

April 14, 2009 • MoFAB

The April meeting was called to order by Vice-President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:00 p.m. President Larry Smith arrived about 7:10 and conducted the rest of the meeting. In attendance were Nicole von Gaza, Dick Gibson, Andrea Stierle, Julie Crowley, Mitzi Rossillon, Carrie Kiely, Curt Buttons, Stephen Foreman, and Larry Smith.

The action items from the last meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report: We've moved our checking account from Wells Fargo to US Bank to eliminate maintenance fees.

Education:

Preservation Month

Activities - Nicole offered a long list of ideas, including the

possibility for funding educational booklets (topic - the NHLD etc.) through money from BSB's CLG funding. That is not final, yet. An abstract of the rest of her proposal follows, with names of organizers, coordinators, volunteers:

- The National Trust is sponsoring Preservation month in May and they have decided to go with the theme "THIS PLACE MATTERS" again. So I have planned our Preservation month here in Butte around the same theme and am using some of their ideas.
- My idea is that this is a perfect opportunity to write an informational booklet about Butte. It would start with a brief history and then launch into the NHLD - what it is, how it was selected, criteria for, how it affects property, etc. (info from NPS about landmarks). Then, since BSB would be "sponsoring" this publication, it would go on to explain BSB's role in Preservation and the NHLD. (HPC, ordinance, HPO, CLG) THEN I will focus on CPR and what we do and offer. Then a list of resources, websites, contacts, etc. This booklet would be titled "WHY THIS PLACE MATTERS." Hopefully this would be enough \$\$\$ to turn out a really great publication with photos. Dick has been strong-armed into assisting me with Publisher.
- These would be booklets to distribute around town, etc. I feel it is also a prime opportunity to get BSB and CPR on the same page in a positive way. People can see we are working together. For the good of PRESERVATION.


Nicole's ideas for May:

- MAY 1st : This is the first Artwalk of the season and Glenn Bodish really wants to use us to draw people into the MoFAB. So I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to host an open

ACTION ITEMS - April-May 2009

- **Larry** - Continue followup with Brown Plumbing, Thomas, etc. re roof drain for Dumas (carryover)
- **Nicole** - next report for C&A Grant (carryover)
- **Mitzi, Irene** - Windows Workshop - Grant adjustments, book buying
- **Irene, Mitzi** - Greek Cafe Thank-you + History Flyer (carryover)
- **Dick** - Jim Warner Preservation Award article (carryover)
- **Board** - review Mitzi's letter to URA re Eugenie Apts
- **Robert, Irene** - see items in Nicole's Preservation Month List
- **Dick** - photos of all HIP awardees; map of all locations (ongoing)
- **Dick** - check with board re: when HIP grant stuff is final, for news article
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole (Workshop-related hours to Larry)
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)

house and kick off Pres. Month. He said we can have the entire open room next to the office. He will advertise us along with everything else going on here on their poster, and we can even have some of his radio or TV time. (4 minute spot w/KXLf on April 28th) I am thinking of something like we had at the Leonard. Please come to the meeting with ideas.....refreshments, slideshow, Greek Café info table, upcoming workshops, etc. **NICOLE TO COORDINATE WITH HELP.**

- MAY 7, 8 & 9: Windows workshop. Preworkshop article in paper. **IRENE**
- MAY 31st: Stained Glass Tour. **DICK AND IRENE ORGANIZING.**
- ~ An open house day at the Sears building highlighting ongoing preservation efforts by the Kujawas. **ROBERT TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES** 
- ~ A Greek Café Day, drawing focus to the process we are in. Community Enrichment talked about painting the boards in the windows with scenes, etc. That could be something that could happen on that day. There is a CEC meeting tomorrow and I will let them know we want to do something for Pres. Month. Also, I envision one of Robert's banners with the "THIS PLACE MATTERS" logo on it, pasted to the side of the building. **NICOLE**
- ~ A screening of the documentary "BLUE VINYL"....complete with free carcinogenic microwave popcorn and koolaid. **POSSIBLY AT THE LIBRARY - IRENE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES**
- ~ Does anyone know of any other entertaining preservation-issue movies or documentaries? The horrors of lead paint? Arsenic in my Attic, oh no!!
- ~ offer to clean up threatened properties
- ~ A "career day," perhaps in conjunction with COT. - *Mitzi said "ain't gonna happen."*
- ~ Dick's traveling board that was in the Courthouse last year. If the HPC is not going to do anything with it, I suggest we use it in the Courthouse again and plaster it with the "This Place Matters" photos, which I will explain tonight at the meeting, for the month of May. - *Dick said permission is needed from Bill Melvin, and the HPC more or less has "dibs" on the display booth but it might be unlikely that they would do anything.*
- ~ With new publication in hand, sponsor talks at the High School, Assisted Living, Kiwanis, etc, throughout the month of May.
- ~ Opinion piece in Standard about why This Place Matters to kick off Pres. Month.
- ~ And, if I could get my act together, I could work with the Friends of the library to host a showing of the original glass window they want me to restore, along with a info about what the restoration requires. **NICOLE**

Everyone said whoopee and golly and if Nicole can make any part of this happen it will be great.

Articles for Newspaper - We are on a hiatus after about 30 were published. The plan is to re-start the series May 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: Windows: Scheduled for May 7-8-9. Irene needs to talk to Mitzi soon about what is needed to do to modify the PA grant so that we can buy books etc. which needs to be done soon if it is to happen. All agreed that buying wood-window repair books for the workshop, and for our library, was a good idea. **Brick repair:** Larry has scheduled the next one for June 25 & 27. Free for members, \$5 for others. The hands-on part will be at 829 S. Colorado (house owned by Carrie).

Dust to Dazzle tour: June 20. The 2009 Dust to Dazzle page is up. Contact CPR at info@buttepr.org if you would like to be on this committee or have ideas.

Vernacular Architecture Forum: Butte Day is Thursday June 11. Dick is still seeking warm

bodies to occupy the venues (homes mostly) that will be open all day that day. If you can help out, even for a half day, please contact Dick (723-9639, rigibson@earthlink.net) web site

HIP Grants: Five applications were received. The group present discussed at length the HIP grant committee's recommendations. Some decisions were made; some questions and/or working with applicants remain before all grants will be final.

Salvage:

Grants: We should hear any day now about the Rudd Center grant application to extend support for the workshops into 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Greek Cafe: nothing new (see Nicole's ideas, above)

313 S. Idaho demolition request: HPC at April meeting found it to be contributing, and is requesting concurrence from SHPO before making a final decision on the demolition request.

Revolving Fund Draft: Dick reported that the Restoration Alliance has sent a letter to Paul Babb requesting that the Alliance have a voting member on both the Arco Redevelopment Trust board and the NRD Restoration Board.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

Someone needs help mounting a historic plaque. Julie will send the information to Nicole, who can pass the request for a volunteer on to the CPR mailing list.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: The Realtor position has been filled by Denise Kelly, the former Executive Director of the World Museum of Mining. The HPC is back to its full complement of seven members.

Community Enrichment:

URA: Mitzi presented a letter she drafted to the URA regarding the Eugenia Apts. (200 block S. Montana). With any input from board members in the next few days, it will be sent soon.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Julie mentioned a calendar featuring quilts and architectural features that the Quilt Guild plans to create as a fund-raiser, and asked if CPR wanted to participate 50-50 in fifty calendars. Discussion supported the concept, but seemed to suggest that it might be hard to market and would not necessarily actually make any money - but could serve as a means for promotion, even if it cost CPR some money. Mitzi and others asked to see an example of the product. Julie to continue to follow up.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday May 12.*