

Jan. 13, 2009 • CPR Office, MoFAB

The January meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Nicole von Gaza, Denny Dutton, Dick Gibson, Curt Buttons, Andrea Stierle, Beth Yost, Kelly Rose, Steve Foreman, Mitzi Rossillon, Carrie Kiely, and Larry Smith.

The minutes from the last meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report: Review of 2008 Financial Report (included in Annual Report, linked above)

Education:

Articles for Newspaper

- We are on a hiatus after about 30 were published. The plan is to re-start the series Feb 1, but we need at least 6 in the slush pile to start again, and there is only one at this point. Mitzi indicated that Ellen Baumler is submitting one on the historic plaques.

ACTION ITEMS - Jan-Feb 2009

- **Larry** - Continue followup with Brown Plumbing, Thomas, etc. re roof drain for Dumas
- **Larry** - follow up with Chuck re: Cobblestones
- **Everyone** - review CPR Objectives and comment
- **Dick & Nicole** - next report for C&A Grant
- **HIP Grant committee** - review and finalize words in application & guidelines
- **Nicole** - press release re HIP grants when finalized
- **Dick** - Jim Warner Preservation Award article
-  **Larry** - HIP Files organizing and to office
- **Dick** - photos of all HIP awardees; map of all locations (carryover)
- **Dick** - get form for Salvage space (for users to report purchases etc) into salvage space
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole (Workshop-related hours to Larry)
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
-  **Dick** - send revolving fund draft proposal to board

Workshops: Discussion of grant reporting, and of plans for this year (and need to accomplish before June 30, when the SHPO Preserve America sub-grant expires. The wood restorer who had proposed a workshop to us died in November, but other workshops on the planning board include Windows (Irene - need to finalize dates), Bricks (Larry), Hot Water Heat (Mike Hogan), and Researching Property (Dick).

Dust to Dazzle tour: Kelly indicated that they have at least three, maybe four bungalows for the tour, which is tentatively set for Saturday June 20. They need a "dust". Discussion of Peggy Guccione's place on Silver St. as a possibility, as well as some others.

HIP Grants: Plan to move up application deadline so that winners can get the money sooner; indicated deadline is Friday April 3, which means we need to review the existing guidelines for changes including changing the phone number listed to the office phone. Discussion of encouraging people to come to the office during office hours for some guidance in application preparation, and/or a grant-writing workshop a couple weeks before the deadline (possibly March 21). Once things are set, a press release needs to go out soon (like early February).

Salvage: no report.

Grants: The Tourism Cares grant application, for \$11,000 to prepare and print various educational materials, was signed by Larry tonight and will be submitted this week.

OLD BUSINESS

Cobblestones: Larry to follow-up with Chuck Carrig re plan to incorporate cobblestone protection in the county's contract language.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

CPR Objectives: Topic was brought up as something to review given that it has been years since the Objectives list was crafted. Andrea reminded us that the original name used "revitalization" with the suggestion of encouraging adaptive reuse. The question was asked, to what extent does CPR want to be a purist in terms of Historic Preservation? How much adaptive reuse and change is acceptable to CPR? Other topics discussed included the perception problem in the community, for CPR and HP in general; the idea of focusing on best choices; our desire to choose best examples, as in Dust to Dazzle properties. The discussion is intended to be ongoing and all members are requested and encouraged to review CPR Objectives and to comment.

Education and Outreach: Julie has some ideas. Dick mentioned that some of this would mesh with the planned products from the Tourism Cares grant, if we get it. The topic was tabled pending Julie's presence to discuss.

Butte, America tickets: CPR got 6 complimentary tickets to the premiere this Saturday, for the board and officers. Discussion of how to allocate them. Final determination depends a bit on other possible sources of tickets.

Elections: The members present elected the following slate of Board of Directors: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Andrea Stierle, Carrie Kiely, Robert Edwards, and Julie Crowley. The Board then elected the following Officers: President, Larry Smith; Vice-President, Carrie Kiely; Treasurer, Mitzi Rossillon; Secretary, Dick Gibson. Terms begin immediately.

OTHER REPORTS

Mother Lode Theater: Larry reported on a plea from them for ways and means to come up with \$7,000 to pay for repairs to their lift. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Larry.

Butte Restoration Alliance: Anyone interested in serving should download an application at their web site and submit it by Friday Jan. 16.

Council of Commissioners: no report. Five new commissioners are in place.

Historic Preservation Commission:

- Vacancies: Two vacancies exist. Express your interest in serving to Paul Babb.

SHPO Award: Mitzi will be the only individual to receive one of the biennial Montana Historic Preservation Awards, presented January 14 in Helena. Congratulations, Mitzi!

OTHER DISCUSSION

Greek Cafe (88 E. Park): Discussion of what CPR can and should do. Money for stabilizing and eventually offering as a rational Developer's Packet is needed within the year; the possibility of the county declaring it a health and safety issue beyond that point looms. The discussion ended with CPR expressing a commitment to keeping the building standing, to work with potential investors, buyers,

and the county, and to explore possible means of determining whether or not the walls are actually moving and in danger of failing.

Revolving fund: Mitzi reminded us of the need to be prepared to do something - should we choose to do so - whenever the Arco Redevelopment Trust money becomes available, presently estimated at no earlier than May and more likely mid- to late summer. Dick said he had a 5-page draft proposal which he will send to the Board.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday Feb. 10.*