

April 12, 2011 - Irene Scheidecker's House

The April meeting was called to order by President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00. Attendees: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Rick Poese, Irene Scheidecker, Steve Foreman, Sharon Amundsen, Julie Crowley.

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were not read.

Treasurer's Report: Rick reported income from BSB reimbursement of Greek Cafe expenses; memberships; salvage sales; donations. Expenses: PR Coordinator \$255. Balance ~\$34,000.

Education:

- Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration - no report
- Film festival - no report; Carrie has contacted Pat and Michael.

HIP Grants: One application received. Discussion of possible changes in approach - several options included 1) open applications throughout year; 2) three periods per year; 3) extend the period for the present applications. No decision; **referred to HIP committee** for review and recommendation(s).

Salvage: We have to have everything out of the Grand by June 1. Plan is to have a sale May 7. Then we have to decide on what to do with any remaining materials (and future materials) and move them, before June 1.

Grants: The C&A grant we have in the works under MT HB 09 is nearing final approval. If there are no more changes, our request will end up at \$11,376 for the next biennium (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013).

PR Coordinator report: Dick indicated that there will be a public hearing on April 20 at the council meeting on the neighborhood plans for the Greeley area and the Central Butte area.

OLD BUSINESS

Greek Cafe: Carrie needs to visit with Jim Jarvis and Nick Kujawa about coordination meetings.

Dust to Dazzle: Date is set: June 25. Six venues are established, as is the venue for the tea. Still waiting on sponsors. Dick to get the plastic boxes to Irene.

HPC issues: Anticipating two additional upcoming vacancies, as well as the impending proposals for changes to the ordinance, the group brainstormed about what to do. Carrie with input from Larry, Dick, Mitzi, and others will craft a report outlining CPR's expectations and concerns about the ordinance revision proposals, for dissemination to interested parties (before the changes happen). Carrie and Dick

ACTION ITEMS - Apr-May 2011

- **HIP Committee** - review application procedures and recommend.
- **Carrie, Dick** - work on report on possible HP ordinance changes.
- **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 & others** - plan salvage sale May 7, plan for move out of remaining stuff by June.
- **Dick** - Home research workshop - do it
- **Carrie** - ongoing re Film Festival
- **Dick** - include ref to minutes in general monthly mailing
- **Dick** - pursue presentations to civic groups (ongoing)
- **Dick** - plastic boxes for D2D to Irene
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Dick

to meet Friday 22 April.

Law Library reception: Nice time. The plaque from CPR (made and paid for by Judge Krueger) is beautiful as is the Law Library.

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. An additional session, Weds. April 13, 2:00 pm, will be led by Mary McCormick in the Court House, on how to do title searches. Call Dick at 723-9639 to sign up for either or both sessions.

Montana Public Radio promotion: our premium is 2 D2D tickets, VAF book, and Stained Glass book for a \$100 donation.

Stained Glass Tour: repeated from February: approaches and logistics discussed. Committee formed: Irene and Dick, others welcome. No report.

Other: none.

NEW BUSINESS

Other: none.

OTHER REPORTS

These reports from Dick are sent to the Board at the time the meetings are attended. Notes from those meetings are added here in the monthly minutes. Robert requested, and the Board approved, that Dick should specifically refer to the online minutes in the monthly mass e-mail.

Council of Commissioners, March 23: There were several items of interest. You can read any of the associated original communications in the links here:

<http://www.bsb.mt.gov/departments/additional/documents/March23Meeting.pdf>

You may be interested in the details of the Greek Cafe one. In the following they are referred to by communication number.

1. Chief Exec's report on trip to D.C. - \$101 million in Federal funds requested for infrastructure. Communication 11-113, to put a sign on the west side of the Phoenix Bldg, referred to Public Works Comm.
Comm. 11-125, to schedule bid opening re National Hotel demolition, April 6. Approved under consent agenda.
Comm. 11-127, to expand the work order for windows at the Original Mineyard, work by Chris Harris, \$4,500 more. Approved under consent agenda.
Comm. 11-128, request approval for Chief Exec to sign Preserve America (SHPO sub-grant) grant agreement for updating RHPP. Approved under consent agenda.
Comm. 11-129, for Ch. Exec to sign Save America's Treasures agreement for Headframes restoration grant. Approved under consent agenda.
Comm. 11-136, regarding lease agreement with the folks who want to develop geothermal resources at Bell Diamond Mineyard. Some discussion, Jim Jarvis assured them that HP issues will be met or addressed; the possibility of moving the headframe does exist down the road in the project; I had the impression if it was moved it would be put back. I did not write down the action but I think it was to concur and place on file.
Comm. 11-138, to issue developers packet for 409 W. Mercury. Approved under consent agenda.
Comm. 11-139, to issue developers packet for 36 W. Center. Approved under consent agenda.

Comm. 11-142, to approve destroying local government records in the Archives. Approved under consent agenda.

Comm. 11-148, to accept the Land Records Office recommendation to accept Kujawa proposal for Greek Cafe. Some discussion; Councilman Morgan: Is the grant money enough to stabilize it? Karen Byrnes: yes, or if not, the stabilization work is capped at the grant monies. Councilman Morgan: What is the timeline? Nick: probably at least a year of construction, after stabilization. Vote to concur with the communication (Councilman Foley made the motion).

Community Enrichment Committee, March 24, 2011: Items of possible interest:

1. There is a house in Walkerville, green house corner N. Main and O'Neill, that is on the radar for the CEC but low priority.
2. One or more vacant lots on N. Main in Walkerville are slated for Habitat for Humanity homes. Meanwhile they are trying to get rid of junky house trailers in the same area.
3. O'Rourke - owner is presently developing a 5-plex but is committed to the O'Rourke, later. They have begun re-mothballing (windows).
4. FYI, the landfill fees alone for demolition of Butte Produce building were \$33,000.
5. Community Enrichment Dept is working on 1111 S. Arizona St. problems.

Historic Preservation Commission: HPC meeting April 5, 2011

1. Demolition request, 1919 S. Montana St. Found to be non-historic on its own merits due to loss of integrity; neighborhood probably not qualified as historic neighborhood. HPC agrees with HPO assessment.
2. Big Hole Pump Station. Public Works Dept has a proposed new pump station; HPC reviewed design to offer opinion per request of SHPO, liked it except for modern style doors on east elevation. HPO to send letter to SHPO with opinion including suggestion as to those doors to make them appear less modern.
3. Orphan Boy Mine fan house. Designated eligible for NR in 1988. For Montana Tech as grantee from Dept of Energy for geothermal pilot project (Federal money; Sec. 106), plan is evolving but could involve moving the fan house. It would probably remain within the site. Concrete collar is failing around shaft, so fan house is in jeopardy. HPC pointed out that moving is not mitigation. Suggested mitigation: HAER level 2 documentation; interpretative signage; design review for historic compatibility of new building that will house the geothermal pumps.
4. Staff report. A. Anticipate public hearing in early May re updating RHPP. B. HPO is applying for additional \$3900 SHPO money for interpretation in Thompson Park, part of larger effort in the park. C. 1301 Porphyry, garage demo. I inferred it was already demolished; some of HPC wished they had been consulted on this one. D. Basin Creek house - mothballed. E. M&M, work on back wall is underway.
5. New Business.
 - A. Paul Babb indicated Chris Harris and Steve Hinick are nominated to the HPC. This is on the agenda for the Council of Commissioners tomorrow, expected approval under consent agenda.
 - B. Amendments to HP ordinance. Planning to create a committee, 2-3 HPC members, HPO, some BSB staff (suggested Eileen Joyce, Lori Casey, Karen Byrnes), to work with Kate Hampton (SHPO) on this. Mary suggested a representative from CPR should be on the committee; Mitzi indicated precedence exists for citizens on such committees (County Decay Ordinance). Paul, HPO, HPC need to talk more about it. Expect late May for committee formation.
6. Old Business. Big Hole Pump Station inventory. Completed by HRA. Preliminary report sent. Discussion suggested details that HPO should report back to HRA for incorporation in final report. Also, apparently they have a suspect (not clear if arrested) in the theft of the brass gages.

7. Mine Yards rehab. Original: interior cleaned; interp panels installed inside; windows ongoing. Multiple mineyards: 10 roofs done, one small roof on Steward to do. \$179K spent (from RIT grant money). Windows next: Original (Compressor bldg), Steward, Anselmo. Painting and trim, gutters: discussion of historic non-functional gutters (make them function?) and new gutters needed to protect buildings. More work/research needed. Decks on west side of Original Hoist House and Compressor Bldg to be restored. Architects Steve Hinick and Mark Reavis to be involved. Topic: Permanent stage under headframe. Not attached but would stay there. Jim S. opposes. Mine yards money: ~\$100K remaining from RIT grant. \$43K still unspent from HB 645 grant for Original. Another \$300K RIT grant applied for; depends on legislature but as of now it is likely. Also \$192K Save Americas Treasures - headframes only.

8. At some time when weather is better Mary will lead the HPC on a field excursion to demonstrate field assessments for historic evaluations.

Butte Restoration Alliance: Heritage Park: no report.

URA: not attended in March.

Main Street Uptown Butte: no report.

Other: none.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Larry suggested that given the low number of HIP applications, we ought to be open to special projects grants. Dick suggested that there might be one in the 3-story alley building north of Club 13, across overpass from Old Butte Historical Adventures. This is a Jeff Francis building and Robert, Bob McMurray (OBHA) and Dick had discussed it briefly; the brickwork on the north wall is in danger.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday May 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m. Location TBA.*