

Feb. 10, 2009 • College of Technology

The February meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m. In attendance were Nicole von Gaza, Dick Gibson, Andrea Stierle, Robert Edwards, Bryan Woodford, Mary McCormick, Mark Reavis, Julie Crowley, Mitzi Rossillon, Carrie Kiely, and Larry Smith.

The first hour and a quarter was an informal presentation by Mark and discussion of the nature, needs for changes, and possibilities for adjunct teachers in the College of Technology Historic Preservation Technology Program.

The action items from the last meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses about \$776, income about \$1665 (mostly dues), checking balance about \$8096.

Education:

Articles for Newspaper - We are on a hiatus after about 30 were published. The plan is to re-start the series March 1, but we need at least 6 in the slush pile to start again, and there are only two at this point. Dick is the coordinator, at Nicole's request.

Workshops: no reports

Dust to Dazzle tour: no reports

HIP Grants: HIP committee to finish review, send to full Board, and send final adjustments in announcement to Dick for the web site and Nicole for press release. Dick to finish scanning "good examples" and get on web site.

Salvage: Robert to check the lock, to prevent Mitzi from getting any madder at it.

Grants: Discussion of need to spend money in Preserve America SHPO sub-grant for workshops, or risk leaving it on the table. Discussion of whether or not they will pay for in-kind hours vs. reimburse actual cash expenses. Mention of need to send in C&A report to free up next release of dollars.

ACTION ITEMS - Feb-March 2009

- **Larry** - Continue followup with Brown Plumbing, Thomas, etc. re roof drain for Dumas (carryover)
- **Everyone** - review CPR Objectives and comment (carryover)
- **Nicole** - next report for C&A Grant (carryover)
- **HIP Grant committee** - review and finalize words in application & guidelines (carryover)
- **Nicole** - press release re HIP grants when finalized (carryover)
- **Dick** - get "good examples" of HIP grants on the web site
- **Robert** - check salvage lock
- **Dick** - Jim Warner Preservation Award article (carryover)
- **Dick** - photos of all HIP awardees; map of all locations (ongoing)
- **Dick** - get form for Salvage space (for users to report purchases etc) into salvage space (carryover)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole (Workshop-related hours to Larry)
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)

OLD BUSINESS

Cobblestones: Larry did follow-up with Chuck Carrig re plan to incorporate cobblestone protection in the county's contract language. Mark will mention this to Eileen Joyce.

Friends of the Greek Cafe: Report from Mitzi regarding pending (Feb. 19) grant application (National Park Service, Challenge Cost Share) and lengthy discussion of need to partner with the owner (BSB) and how to do it. Also report on draft letter to Council, response from Tom Beaudette on proposals for mothballing, 4-5 year re-roofing, and 20-year roofing. Also reported that we have a free ad on HistoricForSale.com and PreservationDirectory.com. Mitzi and Nicole have a meeting with the URA on Feb. 11 regarding partnering and commitment to some level of match to the potential NPS CCS grant.

CPR Objectives: No new discussion. Following is repeated from last month's minutes: 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.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

Education and Outreach: Julie discussed the historical mindset in the community that leads to a "demolition mentality." Discussion of ways to address that, including fliers and brochures explaining Landmarks, value to the community of historic preservation, programs in schools, articles in paper, presentations to Kiwanis et al., storytellers and oral history programs, and activities during National Historic Preservation Month (May). Dick indicated that some of this (fliers etc.) would fall under the Tourism Cares grant if we get it. Nicole offered to coordinate the National Historic Preservation Month activities.

Demolition Request for 313 S. Idaho: This is in the Historic Preservation Commission, expected to be on the agenda for March 3. Discussion suggested that CPR opposes this demolition. Mention was made of need to write letters (as individuals) to Commissioners when things like this come up.

Revolving Fund proposal draft: Important, but we're out of time for this meeting. Place on agenda for March meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Robert reported on a meeting among HPC members and BSB staff, including Chief Executive Paul Babb. (1) The main goal of the meeting was to encourage prompt advertising for the HPO position being vacated as of this Friday Feb. 13 by Chuck Carrig. Paul supported that and the plan is to have it advertised by Sunday Feb. 15. (2) The HPC asked for a budget of \$5,000, which was met favorably. (3) The HPC requested that BSB allocate money to subcontract the completion of the Historic Preservation Manual (formerly known as the "Guidelines"). Mary McCormick is drafting a proposal for this. (4) Paul expressed appreciation for the display we had last

year in the Court House for National Historic Preservation Month - this was taken as encouragement to do it again.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday March 10.*