

## March 9, 2010 - Jacobs House

The March meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m. In attendance were Sharon Amundsen, Steve Hess, Mark Reavis, Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Mike Hogan, Jean Abrams, David Abrams, and Mitzi Rossillon.

The first item of business was Assistant Planning Director Steve Hess's report on neighborhood development programs. BSB's Planning Dept. has received a grant from the DNRC to study needs in two neighborhoods (Greely School and Central Butte). They have hired a team of consultants led by Ann Cossett. The team will develop a comprehensive neighborhood improvement plan

for each neighborhood, with a goal of completion by about next September. Each neighborhood will have a steering committee composed of stakeholders including local residents, organizations, and government agencies. Steve encouraged any individuals or organizations who want to have a role on the steering committees to contact him at 497-6253. The committees will have public meetings to gather input. Separate from this neighborhood planning, Steve indicated that a group of realtors is planning a 1-day workshop to study and promote affordable work-force housing, some of which would probably be within the neighborhoods in the other project.

**Minutes:** Minutes were not read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jean Abrams reported expenses of about \$1850 and income of about \$10,400 (mostly the VAF donation, \$4613, and our Cultural Trust Grant reimbursement). Jean reported that the 990 form is done, the annual report to the Montana Secretary of State is done, she has established on-line banking and has CPR's debit card validated, and the PayPal account is now viable again.

**Education:** no report

**Dust to Dazzle Tour:** The committee has four places set and is seeking two more. The date is set for June 26.

**HIP Grants:** Nicole is to send a press release about the impending April 2 deadline for applications, and for the grant assistance workshop that was set at this meeting. The assistance workshop will be Saturday March 27, 1-3 p.m. at Jacobs House. Mitzi said she would participate in that workshop.

**Salvage:** No report. Dick mentioned that the Mai Wah is seeking a display case for the Archaeological Dig exhibit, and while a donated case would be great, they have some grant money to pay for one large

### ACTION ITEMS - Mar-Apr 2010

- **Nicole** - press release about HIP grant deadline and assistance workshop
- **Mark** - talk to Jon Sesso about stimulus grant program cancellation
- **Larry** - figure out how to include Wendy in Board and regular meetings (*carryover*)
- **Mitzi** - letter to Jim Jarvis about Big Hole pump station
- **Revolving Fund Committee** - plan to apply for grant for consultant. Meet March 29.
- **Nicole** - reply to Ed Banderob
- **Mike H** - contact Mike Vincent about coming to next CPR meeting
- **Nicole** - establish regular office hours
- **Nicole** - attend URA meeting March 24
- **Mitzi, others** - conduct HIP grant assistance workshop March 27
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole

or a couple small ones.

**Grants:** no report. (See also under Old Business: Greek Cafe.)

## OLD BUSINESS

**Fall Film Festival:** Carrie has contacted Pat Munday about helping with this, but has no response. She will continue to pursue.

**P.R. Plan:** no report.

**Greek Cafe:** Mitzi indicated that the stimulus grant program has been suspended indefinitely because of the state of Montana's finances. There was some discussion about the thought that this money was specified by the law, how can they cancel it. Mark said he would discuss with Jon Sesso to get an explanation. The URA has not yet formally in writing indicated their commitment to this project; at the Feb. meeting there was no quorum so it is on the agenda for the March 24 meeting which Nicole will attend. We cannot proceed until this formality is complete.

**Revolving Fund:** Irene contacted the National Trust. They indicated that grants are available to organizations for hiring consultants to help with creating revolving funds. The deadline for the current cycle is June 1. We will pursue that option. Mike has researched how property values are determined for IRS purposes. Mitzi has drafted an article that the subcommittee will review explaining the concept of this fund. The subcommittee is to meet next on Monday March 29 at Irene's house.

**Annual Report:** question was asked as to how many new members we got as a result of the mailing out of the Annual Report, but no one knew the answer. Dick said he has posted 34 names to the membership directory for 2010 based on information from Jean and Nicole.

**Big Hole Pump Station:** Robert indicated by email that there are no plans to demolish the old pump house. Mitzi said Jim Jarvis plans to apply to the Montana Preservation Alliance for a Kaplan grant for preservation of industrial places for the pump house. Discussion of the needs for which such a grant could be used. Suggestions were made that the most critical needs are for brick repair, cessation of sprinkling a wall, dewatering the wall, and waterproofing. Mitzi will send a letter to Jim Jarvis outlining CPR's thoughts and offering assistance.

**Other:** none

## NEW BUSINESS

**Transit enhancement signage, CTEP funds:** Discussion was sparked by Ed Banderob's email to CPR requesting support for his proposal to spend CTEP funds on signs along his planned Scenic Route. After discussion, it was decided that this is not really in CPR's scope. Nicole is to reply. This is the same pot of money that is being considered for a pedestrian bridge across Montana Street to connect two trail systems. In connection with this, Mike brought up the suggestion for sidewalk-mounted medallions focusing on history and architecture. Dick mentioned similar post-mounted plaques in Durango, CO. Such enhancements to trails, walkways, etc. should come under the CTEP program.

**M&M:** It was reported this morning that the planned auction had been stopped by a court injunction. The owner has defaulted on his loan, and the property (building and contents) is now in foreclosure. The loan holder plans to use his lien as collateral at the foreclosure sale to buy the M&M and then to sell it to someone who will keep it intact and will operate it. It was suggested that it would be nice if he would put a preservation easement on it prior to selling it.

**Granite pavers:** Ellen Crain told Mitzi that the Archives has "thousands" of pavers, tiles, etc., and she is seeking some way of using them. Mitzi suggested repatriating them to the most intact granite-paved alley (between Quartz and Granite Streets) but wondered if we could do it, if we could get a professional's advice, etc. Another suggestion was to pave the unpaved areas in the Original Mine Yard with them. Mike and Mark mentioned Mike Vincent, Vincent Masonry, as the expert of choice for stone walls and such. Mike is to contact Mike Vincent to see if he would come to an informational and brainstorming session at the next CPR meeting.

**Office Hours:** Nicole is to be asked to establish regular office hours.

## **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:** no report.

**URA:** Mitzi indicated that the HPC is going to begin procedures for listing properties on the Local Register if the properties' owners accept local funding, such as from the URA.

**Council of Commissioners issues:** no report

**Main Street Uptown Butte:** no report.

**Other:** none.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

**Announcements:** Mark said the Quarry will not be moving; there were problems with the financing. Mark also reported that he is involved in consulting regarding the restoration of the BSB Law Library on the third floor of the Court House. The work there will enhance the historic fabric.

**Next Meeting:** *Tuesday April 13*