

## October 12, 2010 - Jacobs House

*Notes: The September CPR meeting was canceled. Minutes for the October meeting were recorded by Mitzi Rossillon in the absence of Secretary Dick Gibson.*

The October meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. A small group of members and guests was present.

**Minutes:** Minutes were not read.

**Treasurer's Report:** As acting CPR treasurer, Larry Smith provided the treasurer's report, noting that the current checkbook balance is \$23,556.95. The largest expense for the last three months has been \$7800, partial payment to

Beaudette Consulting (structural engineers) for preparation of plans to stabilize the Greek Cafe, owned by Butte-Silver Bow.

**Education:** The Dust to Dazzle tour was discussed very briefly. Because Kelly Rose has quit as chairman of the tour committee after four (or is it five?) years, Mitzi Rossillon volunteered to serve as interim chairman until another volunteer steps forward.

Public Relations Coordinator Nicole von Gaza asked that all **volunteer sheets**, including those from Dust to Dazzle, be turned in soon. So far this year, the only volunteer to regularly report his volunteer hours is webmaster, recording secretary, and newsletter editor Dick Gibson.

**HIP Grants:** The Historic Improvement Program (HIP) committee is recruiting new members. Of the five 2010 grant recipients, two have completed their projects, two others are in progress, and another has not yet begun work. Nicole will distribute a press release about this year's awardees and Butte Community Foundation sponsorship of one of the awards.

**Salvage:** Under salvage business, Mitzi reported that Jean and David Abrams have said they will sell small salvage items at their monthly "Backyard Bungalow" sale on Argyle Street if someone will deliver items and pick-up unsold merchandise. All money paid for salvage items will be forwarded to CPR. Mitzi volunteered to bring some tin ceiling panels to the November sale.

**Grants:** Nicole provided an overview of recent and pending grants.

### ACTION ITEMS - Oct-Nov 2010

- **Carrie** - draft letter re: HP Ordinance guidelines; Board review
- **Treasurer** - volunteer needed
- **D2D Tour committee:** chairperson needed
- **Carrie et al.:** plan a seminar or the like on Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration for Spring 2011 (carryover)
- **Nicole & Andrew C.** - investigate Google e-phone stuff
- **Mitzi** - tin ceiling pieces to Abrams'
- **Nicole** - presentation to Comm. Enrich. committee re HIP
- **Nicole** - HIP press release
- **Carrie** - ongoing re Film Festival
- **Nicole** - presentation to URA on Greek Cafe
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole
- **Robert** - email to CPR a copy of Verizon's plans
- **Nicole** - evaluate plans for fundraiser at Christmas Party

### OLD BUSINESS

**Greek Cafe:** Nicole brought the membership up to date on the Greek Cafe project. Beaudette has completed the final drawings and bid paperwork. She will make a presentation at the next URA

meeting (October 21), requesting an additional appropriation to complete the stabilization work as designed. All work needs to be completed by June 30, 2011, to meet the terms of our grants.

**Paver Issue:** no report.

**Film Festival:** no report.

**Fall 2010 Gala:** no report.

**Ghost Sign Preservation:** no report

**Telephone:** CPR's telephone service was discussed yet again. Our current phone will be disconnected at the end of this month. Robert Edwards volunteered Andrew of Silverbow Properties to set up Google Voice and Gmail as our new "service." This will require a new phone number, but the price is right. Free!

**Booth at Farmer's Market:** no report

**Other:** none.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Treasurer position:** Members are encouraged to locate a volunteer who will assume that position. In the interim, vice-president Carrie Kiely volunteered to be the second signatory, who will be able to sign checks when Larry is not available.

**Verizon towers:** Members discussed Verizon cell towers on Uptown buildings. Robert was the most knowledgeable about the subject, and explained that the only building this will involve is the Hennessey, which already has several electronic gadgets on its roof. The Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Commission will have the opportunity to formally comment on the proposed vertical-rain-gutter-looking tower. At this point, HPC member Robert favors a taller antenna in the cluster toward the center of the roof rather than a shorter antenna at the front of the building. CPR members concurred with his opinion. Robert will email to CPR a copy of Verizon's plans.

**Christmas party:** Larry suggested that CPR's December meeting/Christmas party double as a fundraiser. Attendees would pay \$20 rather than the usual \$10 per person, with the additional monies directed to rebuild CPR's reserves. Nicole asked that we defer a decision until the November meeting, allowing her time to consider alternatives.

## OTHER REPORTS

**Historic Preservation Commission:** Larry summarized the special September meeting of the BSB Historic Preservation Commission. The meeting focused on the historic preservation ordinance and the Local Register. Eileen Joyce, county attorney, gave her opinion that supposed discrepancies in the ordinance (and reluctance to enforce certain provisions of the Local Register) should be resolved by ordinance amendment. CPR members believe that the discrepancy(s) are insignificant, and do not want to open the ordinance to amendment, as some may use that as an excuse to diminish the reach of the ordinance in any number of areas. Carrie Kiely will draft a letter to the HPC, URA, Chief Executive Babb, and the Council of Commissioners explaining our opinion that the so-called discrepancies are actually of little consequence and that the ordinance should not be amended. Nicole will work with Carrie to complete a draft. Board members will review and then approve for distribution.

**Community Enrichment:** Nicole reported that the BSB Community Enrichment Committee had discussed CPR's Historic Improvement Program and wishes to see an expansion. As it seems there is

some misunderstanding about our grant program, Nicole will attend the next meeting and make an informational presentation.

**Butte Restoration Alliance:** Heritage Park: no report.

**URA:** no report.

**Council of Commissioners issues:** no report.

**Main Street Uptown Butte:** Robert reported that Main Street Uptown Butte is looking for a new treasurer and one or more new board members.

**Other:** none.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Mark Reavis reported that progress is being made on repairing the falling cornice at the Mother Lode Theatre.

The meeting ended with the most wonderful news. In the West LLC is in the process of purchasing the O'Rourke. The owners plan to begin work next year, returning the building to apartments. They expect to complete the work in about 5 years. Successful renovation of the O'Rourke will be a feather in the cap of Butte historic preservation.

**Next Meeting:** *Tuesday November 9*