to give a talk at one of their monthly meetings (first Wednesdays).

## NEW BUSINESS

**Cultural & Aesthetic Grant (Stained Glass), FY '06-'07:** We got a form for the final reporting on this grant. Mitzi will take care of it.

The Board meeting August 20 focused on the **new C&A grant, to fund an office, telephone, and person** (about 25% time). We only got half the requested amount (\$10,000 over 2 years). Discussion focused on the idea of a membership drive to raise funds that would help support the shortfall in the grant; and consensus was that even if there was a remaining shortfall, this "bringing CPR to a higher level" of professionalism was important enough that at least for the first year, we would spend from our reserve cash to make this happen (the amount would be on the order of \$2500 in the absence of other revenue). Dick and Irene are to look for digital and paper copies, respectively, of the grant application, for the job description etc. The Board will meet for ongoing discussion and action on this.

Dick made several announcements and requests: (1) Irene and Dick will give their **Stained Glass talk** at the Missoula Public Library on October 3, as part of the library's "Know Montana" series. (2) Pat

Mohan has obtained print copies of all the SHPO historic plaques in Butte; this would lend itself well to some version of a small-scale continuation of the unfunded "**Virtual Historic Butte**" project. Also, Stephen Foreman in the BSB GIS department is involved in using Google Sketch-up to create 3-D renderings of some buildings, which was to have been another part of the Virtual Historic Butte Project. A meeting will be called to plot and scheme how (or if) the Virtual Historic Butte project should proceed; CPR is happy to continue whatever happens under its aegis. (3) The **National Summit of Mining Communities** is coming to Butte in 2008. Julie Crowley is going with a group to Leadville in two weeks to scope out the Summit for 2007, and she will presumably represent historic preservation interests. (4) Justin Ringsak, organizer of the **Divides and Watersheds** art and education program at MOFAB October 5-6, invited us to display our brochures. We said yes.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**Historic Preservation Commission:** (1) Discussion focused on the need for the URA to return to having its ordinance-mandated design review for funded projects. The commission decided to approach the URA in this regard, to explore how this can be attained and how the HPC's mission can also be reached. Rick Larson and Mary McCormick are spearheading this effort from the HPC. (2) The **Historic Preservation Guidelines** got sidetracked with much other business and Mark's resignation. Rick Larson, Mary McCormick, and Dick Gibson will be spearheading the effort to get this back on track.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

None.

The next meeting will be **October 9 at Dick Gibson's, 301 N. Crystal (at Quartz).**