

April 13, 2010 - Jacobs House

The April meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m. In attendance were Larry Smith, Dick Gibson, Mike Hogan, Nicole von Gaza, Stephen Foreman, Todd Hunkler, Jordan Goldsmith, Mick Ringsak, Mike Vincent, and Mitzi Rossillon.

The first item of business was a presentation by Mike Vincent (Vincent Masonry) about the granite paving stones. Mike feels

that they are "public resources," owned by Butte-Silver Bow, and that they should be used first and foremost for city-county projects; if a means of selling them to the public can be devised, that would be an additional way of using them. Mike suggested landscaping, signs, monuments, paving walkways, paths, and alleyways, retaining walls, steps, planters, and building veneers. He suggested their use in new construction such as the upcoming Vet's Home. He felt that there are two needs: 1) get an inventory of the materials that exist, and categorize them; and 2) ensure that architects and builders are aware of what's available. There are few qualified stone craftsmen, but in many cases Mike or another stonemason could advise and supervise work done by, as an example, CPR volunteers to restore the granite pavers missing in the alley between Quartz and Granite Streets as suggested by Mitzi. (That is the most intact granite-paved alleyway in town, but it has had many stones stolen.) The suggestion was made for CPR to work with Jim Jarvis, Public Works, and Mike Vincent to create the inventory of existing materials.

Minutes: Minutes were not read.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Education: nothing to report

Dust to Dazzle Tour: Dust to Dazzle has all venues lined up for the June 26 event. There will be a tea. Dick will be making the D2D-2010 web page soon.

HIP Grants: Seven applications were received. Larry is to scan them and distribute to the HIP review committee.

Salvage: A major salvage operation is in progress at the Leonard - big wardrobes, other built-ins, bed frames, sinks. CPR also salvaged hundreds of square feet of tin ceiling from the Sears Building. Mike Hogan will decide on whether and when a salvage sale can be held in May.

Grants: Applications for the Montana Cultural Trust grants for the next biennium are available for online application, due July 30. This is the grant that has partially supported our office and P.R. position. Nicole will handle. Mitzi mentioned the US Bank Foundation, which has previously provided \$1000 to the HIP program. Nicole will handle.

ACTION ITEMS - Apr-May 2010

- **Larry** - determine/decide venue, price, etc. for Brick workshop
- **Larry** - scan and send HIP grant apps to committee members
- **Larry** - figure out how to include Wendy in Board and regular meetings (*carryover*)
- **Mike** - decide on a date for a May salvage sale
- **Revolving Fund Committee** - plan to apply for grant for consultant. (*Ongoing*)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Film Festival: no report

P.R. Plan: Nicole is planning a fundraiser event at the Copper King Mansion during May, National Preservation Month. A date has not been chosen. See also under National Preservation Month, below.

Greek Cafe: The URA formally approved the matching grant for the NPS CCSP grant; those two, totaling \$125,000, are Phase I, the roof. The stimulus grant, \$43,000, came through and is focused on Phase II, cleanup, stabilization, flooring. Nicole reported that the county's Technical Review Committee has met, including Beaudette architects, and the plan is to combine the two phases into one integrated project. It is possible that CPR may have to come up with some funds (possibly \$5,000) to support any additional architect work in Phase II that was not in the grant - this shortfall is unlikely, but possible. Additional funds may come from the stimulus pool when projects that cannot be accomplished using the partial awards granted return money to the pool, which will be redistributed to ongoing viable projects. Nicole will have an opinion piece in the Standard May 2, focusing on the Greek Cafe project.

Revolving Fund: The committee met, the name of the fund is Revitalize Butte Fund. Word is that the Consent Decree freeing up Arco Redevelopment Trust monies will not be signed before August, giving us more time. We are working on identifying qualified revolving fund experts who could advise us in setting it up; the National Trust has grants to support 50% of such consulting, so CPR might need to come up with a hard 50% match which we estimated at \$1200-\$1500. Discussions with a lawyer (seeking *pro bono* help) have begun. Mark is ready to begin giving talks to service clubs about the fund.

Computer: Larry worked on upgrading the computer so that it can handle wireless, needed for Skype, so that we can include Wendy in meetings. The upgrade was still in progress during the meeting.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

Brick Workshop - Larry plans to conduct one on June 3 & 5 (Thursday & Saturday). He needs to settle on the venue, and will talk to Carrie. Mitzi offered her place as a fall-back.

National Preservation Month (May): In addition to the fundraiser event at the Copper King Mansion (above), Nicole indicated hopes to work together with NCAT (National Center for Appropriate Technology) because this year's preservation month theme is "green is good". The topic of an open house, like last year, was discussed but no appropriate venue was suggested.

Stained Glass: Topic of a tour came up; no one is doing anything at this point. Mitzi and Nicole have discussed the idea of an inventory of stained glass and mentioned this as a project we could consider.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Mitzi said the HPC is still working on guidelines, that a draft was presented to the HPC by the HPO at a special meeting tonight, that the HPC is to return comments fairly quickly. The next step would then be for the document (which will be approved as an ordinance) to go to the County Attorney. Once she signs off, then the document will be available for public review. Mitzi said the HPC wants to conduct a public hearing at that point as well.

Community Enrichment: no report.

Butte Restoration Alliance: no report.

URA: no report

Council of Commissioners issues: Mitzi indicated that there is a sort of power struggle between the HPC and the BSB Public Works Dept. The latter submitted a demolition request for the Big Hole Diversion Dam, and the HPC postponed action on the request until the Corps of Engineers has a consensus with the Montana SHPO concerning the appropriate impact mitigation plan. Apparently the county intends to bring the question to the Council of Commissioners tomorrow (April 14) to request demolition under the preemptive public safety exclusion, even though they only applied to the Corps of Engineers for permission on April 1, and the Corps processing takes three months. Note that this is the diversion dam, not the pump house.

Main Street Uptown Butte: no report.

Other: none.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Announcements: Larry indicated that he will be unable to attend the June 8 meeting.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday May 11*