

February 9, 2010 - Jacobs House

The February meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m. In attendance were Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Mike Hogan, Jean Abrams, David Abrams, John Lasky, George Holland, Bobbi Stauffer, Cindy Gaffney, and Mitzi Rossillon.

The first item of business was Fire Marshal John Lasky's

presentation on the Uptown arson problem. Because of a recent arrest in at least one case, and ongoing investigations, Mr. Lasky could not talk about specifics of any recent fires. He outlined Butte's unfortunate history of fires; he's been on the force since 1976 and was involved in fighting and investigating the many fires of the late 1970s and early 1980s, as well as the approximately 12 arsons in 1992-93 attributed to Monte Boston. Another 9-month period of fires in the 1990s focused on South Main Street, with one conviction. Mr. Lasky said, "You rarely see a fire in a clean house," meaning that one important means of prevention includes clean up (both inside and outside, the latter to remove combustible items of opportunity) of trash, weeds, junk, and general disrepair. He encouraged neighbors to watch neighborhoods. Other deterrents, for both fire and vandalism, include motion detectors, lights, security cameras (est. cost, \$125). Motives for arson include revenge (common), vanity (someone wants new stuff, or a new house), insurance fraud (these days, often car fires), curiosity (kids), and kicks. Mr. Lasky indicated that one of the biggest problems, fires in properties owned by BSB, has declined significantly in the past 4-5 years with the aggressive use of developers packets to get county-owned properties into private ownership. The BSB free smoke detector program is no longer available, but the Fire Department placed about 14,000 free smoke detectors thanks to a grant from the Centers for Disease Control.

Minutes: Minutes were not read.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Abrams was introduced as our new Treasurer. Few transactions have meant little change since January. Jean will work with past treasurer Mitzi to get the IRS 990 form completed.

Education: no report

Dust to Dazzle Tour: The committee meets Feb. 11, 6:00 pm, at Kelly Rose's house, 1135 W. Mercury.

HIP Grants: Dick said that the word was that the VAF overage check, earmarked for HIP, was expected to be mailed to us tomorrow.

Salvage: Mike Hogan reported three contacts seeking materials. Question of how many doors may be in the secondary storage place.

Grants: Mitzi said that Nicole is applying for another US Bank Foundation grant.

ACTION ITEMS - Feb-Mar 2010

- **Mitzi** - contact Janet Cornish re March meeting
- **D2D Committee** - meet Feb. 11, 6:00 pm, Kelly Rose's house
- **Larry** - figure out how to include Wendy in Board and regular meetings (*carryover*)
- **Members** - join one of the committees discussed in the January minutes
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Film Festival: Carrie has contacted Pat Munday about helping with this.

P.R. Plan: no report.

Greek Cafe: Nicole made a presentation at the URA board meeting. Mitzi indicated that there were still some formalities to get straightened out, but that once the URA's pledge is in our hands in writing, we will contract with Tom Beaudette (BCE, Inc.) to do the architectural planning.

Revolving Fund: The subcommittee (Mitzi, Mike, Mark, Dick, and Irene) met and brainstormed ideas. An outline of the revolving fund concept was given for newer members unfamiliar with the plan.

Annual Report: Expected to be distributed in a week or so.

Big Hole Pump Station: Nothing new.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

Emma Park: Mitzi indicated that rumors suggest the possibility of new construction within Emma Park, and suggested our vigilance. There is a meeting with the Human Resource Council folks and their contractors, at the Blue Luna Feb. 11, to have public discussions. The HRC is building a new building at the corner of Colorado and Silver. Janet Cornish has something to do with them - Mitzi will contact her about a possible presentation/discussion at the next CPR meeting.

Travona neighborhood: Carrie mentioned new houses near the Travona, and wondered if there had been demolition there. Mike said he thought they were Habitat or NAHN houses and that there had been no demolition there.

500 Block W. Park Street: A house there is falling apart, according to Mitzi, who suggested it could be a good candidate for Demolition by Neglect proceedings with the Historic Preservation Commission.

PayPal: Jean gave Dick the papers needed for us to rejuvenate our PayPal account (we hope).

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Mitzi said the HPC is still working on guidelines, that maybe in 2 months or so CPR and the general public might have a draft to review.

Community Enrichment: no report.

Butte Restoration Alliance: The alliance is seeking members.

URA: no report

Council of Commissioners issues: no report

Main Street Uptown Butte: no report.

Other: none.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None

Next Meeting: *Tuesday March 9*