

March 13, 2012 - Knights of Columbus Hall

The March meeting was called to order by President Theresa Doty at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 9:20 pm. In attendance: Carrie Kiely, Dick Gibson, Mitzi Rossillon, Theresa Doty, Brian McGregor, Sharon Amundsen, Julie Crowley, Doug Shidler, Mike Sheehy, Linda Hurlock, Stephen Foreman, and one more.

Minutes: not read.

Treasurer's report: income \$2107 (mostly memberships); expenses \$989 (mostly PR coordinator 2 months and annual report mailing/printing). Balance \$36,975.

Education & Outreach:

- **Ghost Sign Preservation:** ongoing planning. Mike Sheehy proposed to contact URA to explore possibilities of setting aside some small amount per year until the URA sunsets in 2014 for a fund that would be used for ghost sign preservation work. After some discussion, it was determined that Carrie will try to visit with the URA to explore possibilities.
- **Film Series:** ongoing planning.
- **Traveling Trunks:** Julie is having ongoing meetings with the World Museum of Mining.
- **Window Decorations:** Theresa reports art classes at Butte Central have started this in the Tait and it is about half done. Creperie is next. A press release is drafted but plan is to wait until there is more to show.
- **Dust to Dazzle Tour:** Mitzi said four locations are confirmed; two to go. Theresa is the poster distribution coordinator. Anna Doctor is volunteer coordinator. The date for the tour is June 23, 12-5.
- **Books & Books signing:** discussion regarding Ron Tanner's book, *From Animal House to Our House: A Love Story*, a house restoration story. He will be in Butte Monday July 16 at Books & Books; his publisher asked CPR to co-sponsor; we are amenable, but not sure what it entails.

ACTION ITEMS - Mar-Apr 2012

- **Dick** - get flyers to Brian
- **Theresa:** schedule Board long-range planning session
- **Dick:** update/announce HIP grant stuff
- **Dick:** apply for US Bank fdn grant (Aug?)
- **Dick:** apply for Butte Comm Fdn grant (Sept)
- **Dick:** apply for Cultural Trust grant (Aug 1)
- **Carrie:** investigate URA funding for ghost sign preservation
- **Mike H:** salvage sale?
- **Robert R:** Work on inventory of places that might benefit from parapet work (carryover)
- **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** - rejuvenate newspaper articles (carryover)
- **Dick** - pursue presentations to civic groups (ongoing)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Dick

Theresa was coordinating; now Carrie is coordinating.

- **National Trust Conference** Spokane, October: nothing new

HIP awards: The HIP committee is Mitzi, Larry, and Andrea. They met and adjusted the guidelines and deadline (April 20) which Dick is to update and get posted on the web site and announced to the press. For this year only, one or two large grants for up to \$5,000 will be considered, and for this year only, roofing projects are also possible in conjunction with facade improvement projects.

Salvage: Determination that Mike Hogan should make any decisions and plans regarding salvage, including plans for additional sales.

PR Coordinator report: Discussion of additional fractional-time person to either do other things we need done, or to do things that Dick cannot do in the summer such as attending meetings during the day. Thoughts centered on need for someone familiar with the organization who can "just do it." It is not a dire need as Dick covers most things but this will be less in the summer as it was last summer.

Grants:

- We received \$500 from **Wal-Mart Foundation**, which is to be applied to the HIP program. Someone is to send them a thank-you; not clear who, nor clear where to send it (the check came from Arkansas; the address would be on the check stub).
- **Cultural Trust, FY2011-12.** This grant is in effect now, the paperwork was finished, and the first distribution was received; Dick coordinates.
- **Cultural Trust, FY2013-14.** The next grant cycle application deadline is August 1. Board met and determined to apply for \$15,000 for the two years (\$7,500 per year) for operational expenses. Dick to handle.
- **US Bank Foundation:** Mitzi indicated we should apply, deadline is probably August 1; Dick to handle. This would apply to the HIP program, which US Bank Foundation has supported in the past. (Carryover)
- Determination to apply to **Butte Community Foundation**; deadline probably September; Dick to handle.
- **CCSP grant:** The National Park Service informed us that regrettably the CCSP grant, \$30,000 for the Greek Cafe stabilization, unfortunately cannot be reallocated to anything else. Since the CCSP program is now defunct, this money does not even go to another preservation project, but to the US Treasury general fund. CPR is committed to the four projects that we had submitted to the NPS for reallocating the CCSP money; CPR's commitment remains the same, totaling \$17,500, in projects totaling \$78,800, but without the CCSP match, the owners will now have to find significantly larger proportions of their financing. CPR will be working with the four nominees to try to make the projects work and may be able to add minimally to CPR's commitment, but CPR cannot provide the amounts the CCSP monies would have.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Ordinance revisions: The ad hoc committee met March 1. The current proposal on the table is rather different from that which had been discussed since September; it removes the URA from the purview of the Local Register (but retains the local register); mandates design review for URA and BSB-owned properties; and had no provision for denial of any demolition. Committee members and the public strongly urged some way for either the HPC or the Council of Commissioners to deny a demolition request. Some discussion of the legality of that; Kate Hampton (SHPO and committee member) indicated that certainly, local governments have that right and the right to enforce such laws, and that that has been supported in high level court decisions.

RHPP update: the consultants working on this are in town this week with preliminary findings; a meeting March 13 with organizations including CPR presented them for discussion. This is mostly about implementing heritage tourism aspects of the Regional Historic Preservation Plan. Dick and Julie are on the steering committee for this effort. In tonight's CPR meeting, there followed a lengthy discussion about politics.

Infill housing, NAHN location at 623 W. Granite and others: Still in progress; request for public comment has not gone out, as far as we know.

Letter to Park Service regarding BSB's suitability as a CLG: No report; Carrie continuing to consider.

Mine Yard Open Space designations: Public hearings/meetings are continuing.

National Trust Preservation 10X: Nothing new.

Historic Missoula booth: We were represented by Mitzi. Sold two Stained Glass books and handed out brochures.

Revolving Fund: nothing new.

Board strategic planning: [Secretary moved from Education to Old Business] Theresa wants to plan a half-day brainstorming session for the board, to work toward a strategic plan for CPR. Theresa working on scheduling.

Developers' Packets (Greek Cafe Lot): [added by Secretary; not discussed at meeting] There were no proposals for developing the lot; asking price was about \$14,800.

NEW BUSINESS

Graffiti project: Discussion of increasing graffiti problem; committee established: Mitzi, Julie, Carrie, Brian. People who have graffiti vandalism on their property, or see it in their neighborhoods, should contact one of the committee members or info@buttepr.org.

House at Basin Creek Reservoir: Mitzi brought this up anticipating BSB will want to demolish it. Suggests this is an opportunity for CPR to be proactive in providing ideas for reuse of this house for community benefit. One thought was to provide it as a rental space for events, gatherings, etc., but whatever, better to take the initiative now than wait until demolition is announced. Suggestion of trying to connect with folks at Trout Unlimited.

Anaconda Road Memorial: Julie is pursuing this, including plans to talk with DNRC / BNRC folks about funding.

Classes at Library: Theresa indicated that if we want to do classes at the Library, we can.

115 W. Broadway: Linda Hurlock and her husband have bought this 1880s building and seek to preserve and rehabilitate it. Seeking support from CPR or CPR members in terms of dollars or labor; in return for partial ownership and/or use of space. Discussion that this might be challenging for CPR financially, but there was interest in scheduling a tour of the place. Theresa will work with Linda to plan that.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Due to the scheduling mix-up Matt Vincent could not attend tonight's meeting. According to Julie, he offered to meet with CPR folks at 6:30 Monday March 19 at the Pioneer Club. It was not clear to me

whether we are accepting this, nor who would confirm it with Matt, nor how we would promote it.

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 Edwards requested, and the Board approved, that Dick should specifically refer to the online minutes in the monthly mass e-mail. Dick often forgets to do this so feel free to remind him.

Historic Preservation Commission, March 6, 2012. Present: Ernie Richards, Steve Hinick, Jim Shive, Chris Harris, Tina West. Jim Jarvis & Steve Hess.

1. No demolition reviews.
 2. One URA design review: 128 W Granite, rear (Smithers studio). Replace 11 window sashes, brick repair, repaint ghost sign. Discussion of colors on windows, sounded like they will all be compatible. Discussion of ghost sign: the usual, repaint vs restore vs preserve; proposal was to "repaint" but it sounded like touch up, but it was more than just the paint where the bricks will have to be replaced or repainted; Mr. Shive suggested leave it as is except in those (few) brick replacement places; Mr. Harris suggested he exclude the sign from the URA funding so he doesn't have to do what HPC says; he (Steve Maloney) says he wants to "bring it back" (the building) and is amenable to suggestions. Ultimately, the HPC approved the review with condition of color compatibility for windows; ghost sign was not an element of the final conditions.
 3. Sec 106 review, a cell tower at base of east ridge east of I-90/I-15 interchange; there was discussion about visual impact.
 4. Mark Reavis was there to discuss code requirements for egress doors at Original Compressor House; will require a man door to be inset into the south door; minor discussion of design but there was consensus to approve Mark's preferred idea.
 5. 1101 W. Porphyry: Jim reported to them in Staff Report what we already heard, that the building Inspector allowed the "building permit" for removing the "roof and wall systems" so as to repair the substandard floor. Building inspector has agreed in future to tell HPC/HPO about such things in future. Commission says, send Building Inspector a letter from us quoting the definition of "demolition," inasmuch as this was indeed a demolition.
 6. Information about RHPP consultants visit next week; I think you have all heard that already.
 7. Discussion of shop structure at 132.5 E. Daly, Walkerville, a contributing property that was demolished; why? Because Walkerville is outside the jurisdiction of the HP ordinance; Jim Shive wants to impose HP ordinance on them; Jim Jarvis wants to work to make them want to have the protections of the HP Ordinance.
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Community Enrichment Committee, 2/16/12: Few items of interest:

Jim Jarvis reported to them (by email) that he expected the ad hoc HP ordinance review committee to have results in "a few months." There have been initial conversations with the new owner of the Deluxe regarding possibilities of them acquiring the Brinks.

Re the Graffiti House on South Montana, county attorney has told them it is not a public nuisance and there is nothing they can do about it. I inferred it was something about free speech.

Dave Palmer said MERDI is interested in the old gas station at Granite and Wyoming, but the owner won't budge, could they address it from a community enrichment point of view? Ed Randall says sure we'll get on that. Demolition was not mentioned but it is reasonable to assume it would be on the table.

Community Enrichment issue at 671-673 S. Main, I inferred this is a junk-in-the-yard issue and not necessarily a building issue, but it was not perfectly clear.

URA Board meeting, 2/17/12

Report that there are 19 vaulted sidewalks on the current list for addressing; some will be repaired, some will be filled. Work started on Hirbour Tower this week.

Human Resources Council is getting set to begin work on their building on Silver St. east of Colorado (Chinatown archaeological dig site). They asked for and received a second \$150,000 grant toward the \$2.3 million project. "This work [i.e., I assume the building design] has been reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Officer." (That could have been 2-3 years ago as this has been in the works since 2009.)

Knights of Columbus: Andy Zdinak (BLDC) reviewed it and had the correct figures as Mike Hogan had provided to him (Thanks Mike). For the \$27,800 roof project, with CPR commitment of \$5,000 and pending NPS CCSP \$9,000, they were asking for a grant from URA of \$6,950 (standard 25% match) and a loan of \$6,950 (adjusted from the agenda based on the correct CPR/NPS amounts). The URA board decided to make it all a grant for \$13,800. In any case, it was nice, and I said CPR appreciated it as well and that it would probably provide additional leverage on the NPS approval which is likely, but still pending. [Note added 3/13/12: In fact the CCSP grant cannot be repurposed; CPR will work with the K of C hall to determine what is possible.]

Next CPR meeting: Tuesday April 10, 7:00 p.m.