

# *February 8, 2011 - Dick Gibson's House*

The February meeting was called to order by President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:00.

Attendees: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Dick Gibson, Sharon Amundsen, Robert Edwards, Stephen Foreman, Carrie Kiely, Rick Poese, Bart Wackerbarth, Dana Wakerbarth, Irene Scheidecker, Mark Reavis.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the January meeting were not read.

**Annual Report:** 16 of 230 were returned as undeliverable. The data base was updated appropriately.

## **Treasurer's Report:** Rick

reported 1099's have been sent, the 990 is under control, the Annual Report to the Sec. of State will be done. Income January: \$350 memberships. Expenses: Greek Cafe bill (\$3420), PR Coordinator (\$390), postage for annual report (\$88). Invoice to BSB for Greek Cafe materials sent.

## **Education:**

- Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration - no report
- Film festival - no report

**HIP Grants:** The committee (Kelly, Andrea, Bart & Dana) need to set the deadline for applications. They need to determine the text changes in the application guidelines to incorporate need for 1099s for over \$600. They need to decide if there will be a helper workshop (when, where). Once the deadline date is set (and workshop if determined to do one), Dick will do the promotion including the report on last year's recipients. If the deadline is to be early April as in recent years, the date needs to be set soon.

**Salvage:** Mike is meeting with Chuck Schnabel this weekend to review needs and what the Quarry folks may want of our stuff. The next step is to determine where our stuff should go and to get it moved. This will probably have to happen by March 1, pending what Mike and Chuck determine.

**Grants:** We received the second payment, \$2,500, for the 2009-11 C&A grant. Repeated from January minutes: 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.

## **ACTION ITEMS - Feb-Mar 2011**

- **HIP Committee** - set deadline, check guidelines text (re 1099s), decide about workshop
- **D2D Tour committee:** Meet at Mitzi's Feb 10 6:00
- **Stained Glass committee:** meet, plan
- **Carrie et al.:** plan a seminar or the like on Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration for Spring 2011 (carryover)
- **Mike** - talk to Chuck, check on possible salvage storage places; select place to go to ASAP
- **Dick** - Home research workshop - plan (ongoing)
- **Members** - support letters for HPC (B. Peterson)
- **Carrie** - ongoing re Film Festival
- **Dick** - Law Library Reception, send logo to Judge Krueger
- **Dick** - pursue presentations to civic groups
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Dick

## OLD BUSINESS

**Greek Cafe:** Mitzi attended the mandatory meeting for interested developers. Two attended. We have worries about time frame for utilizing the grants CPR got.

**Dust to Dazzle:** Irene volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator. There is a committee meeting for planning the tour on Feb 10, 6:00 at Mitzi's house, 815 W. Granite - all interested people welcome.

**Law Library reception:** Board approved giving an award to the Second Judicial District and BSB for the renovations in the library in the Court House. Dick to send Judge Krueger the CPR logo for etching. The reception will probably be March 1.

**Home Research Workshop:** Date set - 2:00 pm Thursday April 14 at Archives. Dick will focus on using Sanborn Maps, Mitzi on using the other resources in the Archives.

**Other:** none.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Parking Lots booklet:** this 8-page brochure by Dick is proposed for a CPR publication for free distribution. Cost: \$261 for 1000. Approved. Mitzi suggested the booklet could be a springboard for talks to Exchange Club, etc. Dick to follow up on such presentations to civic groups.

**Stained Glass Tour:** approaches and logistics discussed. Committee formed: Irene and Dick, others welcome.

**Other:** At the end of the meeting members saw the locations of CPR stuff in Dick's basement and upstairs. This was all moved from the Jacobs House office last month.

## OTHER REPORTS

**Historic Preservation Commission:** CPR has concerns about possible amendments to the HP ordinance, and "new directions" for the HPC. Concern continues regarding the two vacancies on the HPC, now into several months. Members who support her are encouraged to write letters to Paul Babb supporting Brittany Peterson, who has applied for one position.

**Community Enrichment:** From previous report by Dick to Board: 1. National Hotel (fire damaged, on Utah/Arizona St). Owner has taken insurance money and spent it (not on the building), and cannot repair it or pay for demolition. It was posted as a dangerous building Jan. 4; can be appealed until Feb. 4 but owner just wants BSB to take it and demolish, which is what will happen. Demo cost est. \$50-\$60K. County plans to put a lien on it for the demo cost. Jim Jarvis has signed off, under public safety exclusion in the HP ordinance, concurring with demolition plan.

2. Butte Produce (arson fire a block from National Hotel, a week later). Still working through insurance claims, but this insurance has demolition money; still needs Jim Jarvis' concurrence but that is likely.

3. Greek Cafe. Jim reported his meeting with Carrie, Nicole, and Robert; essentially said in brief he met with CPR folks to work toward ensuring the grants CPR obtained can be used to maximum benefit.

4. Next developer's packet procedure once Greek Cafe is done is for Brinks Building on Front Street.

5. Health Dept has ~20 properties condemned and/or evicted residents because water is turned off. I don't know how many (if any) may be in historic district. They want to work to make this happen less.

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

**URA:** From previous report by Dick to Board: URA Discussion about ExerDance building, 75 E. Park. Mostly focused on a temporary solution (to roof issues mostly) vs. permanent. They decided because they don't own it, and the owner cannot perform on a larger loan, that they would go with the temporary and gave a loan to the owner of \$22,600, which is to be paid directly to the contractor.

Discussion of the URA's strategic plan, which apparently is only barely in initial stages. Discussion of Chief Exec's set-aside from the Hard Rock Fund (apparently approved at last night's council meeting) of \$500,000 that will address festival-related things, sounded like what I would call "soft infrastructure" like fencing, potties, security issues, etc. as well as other county stuff that would directly or indirectly benefit the festivals and Butte in general. I gather BSB has asked the URA for a similar set-aside for "infrastructure" that would also relate directly or indirectly to festivals. Things including restrooms at the Original and a parking structure were mentioned, mostly they wanted a detailed framework and any URA set-aside would be administered just like normal URA stuff, with application process, project outline, etc. Suggestion that \$500K is not nearly enough to do much with.

Discussion of the sunset of the present URA in 2014. The URA will continue administratively as necessary, but its funding will end. The discussed conceptually creation of another URA district. Much more discussion needed.

**Council of Commissioners issues:** Council approved giving the historic Greeley School to the Public Housing Authority.

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

**Other:** none.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Mark Reavis indicated that he is resigning from the Board. Accepted with appreciation for his contributions.

**Next Meeting:** *Tuesday March 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Carrie Kiely's house, 1402 W. Porphyry.*