

MEETING MINUTES – July 16, 2020
BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION

Call to Order: Larry Smith called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. The teleconference was held via Zoom.

Attendees: Board Members: Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Nancy Woodruff, Jason Silvernale, Doug Shidler, and Pat Mohan and Scribe Lee Whitney. Noorjahan was absent. Also attending was Dave Sheffield who recently purchased the Hennessy Mansion on West Park Street.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The June 2020 minutes were approved.

Public comment: None

Reports/Announcements:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mitzi reported that we have \$41,243.97 in our checking account; after HIP grant checks are written in the next day or two, the balance will be \$30,493.97. The balance in savings is \$20,032.96.
- **Council of Commissioners:** No report. Mitzi did mention that the Vacant Building Ordinance was amended in regard to mothballing buildings, but she was unsure of if or how it would be enforced.
- **URA Meeting:** No report.
- **HPC Meeting:** No report.
- **Website:** No report, although Nancy mentioned that Lee and she talked about getting someone else to oversee the website.

Committee Reports:

- **Prismatic Glass Project:** Lee was pleased to report that the black paint was removed from the 7 South Montana Street window during the first work session.
- **HIP Grants:** The board approved the HIP grant for Kelly Rose. Larry reported that MT Tech hired a contractor to replace the shingles on the Reed house, which received a \$2,000 HIP grant for painting. The shingles will be replaced prior to the house being painted.

The board approved payment for the following HIP projects: 823 Highland, \$500 (Levi Mork), 417 N. Excelsior, \$1250 (Macgregor), and 9 & 11 Lexington Terrace, \$1000 & \$500 (Christy Hays). They also approved the expenditure for the Stephens Block.

- **1772 Project:** Nancy reported that Joe Tavary is doing well on the draft of the Feasibility Study, which will be due for submission to the 1772 Foundation in September. The Strategic Plan is being worked on and will be prepared for submission to the Foundation in December at which time CPR will request a \$100,000 grant. The board will have to approved the Feasibility Study by September 15 and a special meeting will be

held on December 1 to approve the Strategic Plan. The Plan will be distributed to the board on November 23 for review.

- **Sign Committee:** Nancy stated that Noorjahan and Carol Link had met to discuss the potential sign ordinance. They will meet in the near future to solidify their ideas.

New Business:

- **Water Tower:** The East Butte URA approved funding of \$36,570 for the County to perform clean-up work in and around the water tower. The next phase will consist of putting signage at the site. Mitzi said that with Marty Salusso now working on the project, it should not get overlooked again. Nancy and Mitzi had worked on a letter of support that didn't get sent to the URA, so Nancy will see to it that it is reviewed by the board and then sent on to Karen Byrnes.
- **Ruegg Murals:** Ellen Crain, Director of the BSB Archives, approached CPR to work with her to determine a likely place for the murals to be placed. The consensus of the board was that they should be placed in frames, protected with plexiglass and hung in the Courthouse. Ruegg is the artist who created the murals that adorn the rotunda of the Courthouse. Lee will contact Ellen with the board's thoughts.
- **New Administrative Coordinator:** Mitzi brought up that this was the last board meeting Lee, the current Administrative Coordinator, would be attending. She asked the members to think of potential candidates for the position. One such candidate is Maggie Tremier (?) who owns the Kelley Mansion. She indicated she may be interested. Mitzi will contact her in regard to attending a CPR meeting.

To fulfill some of the functions of the Administrator in the interim, Larry will check emails and Mitzi will check the post office box. Lee suggested that the Archives may be willing to allow CPR to use its Auditorium for meetings, but Larry said he likes having Zoom meetings. Nancy agreed to host them. Lee will instruct members on using Vertical Response. Nancy will continue to handle the website until the board finds another likely person for that. Facebook was not assigned.

Adjournment: Larry adjourned the meeting shortly after 8:00 p.m.