

# January 11, 2011 - Jacobs House

The January meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned about 8:45.

Attendees: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Dick Gibson, Sharon Amundsen, Robert Edwards, Nicole von Gaza, Carrie Kiely, Rick Poese, Doug Shidler, Mark Reavis.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As acting CPR treasurer, Larry Smith provided the treasurer's report, noting that the current checkbook balance is about \$18,000. We need to complete 1099s by the end of January. The 990 is due May 15. Following the elections (below) it was decided by Board action that the signatories for the checking account will be Carrie Kiely,

Larry Smith, and Rick Poese. The Debit card needs to be changed to reflect the new Treasurer, Rick Poese, and the new Public Relations Coordinator, Richard Gibson, and the Board authorized that as well.

## Education:

- Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration - no report, still brainstorming
- Film festival - no report

**HIP Grants:** Larry is resigning from the committee; Andrea and Kelly offered to remain on the committee. It was determined to **ask Kelly to solicit and determine the additional members** of this committee. Suggestions included Board member Wendy Ward, since the applications can be copied and sent electronically, and recent recipients such as Dana and Bart Wackerbarth and Noorjahan Parwana and Mark Syverson. The committee also needs to determine if the guidelines need any changes and to set the deadline (last year was April 2). Dick requested a decision on those questions by the next meeting (Feb. 8) so as to allow for adequate promotion. Once the date is set, Dick will do the promotion including the report on last year's recipients.

**Salvage:** We have to move from our current salvage storage area. When is not clear, but we should consider that we could receive a 30-day vacate notice at any time. Discussion suggested that county-owned properties are probably not an option. Possible places include Eccleston's garage (Larry Smith is contact); four garages that Robert suggested (Robert Edwards contact); and a house at 1322 E. Second

## ACTION ITEMS - Jan-Feb 2011

- **Kelly** - get additional HIP committee members; set deadline
- **Officers** - get checking & debit card signatures changed
- **Rick P.** - 1099's and 1096 transmittal
- **Rick & Larry?** - financial report for 2010 to Dick for annual report
- **Dick** - Annual Report
- **Larry & Nicole** - reactivate Skype
- **Dick** - send testimony for C&A grant application
- **D2D Tour committee:** chairperson & volunteers needed
- **Carrie et al.:** plan a seminar or the like on Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration for Spring 2011 (carryover)
- **Mark** - get lawyer letter sent
- **Mike** - check on possible salvage storage places
- **Dick** - Home research workshop - plan
- **Dick and others** - get the stuff moved from the office
- **Mitzi** - letter to HPC
- **Carrie** - ongoing re Film Festival
- **Dick** - Law Library Reception
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Dick

St. owned by Mark Reavis. It was decided to **ask Salvage Coordinator Mike Hogan to check with the people** named in the previous line and to decide where we ought to move to.

**Grants:** Dick reported that the present C&A grant, which supports the office, phone, and P.R. position, was originally for \$8400 for the two years (2009-11) but they have a shortfall and all grants are reduced, so ours is now a total of \$6,667. Nicole is going to continue to manage this grant (file semi-annual reports etc.). The grant presently in application process, for FY 2011-13, requested \$16,940 and \$12,000 was recommended. That amount will also be less when things are finalized. January 20 is the testimony day in Helena, but we are not on the list to testify; however they will accept written testimony and Dick will write this and get it submitted.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Greek Cafe:** Extensive discussion. Decision that Mark will have his lawyer send a letter to the County Attorney regarding difficulties in communications with CPR, the county's partner in the grants for the Greek Cafe.

**Skype:** our account is expiring. Larry (who paid for it) and Nicole will do what it takes to keep it active; it deactivates in three days, Jan. 14, and we have something like \$8 credit remaining of \$10 original.

**Other:** none.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Board of Directors:** The members present re-elected all of the present Board members to another 1-year term.

**Officers:** The Board elected the following officers: Carrie Kiely, President; Larry Smith, Vice-President; Rick Poese, Treasurer; Dick Gibson, Secretary.

**Dust to Dazzle Committee:** members are needed and especially a chair is needed to coordinate volunteers. Mitzi indicated that there are possibly five venues already on the list for the event.

**Law Library Reception:** A reception and presentation to Judge Krueger for the major renovation of the Law Library in the County Court House are planned for the next few weeks. Dick is to figure it out and get it announced.

**Home Research Workshop:** In conjunction with folks at the Archives, Dick will present this workshop this spring sometime, focusing on how to use Sanborn maps and do research on properties in the archives.

## OTHER REPORTS

**Historic Preservation Commission:** Robert indicated that the two vacancies are likely going to be filled soon. They have been focused on the Big Hole Pump Station lately, as well as a new project on the Compressor House at the Original, which is to be converted into restrooms, offices, etc. The work on windows, using window glass donated by CPR, continues on the Hoist Engine Room. Mitzi is going to draft a letter to the HPC suggesting that it would be a really good idea if they would release the draft Preservation Guidelines for public review and comment.

**Community Enrichment:** no report

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

**URA:** no report.

**Council of Commissioners issues:** no report

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

**Other:** none.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

The group went upstairs to review the stuff we have, which needs to be moved before the end of the month when we vacate the office. Decision to move most of it to Dick's house, he will inventory and make recommendations as to possible disposal. Some of the files and such will be needed by him in his role as public relations coordinator. Robert offered his guys to help move.

**Next Meeting:** *Tuesday February 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Dick Gibson's house, 301 N. Crystal.*