

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

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

**Attendees:** Board Members: Mitzi Rossillon, Noorjahan Parwana, Nancy Woodruff, Jason Silvernale, Doug Shidler, and Pat Mohan and Scribe Lee Whitney. Larry Smith was absent.

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

**Public comment:** None

**Reports/Announcements:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mitzi reported that we have \$40,786.40 in our checking account after a check for \$369 was paid. We will have spent \$20,000 by early next year, including \$7500 for the Stephens Block and \$10,000 for the Basin Creek Caretaker's House.
- **Council of Commissioners:** No report.
- **URA Meeting:** No report.
- **HPC Meeting:** No report.
- **Website:** Nancy reported that she has made some updates to the website but had nothing specific to report.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Dust to Dazzle Update:** Because the tour was cancelled, there was no report.
- **Prismatic Glass Project:** Lee reported that Paul has completed the tables, and she has been in contact with volunteers. She is trying to get in touch with Joe Schulte, who will remove the window. Supplies and equipment have been ordered.
- **1772 Project:** Jason reported that the outline is being put together. He and Nancy discussed that the 1772 group would like to apply for the Montana Cultural Trust money rather than CPR applying for general operating funds. They believe waiting until 2022 to apply will be too late. Mitzi noted that proposals are due in August and monies will be released on July 1, 2021. Mitzi suggested that we submit a more overall proposal that would cover either or both CPR operating costs and 1772 costs.
- **Sign Committee:** Noorjahan reported that they contacted Carol Link who is amenable to serving on the sign committee. They are going set a schedule to meet. They will report at the next board meeting. Mitzi suggested that when they are ready, they go to the Planning Board which may take the concept on as its project, eliminating the need for our committee going to Council for approval.

- **HIP Grants:** Mitzi asked that a press release be prepared in regard to the \$9,000 plus in projects funded via our HIP grants. Lee will do that.

**Other:**

- **Window Restoration Kits:** Mary Webb from MT Preservation Alliance sent an email to CPR regarding window restoration kits they will be compiling. As planned, the kits will include all the tools necessary to complete a window restoration project as well as a pictorial how-to guide. They will be spread out in six community in Montana, including one in Butte. They are asking for support from CPR. After some discussion, the group had a number of questions: Where would the kit be located in Butte? Will MPA do a workshop in conjunction with the kits? The group is mildly interested but would like to learn more. Lee will send a letter pointing out some of our questions and requesting that Mary attend a meeting to inform us of what they specific intentions are.
- **Water Tower:** CPR received a request from Mary McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer, to consider submitting a letter of support for the restoration of the Columbia Gardens Water Tower. Jason and Pat expressed support for the project. Mitzi said that she has been following the possibility of restoring the tower for 15 years and is proud of Butte and Karen Byrnes for taking the project further along by applying for funds. She noted that it is one of the only wooden water towers left in the state and thus it will have broad significance beyond our community. She noted that two members of the East Butte RRA are opposed to expending funds for the tower: John Morgan and Paul Babb. She asked that if anyone has any sway with them to use it for this project. Nancy said she will draft a letter of support for board review.
- **Chief Executive Race:** Jason asked what everyone thought of the candidates for Chief Executive. After some discussion, it was decided that we would have an “open house” of sorts and invite the candidates. The event could provide examples of restoration work via what Mitzi termed a “poster session” in which selected properties would be described and illustrated on poster board. After the candidates have a chance to review the properties, we would have specific questions for them.

Potential properties include the Jacob’s House, the Carpenters’ Union Hall, Wackerbarth’s properties, Peggy Guccione’s properties, and the old MT Power Co. building at 40 E. Broadway, now owned by a film company based in Hamilton, MT. Mitzi will contact Mary McCormick for contact info on the film company, Lee will contact Peggy Guccione and Noorjahan will contact Clark and Daniel not only about the Carpenters’ Union building but also about broadcasting the event.

**Adjournment:** Nancy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.