

## *Nov. 8, 2011 - Irene Scheidecker's house*

The November meeting was called to order by President Carrie Kiely at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 9:00 pm. In attendance: Carrie Kiely, Julie Crowley, Steve Foreman, Larry Smith, Dick Gibson, Irene Scheidecker, Mitzi Rossillon, Mike Hogan, Robert Edwards, and Robert Renouard (on the phone).

**Minutes:** not read.

Treasurer's report: Julie reported that payments had been made to the Greek Cafe trust, to two HIP Grant recipients, and to the P.R. coordinator, totaling \$2,735; there was some salvage sale income. Present balance \$35,814.

### **Education:**

- Film Series: Carrie reported that a date has been booked and obtaining permissions to show the various films is in progress.
- Traveling Trunks: No report
- Halloween Window Decorations: didn't happen, issues with liability. Pursue in the future.

**Salvage:** Kathy Morris' antiques

- wait until there is a viable place. Capstones: gone; what happened? Mitzi will call again. Sales: Mike H and Larry S indicated some recent sales have occurred.

### **ACTION ITEMS - Nov-Dec 2011**

- **Larry:** Determine cost for Christmas party; tell Dick for posting
- **Robert R:** Work on inventory of places that might benefit from parapet work (carryover)
- **Mitzi:** craft bullet list of items of concern for revised HP ordinance
- **Carrie:** letter to owner of Carpenters Union Hall re: demolition alternatives
- **Dick** - invite specific new friends of CPR to Christmas Party (and all: suggest)
- **Contacts for CCSP grant nominees:** get info per this month's minutes; send to Dick to compile
- **Carrie et al.:** plan a seminar or the like on Ghost Sign Preservation and Restoration (carryover)
- **Julie Crowley/Robert R** - plan and conduct a ghost signs tour (carryover)
- **Julie Crowley** - continue planning for Anaconda Road memorial and other uses for pavers (carryover)
- **Mitzi** - contact Exchange Club, Paint the Town re ways we could help (carryover)
- **Mitzi & Robert R** - list parameters etc. re Habitat for Humanity design at 623 W. Granite (carryover)
- **Robert R** - draft letter regarding new construction/infill for Ordinance Review Committee (carryover)
- **Carrie** - ongoing re Film Series
- **Dick** - include ref to minutes in general monthly mailing
- **Dick** - work on CPR brochure (carryover)
- **Dick** - rejuvenate newspaper articles (carryover)
- **Dick** - pursue presentations to civic groups (ongoing)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Dick

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**HIP awards:** two of five have been paid; the others are presumably in progress.

**Greek Cafe:** *Litigation update:* there is a new judge; no date. Carrie has been seeking minutes from when the HP ordinance was enacted (2006-07). Suggestion was made that in addition to Council minutes, much of the action in that time frame was in the Judiciary Committee. CPR determined that its

fee for researching, copying, and producing its own records is \$2 per page. *Letter re CLG*: Discussion of sending such a letter to the Park Service. No action decided. *Use of the vacant lot*: Question was, does CPR have a position on this to suggest to public for them to input to Council or others; does CPR wish to make such a statement itself. Various ideas were discussed, including keep it vacant, a visitor center, and idea of any developer's packet including design review by HPC with mandatory determinations for anything that would go up there. Ultimately, the decision was that we are not ready to make any particular recommendations; but "nothing" is better than a poorly designed anything.

**CCSP grant ideas**: extensive discussion, determination that we need to (soon, like 1-2 weeks) have concise statements for the 6 tentative nominees that can be sent on to the Park Service, specifically, nature of the work, ball-park figure for project cost, and agreement with the partner to be involved. Ultimately, we'll need to determine any partner's ability to provide match, whether cash or in-kind, as the CCSP grant requires a 1:1 match. Robert E indicated the importance of CPR handling this in a professional organized manner; we don't want to be the ones to drop the ball.

**Historic Preservation Ordinance revisions**: Discussion of whether CPR wishes to endorse Jim Shive's suggested alternative to the BSB proposed amended ordinance. Discussion indicated CPR generally agrees with Jim Shive's proposal, but would also emphasize such things as 1) need for a voluntary local register (BSB proposal removes it); 2) design review for URA monies on historic properties, with mandatory compliance; 3) include properties eligible for National Register, not just those now listed (the ordinance presently includes eligible and listed; revision includes only listed); and 4) generally to include in the ordinance the responsibilities required by a Certified Local Government, including duties and responsibilities for the HPC, without delegating them to the HPO. Mitzi will craft a bullet list for these items and others.

**Infill housing, NAHN location at 623 W. Granite**: Mitzi and Robert R have the information and need to put it in the form of a letter.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Carpenters Union Hall**: following on report in the paper that the owner is considering demolition, suggestion to write letter to the owner indicating the many options alternative to demolition. Carrie will do this.

**The Holiday Party** will be at Broadway Cafe, 7:00 p.m. December 13. Cost TBD and will be posted on the web site once determined. Dick to invite specific friends of CPR (and everyone to indicate suggestions for that invitation list).

## 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.

**Historic Preservation Commission, Nov. 1, 2011**. Members present: Richards, Shive, Peterson, West, Hinick, Harris; Edwards absent. Staff: Jim Jarvis, Steve Hess. Public: Gretchen something (new person), Julie Tramner, Mike Sheehy.

1. Discussion, to note variations from approved on doors installed by Quarry and distillery. Re site-specific environmental assessments for NAHN developments, Jim Shive asked what would be the comment period, so as to assure HPC has time to comment. Answer, not known.

2. New Business. Court House restoration. Phase I is to be repainting windows and cleaning masonry.

Paint will be a gray color, not white, which is closer to original. Cleaning will be with a mild non-abrasive cleaner. Later Phases: repair front steps, restore copper doors, make revolving door work again.

3. Old Business - Original Mineyard. A. Hoist House west deck restoration: third iteration of plan from Steve Hinick, this one has a non-solid interpretation of the catwalk and no stairs ("attractive nuisance"). Concrete walls near building around part of deck to create retaining wall for the open space below. B. Two metal structures - 1) metal tower on north side of Hoist Bldg., to be restored with new metal siding like existing; replace windows and the door. 2) small metal structure on side of compressor bldg - this houses the entry to the basement; to be cleaned and painted. Chris Harris has the contract for these metal structure restorations.

4) Jim reported on the RHPP update committee and the HP Ordinance review committee. Ernie passed around a letter from County Atty to council responding to Susan Callaghan's letter re Greek Cafe. It is dated Oct. 5.

### **Council of Commissioners Meeting, Nov. 2, 2011**

Approved under consent agenda:

1. Jim Jarvis, Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Officer, notifying Council of a status report on the update to the Butte-Anaconda Regional Historic Preservation Plan (RHPP). Recommendation: Note and place on file. [this reports that standing committee created and bid solicited from heritage tourism consultants; bids due Nov. 18]

2. Jim Jarvis, Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Officer, requesting Council's authorization for the Chief Executive to sign a contract with Chris Harris Restoration. Recommendation: Concur and place on file. [\$15,390 to restore 2 small metal buildings at Original Mine Yard; lowest of two bids.]

Items to be read and acted on:

1. Mark Reavis, Butte Urban Safari Tours, requesting full disclosure of all communications and public records in regards to the Greek Cafe and the Brinks Building.

Paul Babb: he can obtain those items via subpoena in the ongoing lawsuit or through a freedom of information request; costs associated with that. Eileen Joyce: Agendas, minutes available online, tapes available from council secretary (at cost, or can be heard there); URA records up to them; re the emails and phone logs, can be obtained via discovery in lawsuit; would entail costs for time and time would include need to determine if any involve non-public persons and therefore might be a privacy concern. Comm. Foley: requests Co Atty to respond to indicate the discussion so as to avoid appearance of non-responsiveness; Co Atty says she will. Communication noted and placed on file.

2. Mike Sheehy, P.O. Box 9991, Butte, Montana, requesting Council schedule public hearings to collect comments, ideas and concepts for the vacant lot at 88 East Park Street, the former location of the Greek Cafe.

Dave Palmer: request is somewhat out of order, normal procedure would be to have a proposal for the use, then a public hearing. Comm. Schultz: what if citizens want to comment before a sale? Couldn't we sound out the public? Paul Babb: we have a good process now; not good to have proposals before regular process proceeds. Comm. Foley: Any citizen can make any suggestions, directly to any or all commissioners or to the council at a meeting in Public Comment period, and he suggests they do so. Communication was referred to the Land Sales Committee.

*Next Meeting: Christmas Party, Tuesday Dec. 13, 7:00 pm, Broadway Cafe; cost to be determined. January 10 meeting will be at Mitzi's house, 815 W. Granite.*