

June 8, 2010 - Jacobs House

The June 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 Jean Abrams, David Abrams, Kelly Rose, Dick Gibson, Mike Hogan, Nicole von Gaza, Mark Reavis, Carrie Kiely, Bart and Dana Wackerbarth, Mitzi Rossillon, and Wendy Ward via Skype.

Minutes: Minutes were not read.

Treasurer's Report: current balance, about \$33,250.

ACTION ITEMS - June-July 2010

- **Dick** - send HIP letters to Jean
- **Nicole** - press release for HIP grants
- **Nicole & Bart** - investigate Vonage e-phone stuff
- **Carrie** - investigate ghost sign procedures in other communities
- **Carrie** - set up meeting of local Ghost Sign committee
- **Wendy** - contact National Trust re ghost signs
- **Mark** - reply to Chuck about the MSTI project and represent CPR there. (carryover)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole

Education: nothing to report (Mark's report on the Heritage Park idea moved to Other Reports - Restoration Alliance)

Dust to Dazzle Tour: Dust to Dazzle has all venues lined up for the June 26 event. There will be a tea. Kelly brought posters for people to take and put up. David Abrams has been distributing posters around the state, and has announcements and other P.R. planned for radio, TV, and newspapers. Members are asked to bring homemade cookies to the tea.

HIP Grants: Four recipients were notified of their awards, with two still pending. No progress reported on those two, coordinated by Larry and by Mark. Dick is to send copies of the four award letters to Jean; Nicole is to craft and send a press release covering the awardees.

Salvage: Salvage sale generated almost \$1700. Mike H could use some help clearing items from Chuck Carrig's house that he is donating.

Grants: Nicole reported that the **Greek Cafe CCSP grant** is in the government system and we are official there. Beaudette Engineers continues to review and plan, anticipating requests for bids soon. There is a need for liability insurance required by the Stimulus grant. There will be a meeting of the Technical Review Committee soon. Nicole continues to coordinate this project. **Cultural Trust Grant:** Nicole is working on it. **US Bank Foundation:** Informal notice that we are approved for \$1000 that will be earmarked for the HIP grants. **Butte Board of Realtors:** Nicole has solicited support from them.

OLD BUSINESS

Paver Issue: Carol Link requested consideration for the Community Garden as a place for using granite pavers. Since these are not ours, but belong to the city, and our agreed first step is to create an inventory of resources, Mike told her that we'd keep it on the list for consideration. Mike has tried to contact Mike Vincent regarding the inventory and will continue to do so.

Film Festival: No report

Fall 2010 Gala: no report

Other: At this time the minutes were reviewed for the question of the telephone. Last month, Larry was to investigate and deal with the telephone; Nicole reported that Larry indicated we should just keep the phone. There was discussion of the merits of regular phone, e-phone, Skype, etc. Skype is not really designed for incoming calls from outside, but Bart said he is in this business and Vonage has a system where you can have a real phone number, but calls are sent to e-mail. It costs something like \$20 per year. Bart and Nicole are to investigate and set up.

CPR role in MSTI transmission line project: No developments.

NEW BUSINESS

Ghost Sign Preservation Grant: Robert has a client who wants to fund a program, at \$1,000 per year for 5 years initially, that CPR would administer in a way similar to the HIP grants, to restore ghost signs. The grantor would want the program named after him and would like to have a role in the choices. Discussion: 1. What is ghost sign preservation? How should it be done, what level of "restoration" or repair is appropriate? How would priorities be set? In cases where multiple signs are present, how is one selected? Should grantees under this program from CPR be required to join the Local Register? 2. Mark said there are no Sec. of the Interior standards for ghost signs, that when the topic comes up contention ensues and no consensus is usually attained. 3. Should/could CPR establish ITS position on the question? Could a policy we determine even serve as the core for the Park Service to create standards, or at least Preservation Brief(s) on the topic? 4. An inventory of Butte ghost signs exists. 5. Carrie said she would investigate any efforts by other communities on this issue, and would contact Robert Renouard (who has a long-standing interest in the question). Wendy will call the National Trust to see what they may have. Carrie will organize via e-mail a meeting of a local committee, including Carrie, Robert, Mark, and Dick; Robert asked if the meeting date could be chosen soon, i.e. by early next week.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: Guidelines are to go to County Attorney this week for legal review.

Community Enrichment: no report.

Butte Restoration Alliance: The Alliance is involved in work related to the renewed Heritage Park idea. Mark reported that he now serves on the steering committee for the organization focusing on a Dennis Washington museum, which would be a center for a city-wide Heritage Park, with the expectation that there would be far-ranging benefits to all existing stakeholders such as museums, for-profit history-based attractions, the city-county, and others.

URA: no report

Council of Commissioners issues:no report.

Main Street Uptown Butte: no report.

Other: none.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Announcements: Wendy will be here for Dust to Dazzle on June 26; discussions of get-togethers at the Quarry on Friday (there is also a volunteer orientation meeting that evening at 6 for D2D).

Mitzi mentioned that Tom Cash has wrought iron fence for sale.

As the meeting ended, Nicole mentioned that she cannot use the CPR debit card because it is in Jean's name. The five board members present decided to approve a second CPR debit card in Nicole's name, to expedite her activities. Mary P. Rossillion, former treasurer, would be removed from the signers list as well.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday July 13*