

# July 10, 2012 - Butte Archives

The meeting was convened by consensus of a majority of the board. Vice President Carrie Kiely took over at about 7:05. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Present: Julie Crowley, Mitzi Rossillon, Mike Hogan, Larry Smith, Irene Scheidecker, Dick Gibson, Stephen Foreman, Carrie Kiely, Robert Edwards (later), and Jeremiah.

1. Treasurer's report. Expenses \$8,662 include \$7000 for KC roof repair grant; national trust conference registration (note correction - amount listed \$1,170 should be \$1,175); PR contractor \$157; Dust to Dazzle cash boxes \$335. Income \$3,881 includes \$80 memberships, \$205 donations, \$5 stained glass books, \$3591 D2D.

2. Mission Statement: Dick had indicated we need this for the Cultural Trust grant application. Discussion ended with decision to modify text in Articles of Incorporation, which says "The purposes for which this corporation is organized are for promoting the preservation, reuse, and revitalization of historic buildings in Butte, Montana, through educational activities, volunteer activities, and charitable assistance." Modification: "The mission of Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization is to promote the preservation, reuse, and revitalization of historic buildings in Butte, Montana, through educational activities, volunteer activities, and charitable assistance." The questions raised by Robert R. in email discussions were mentioned, and the decision was that this is a separate and important issue to be addressed when Robert R. can be present, but not to impact the current determination of a mission statement.

3. Close-out memo regarding the Brinks. Carrie passed around a draft letter to be sent to BSB Council, Paul Babb, and others. This was apparently based on a decision by the board on May 24. Lengthy discussion included questions of what is the grant referred to; whether or not various sections of the letter are appropriate; whether we actually want to send the letter at all; what is it we actually want to accomplish and how to do that. There was insistence by some that this was based on a meeting at which a quorum of the board was present; others indicated otherwise; a poll of the board indicated that there was no quorum present when decisions were taken on this topic. The decision was to not send this letter to anyone. Instead, a three-pronged approach to issues of demolition by neglect was determined.

a. CPR President Doty, together with a minimum of two CPR board members, are to set up a meeting with Jim Jarvis to discuss needful buildings, i.e., essentially a list of places "in the queue" from the Community Enrichment point of view, with a goal of discussing them before they become "time critical" in the manner of the Brinks. It was clear that the board is insisting that at least two board members must attend any such meeting, along with the President. Notes shall be taken at the meeting and shared with the board and officers.

b. We should all plan to suggest needful properties (of whatever ownership) at every CPR meeting, so as to get them onto our own radar screen. We should invite the membership at large to actively participate in this approach.

c. For properties identified as undergoing neglect, CPR should proactively begin to send letters to negligent owners (cc'd as appropriate) to encourage them to repair, mothball, sell, or otherwise handle the problems being caused by their negligence. Irene to draft letter(s) regarding State/Iona Cafe and adjacent building.

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4. Salvage. Apparently Front Street Station has bricks and other materials. Larry has seen. Lengthy discussion about whether to accept the materials and what to do with them (how to move, where to

store). Suggestions included a sale-in-place without moving; numerous places were suggested to move them to; discussions of availability (or not) of fork lifts; Robert E. to contact Triple S to see if they would move and store them; Larry to determine time frame needed by Madrazos for removal.

5. Dick said he had requested an agenda item regarding what happened at the May 22 Brinks committee meeting, from the CPR point of view, since he had been considerably embarrassed by the announcement at the Council June 20 that his letter of May 17 had been addressed in that committee meeting, and if he had known that it would have saved considerable angst. Carrie repeated Theresa's previous indication that she recalled nothing about that, which is contrary to public statements by Council chair Dave Palmer and contrary to indicated content of taped minutes of that meeting. Dick said his main point was that meetings and activities of CPR officers and board should be recorded in notes or minutes to avoid such situations in the future.

6. Report of Historic Preservation Commission (tonight, 7-10-12) (report provided by Robert Edwards with interruptions by Dick Gibson). HPC now consists of Steve Hinick, Robert Edwards, Brittany Lynch, Theresa Doty, Bill Ryan, Tina West, and Dave Stratton. West and Stratton were absent; Doty was on the phone. 1) They elected Steve Hinick chair and Brittany Lynch vice-chair. 2) Approved demolition of house at 131 Ruby. 3) Reviewed preliminary design of 115 W. Broadway (Tom & Linda Hurlock; note that in all the materials this is referred to as 155 W. Broadway, but it is 115-117). Plan is to remove significant portions of building to allow historically inspired reconstruction. 4) approved final design of Emma Park Neighborhood Center (Edwards voted no because of non-historic setback). 5) Reviewed for comment three designs for NAHN infill construction in Centerville. No comments. 6) Reviewed for comment preliminary designs (via Beaudette and Reavis) for stair rail and platform work for safety and compliance on headframes. (Gibson left during this to go to CPR meeting). 7) With Ernie Richards and Jim Shive gone, the county (explicitly, Jon Sesso) wishes to change the signing authority for HPC communications and decision letters, from HPC chair to HPO. Discussion and disagreement; for the present month, Jim Jarvis is authorized to sign, but the question remains on the table.

7. Other: 1) Mitzi requests we invite new Dumas owners to August meeting for brief informational presentation and discussion. Dick said they work at night but would try to come. 2) Reminder of book signing next Monday - see web site. 3) People in Anaconda have asked for our advice - what they really need is a white knight - regarding the impending demolition of St. Peter's Rectory. 4) Jeremiah discussed his property in Walkerville which he is renovating with a view to very careful historic repair/replacement.

*Next meeting: August 14.*