

# Sept. 11, 2012 - Butte Archives

The meeting was called to order by President Irene Scheidecker at 7:05 p.m.; adjourned at 8:30.  
Present: Irene Scheidecker, Mitzi Rossillon, Mike Riley, Terry Spath, Julie Crowley, Dick Gibson, Mike Hogan, and Robert Renouard on the phone.

**Public Comment:** Everyone introduced him- or herself. A question was asked about CPR getting URA funding for property outside the URA district; we can't.

Action Items are in red below.

**Approval of minutes from August:** Approved.

**Treasurer's report:** main expense was \$4,250 to Fournier Painting (for St. Lawrence Church work). Balance \$33,032, with obligations for Mary MacLane House and HIP grants outstanding.

## Reports

**HPC:** Mitzi recapped the last meeting (see report copied below). The conditional demolition approval (three historic houses on the East Side) included a precedent-setting condition of a \$2500 payment to provide for remediation of the loss of the historic buildings.

Copied from Dick's previous HPC report:

HPC meeting Sept. 4, 2012

Present: Steve Hinick, Robert Edwards, Theresa Doty, Tina West, Dave Stratton, Bill Ryan.

Staff: Jim Jarvis, Steve Hess, Carol, Kate Hampton & Kristin (grants mgr) from SHPO.

Public: Mitzi Rossillon, Jim Shive, Todd Hunkler, Dick Gibson, and applicants.

1. SHPO CLG 4-year review. 40 min. Mainly, Kate asked them to have goals; have a preservation plan; establish guidelines and rules. Discussion initiated by Robert re: "small issues" like pavers being ignored, discarded, stolen, whatever. Jarvis said "replacement of cobblestones removed" in a recent action "was not an option" and if commission has concern they need a policy. Ditto ghost signs, Jarvis says. Hinick: "We have a lot to work with". Kate: Missoula restored brick-paved streets, project led by their HPC. Robert asks for Kate to provide case histories of other CLG's success stories. Kate encouraged them to attend training, e.g., the MT Hist Conf CLG program, where, among other things, the questions of job descriptions of HPOs will be discussed. [Gibson attended that in 2007.]

2. Houses on E. Mercury and Oklahoma. 1 hr. HPC approved demolition permit with conditions indicated by HPO, with the additional condition (from Robert) that there be a \$2500 fee to be used for real mitigation (not filling out forms; idea is that this would be a small fraction of the HABS Level II documentation that would actually be mitigation) somewhere in the vicinity. Vote was 4-2 to approve with those conditions. Hinick (yes, the chair is still voting) and Doty voted no.

3. Following is from Jarvis' staff report: "Basin Creek Caretaker House - No further action has been taken by BSB. The Land Sales Committee has been asked to develop a proposal for restoration and re-use of the building under public ownership."

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## Announcement

The Mai Wah is having its "Grand Reopening of the Wah Chong Tai" on June 15, 2013 - information

provided for CPR planning of Dust to Dazzle tour to avoid conflict.

## Committee Reports

**Education, HIP Grant, other:** no reports

**Salvage:** Mike Hogan reported on Sept. 8 salvage sale; revenue was \$310.

## Old Business

**1. Neglected buildings.** Irene is working on **setting up a meeting with Jim Jarvis** to discuss identification of endangered and threatened buildings before they reach the status of the Greek Cafe or Brinks (see previous months' minutes). Mitzi passed around a draft letter to the owners of the O'Rourke, which everyone agreed was a positive, helpful nudge toward the idea of keeping owners active in preserving their buildings. Irene saw it as a model that can be used with minor modification for neglected properties. Board voted to **send Mitzi's letter**. Discussion of proposed Vacant Buildings Ordinance, and how do we find out what is going on with that if the Community Enrichment Committee meetings (or others where it may be discussed) exclude the public.

**2. Basin Creek Reservoir Caretaker's house:** See note from Jim Jarvis's staff report, above. Presumably there will eventually be another Developers Packet for this. Mitzi indicates that if there is a way, it would be good if we could **let the Land Sales Committee know** that such a packet should be inclusive, allowing for the kinds of proposals that would save the building. Irene searched for pictures of the Basin Creek park but found none in the Archives.

**3. Salvation Army buildings:** Irene contacted Salvation Army and is trying to **set up a walk-through** of the one on S. Main, probably for this Saturday.

## New Business

Recruiting secretary, PR person, and webmaster. Dick said we had one expression of interest for the web position, and one for the PR position, and these would be **forwarded to the whole board**.

Meeting adjourned. *Next meeting October 9, 2012.*