**Minutes**

**July 20, 2021**

**Butte CPR Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom online**

**Call to Order: 7:03**

**Attendees:** Noor Parwana, Mitzi Rossillon, Larry Smith, Jason Silvernale, Nancy Woodruff, Doug Shidler, Holly Sandbo,

**Approval of Previous meeting minutes - approved**

**Public comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)**

**Special discussion -** National Historic Park designation – Holly Sandbo NPCA.

* Background: still some confusion on NPS designation efforts.
* Others reached out to NPCA for help, so have organized in person then virtual meetings .
* Tourism, historic preservation, economic development
* Historic park advisory team
* Long-term effort starting in 1985; NPS was wary of acquiring lands involved in Superfund back in 80’s and 90’s
* Historic landmark district expansion in 2006 and consent decree for BPS led to a renewed effort to achieve NPS designation
* Feels that a Historical Park is better than a Heritage Area
* Park is Managed by NPS, Annual budget, rather than annual congressional budget appropriations. Land use restrictions are same as Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District. Parks are also smaller
* What does it mean for community?
* Have a visitors center for orientations for visitors
* NPS has good experience and knowledge on how to guide and orient people
* Keewana Park – takes Landmark District that is inactive, and makes it active
* What to expect and timeline?
* Need to build support locally to then go to congressional reps
* Bill to pass (1-3 years)
* Take 4-6 years to get visitors center, park up and running
* Comparable would be Grant-Kohrs or Little Bighorn (1.2-1.6 mm annual budgets)
* Probably take over one Uptown building that is key to the history
* **Jason** – made suggestions to talk to Assoc of Realtor’s to tamp down concerns on property rights.
* Great falls example – ag was used as an issue; land use restrictions, multiple counties
* Reach out to John Rees - Walkerville
* Noor – Chamber of Commerce? Jason – did not seem to take a stand on Historic District
* Mitzi – misunderstanding about what our landmark district is and is not. Some individuals seem to not like anything to do with historic preservation.
* Noor – invite some commissioners to other meetings to introduce them
* Nancy – can we get economic impacts from other parks?
* Suggest to present to the Burros and Republican club
* Is there economic development information from Deer Lodge?
* Nancy – what role will NPCA play in this?
* Support role, Holly has time designated to help in planning.
* Will become more involved as it moves towards legislation
* Have staff to help move forward in Washington, D.C. and NPS
* If it happens, NPCA will be around to help in getting it running.

**Reports/Announcements:**

* Treasurer’s report – report has been submitted for last 2 months.
* We will have to designate operational expenses for the $4k Cultural Trust, likely to start in January 2022
* We will need to see the grant details
* Council of Commissioners meetings
* URA meeting – last week – special meeting asking for demolition of white building next to Park Hotel
* Gave $25k to Hoffman and Stacks for demo of Blue Range
* HPC meeting – Letter about Micone was read into the record, and HPC thinks it’s a reconstruction
* Website - website updates are lagging behind on announcements
* Can we put Cassie on the list of BOD members (so she can be notified of meetings, etc)

**Committee Reports:**

* BHT Revolving Fund – good news
* Request in at SW corner of Main and Woolman. Land sales okay’ed it. Fair market value would be about $11k for the purpose of moving the Town Pump Aluminum St. house
* County so far has been supportive
* Town Pump has been willing to wait without demolition; but agreed to contribute to part of the move.
* D2D wrapup – Net $9,829.35
* Previous years – 2016 – 2700, and highest previously was ~6k
* Silent auction up by $1k, costs down by $1.8k (no paid coordinator and NW Energy printing), no rentals for a Tea.
* Prismatic Glass Project – they submitted a report and bill for service. Going well.
* HIP -
* Salvage – We had a successful July 10 event.
* Mike is willing to start. He suggested Aug 3 Sept 1 Oct 5 (to Cassie)
* Need to post on website, Facebook, need Vertical Response, and Standard Events
* Need to get volunteers
* Grant match reporting

**New Business:**

* Status of demolition of 135 E. Park
* We’ve heard that engineering firm report said it is really expensive to demo this building
* We would like to have that report become public.
* It is important to know whether it is more economic to mothball the façade (and roof?)
* Larry will send Mitzi a copy of the Blue Range FOIA that was sent
* Response to Chief Executive's decision not to renew Russell O'Leary's term on the HPC
* Everyone’s term is up at some point and it’s the Chief Exec’s job to reappoint people, but we do wonder if his dismissal is an attack on preservation
* Tracy Miller (Broker) will be the replacement for Russell O’Leary.
* Nancy suggested writing a letter to the editor saying it is not a good way to treat volunteers by denying reappointment without detailing reasons why to remove people that have the most experience in renovation of historic buildings.
* In the past we’ve given copies of Rypkema’s book to new HPC members to educate them on the value of renovation
* Tax Deed auction list available on treasurer’s page on BSB website – auction at end of August

**Old Business:**

* Office space – BHT met there for meetings. Emma’s been busy with life. Someone is getting quotes for vinyl window decal.
* Nancy and Mitzi plan on being there for Farmer’s Market
* Key issue – from Maggie or Emma
* Should we ask Maggie to serve office hours there?
* Historic District Signs – we should see what’s in committee with the CoC
* Noor will contact Carol Link

Meeting Ended: 8:47 PM

**Next board meetings** –Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, 2021