

May 10, 2011 - Carrie Kiely's house

The May meeting was called to order by President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:30. Attendees: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Dick Gibson, Carrie Kiely, Rick Poese, Irene Scheidecker, Chris Harris, Mike Hogan.

Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were not read.

Treasurer's Report: Rick reported income from memberships; salvage sales; donations. Expenses: PR Coordinator \$405. Balance ~\$35,000.

Education:

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

HIP Grants: The period for applications was extended to May 31. The Board decided to tell the HIP committee to proceed with the one application already received, to evaluate it on its own merits. Any more that are received by May 31 will be evaluated then.

Salvage: Salvage sale May 7 brought in about \$350; vast quantities remain. Another sale is to be held Sat. May 21, 9:30-noon. Dick is to get an ad in the paper and do the other usual announcements. Much discussion of where to go. No decision. Mike will check with Chuck about our gotta-move-out date and with other places for the future.

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). Discussion of how to spend this operational support. Decided to use it for: PR coordinator contract; office supplies, postage; printing of promotional and marketing items, and costs related to salvage storage.

PR Coordinator report: no report

OLD BUSINESS

Greek Cafe: discussion of our ongoing responsibility for the NPS CCSP part of the grant monies; need to interact with Jim Jarvis on that (Carrie).

Dust to Dazzle: Poster ready to go. Dick to get stuff on web site. Irene to begin soliciting volunteers this week.

ACTION ITEMS - May-June 2011

- **HIP Committee** - act on the one application already received.
- **Members** - interested parties encouraged to apply for the HPC vacancies.
- **Stained Glass committee:** contact Dr Robison
- **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 21, plan for move out of remaining stuff by June.
- **Dick** - get ad for salvage sale and other promotion
- **Dick** - web site updates - D2D, others
- **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

HPC awareness campaign update: There are now two more vacancies on the HPC. Interested members are encouraged to apply now, by writing a letter of interest to Paul Babb.

Stained Glass Tour: Irene reported plan to focus on public buildings, the old City Hall in particular. Irene to contact Dr Robison.

Other: none.

NEW BUSINESS

Other: Carrie reported on Julie Crowley's ideas for using granite pavers to build a memorial to the Anaconda Road Massacre. Takes coordination with county, which owns the pavers; fund raising; Mark Reavis architect and Mike Vincent mason are on board. CPR board agreed to manage any funds that might be donated for the purpose, and to keep the accounting thereof separate.

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.

URA Board meeting, April 14, 2011

Informational staff report:

1. 75 E Park, reported on proposal from Butte Historical Soc. & Butte High to paint murals on the boarded up windows. Owner OK. Owner is actively marketing the building and is current on his URA obligations.
2. Greek Cafe - draft buy/sell agreement in progress with Nick. County is moving with Beaudette on stabilization, expecting plans by end of April, expecting stabilization to be complete by end of June.
3. 2011-12 URA allocation for festivals = \$50,000 total; anticipating call for proposals in May.

Public comment: Candace van Valkenberg, owner Main St Lounge and Club13, had a letter to the editor regarding procedures of awards for M&M. She was here to ask more questions. It was clarified that grant monies awarded by the URA are not given until work is done (recipients can't take the money and run) and are reimbursements after the fact. The sidewalk at the M&M was done under the URA sidewalk program after the vaulted sidewalk there was indicated to the owner to be in dangerous condition.

New Business

1. 81 W. Park, Western Montana Mental Health. Grant application for replacing furnace, approved grant of \$964 as 25% of total project (\$3857).
2. 106 W. Broadway (old library), Western Montana Mental Health. Grant application for replacing boiler and fans, approved grant of \$627 as 25% of total project (\$2510).

Discussion of loan process. Mostly about the possibility of closing URA meetings for express purpose of hearing/discussing private, confidential financial information of applicants. This is allowed by law; would be strictly limited to those confidential topics.

Strategic Plan. They had a "retreat" and the following are their goals for the next three years, in no particular order:

1. Some specific permanent infrastructure improvements, including things like bathrooms at the Original and Court House improvements in connection with the court house centennial (2012).

2. Butte Events Team has a list of desired improvements, some of which are clearly permanent infrastructure; URA meeting with BET soon to identify possible support.
3. Sidewalks - short term, identify critical needs and get to work.
4. Lighting and streetscapes. To work with NW energy.
5. Water/sewer, to see where needs exist that may not be met by, e.g., NRD funding.
6. Structures - get a good inventory of ownership, identify needs.
7. Parking - explore possibilities, more angle? revisit possible garage?
8. Marketing URA services and goals to maximize use of funds; possibly focus media stories on some projects.
9. Ongoing discussions, URA sunset (2014) and possible new district.

I have a copy of the URA requirements/guidelines and application. Sent to Board members.

Community Enrichment Committee meeting, April 21 2011 :

Items of possible interest:

Greek Cafe grant transfer logistics complete; BSB has retained Beaudette; expecting stabilization plan from them tomorrow April 22; plan to review, send for bids, work to begin by June 1.

Brinks Bldg on Front Street, Dev Pkt nearly ready, multiple interested parties have toured the building; lots of issues inside, not so much on exterior.

From Fire Marshal John Laskey: The Dairy Queen on Harrison that burned yesterday was built in 1949; total loss; insurance should cover demolition they think.

Historic Preservation Commission: HPC meeting May 3, 2011

6 members present; Denise Kelly absent and resigning.

1. 525 S. Dakota - new 4-plex infill, URA funding, design review. This is plan for a second 4-plex, the other is under construction. Request for approval of certificate of appropriateness. Approved with some minor recommendations about porch slats and cornice form.
2. 1923 Argyle - demolition request for later attached garage. House is Historic Property. Garage is a carbuncle (per Steve Hinick) and should be removed. Demolition approved.
3. 737 Hornet - tiny (maybe 150 sq ft) 1918 cottage on a half lot. Determination: Evaluated as individually contributing (not subsidiary to other structure; always was separate residence) in 2005-06. Owner does not want to demolish; 3rd party wants to buy and demolish. HPO recommends it is historic and contributing and therefore will have consequences for 3rd party if he buys it. HPC concurs (one dissent - Harris).
- 4A. 521 N. Montana - house. Determination: 1910 hip-roofed four-square cottage, across from Original Mineyard. Not in 1980s survey; 2006 found non-contributing; exterior compromised significantly. HPO recommends not Historic; HPC concurs. No longer an HPC issue.
- 4B. 519 N. Montana - garage (same owner as 521). Brick garage, lots of interesting elements, chimney, window in gable. HPO evaluates as contributing, HPC concurs. Demolition request moot because owner agrees not to demolish given that he can demolish 521 N Montana (above) and will plan to build new garage on that site.
5. Staack's motors, Mercury street. Request to revisit January ruling by HPC regarding siding (HPC said it needs to be horizontal, he wants vertical delta-v rib metal siding). HPC recommendation to URA: should not be delta rib; should be historically compatible whether horizontal (clapboard style) or vertical (corrugated style). Indication that if URA agrees and denies funding he may proceed anyway without URA. HPC approved (Harris dissent).

6. Hennessey building cellular tower. FCC 621 report received by SHPO, I think this was a request from SHPO to HPC for opinion. Plan adopted is a large (26' high) box on the roof to house/screen the towers, painted to look like the machine sheds etc already up there. HPC concurs with SHPO that the applicant has minimized the impact.

7. Staff report. Big Hole Pump Station maintenance plan still being developed. Original Mine work progressing. Greek Cafe: plans reviewed, bids expected to be let next week. Brinks Building developers packet: Jim Shive requests language in packet to include HPC design review and recommendations. HPC approved motion to include language (Harris opposed).

8. New Business. SHPO (Martha Kohl) is offering to create neighborhood historic plaques for the 12 designated neighborhoods; three to be made this year, ~300 words/sign. SHPO pays for signs, BSB installs. They will seek input from community regarding texts and locations.

9. Old Business: HP Ordinance amendments. Review committee expected to be Jim Jarvis, Eileen Joyce, Karen Byrnes, two members of HPC, Kate Hampton, and one citizen member. To be appointed by Paul Babb.

10. Announcement: Mary McCormick announced her resignation due to her move to Seattle.

Butte Restoration Alliance: Heritage Park: no report.

Main Street Uptown Butte: no report.

Other: none.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mitzi told Dick to make certain changes to various web pages which he will do.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday June 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m. Carrie Kiely's house, 1402 W. Porphyry.*