

Minutes
September 15, 2020
Butte CPR BOD meeting
7:00 p.m.
Zoom online

Call to Order 7:05PM Nancy, Larry, Jason, Noor, Mitzi, Doug, Maggie, Joe Tavery, Pat Mohan

Approval of Previous meeting minutes – Approved as sent out

Public comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)

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Reports/Announcements:

- **Treasurer's report**
- Had \$30,537.42 in checking acct.
- Expenses : \$5,923.96; \$138 program cost, \$716 Prismatic , \$25 HIP, \$5,001 revolving fund
- Current: \$24,613.46
- Less than \$250 to deposit from salvage sale

- **Council of Commissioners meetings**
- Commission looked at Town Pump properties asking for demo; 117 and 121 East Aluminum St.; obvious tunnel vision with no plans, but very accommodating.
- 117 purchased in November, took possession in August, property trashed, open with sign:" property available for moving"
- 121 purchased five years ago, wanting to get bids, not demolish. salvage done, arrangement made to p/u granite. Commission gave 45 day cool off period to look at foundation and reno costs
- Mary pointed to several properties purchased, painted, in process of renovation
- Mitzi suggested the need to provide rental and maintenance history, and plans for properties in future requests. Also no signs for moving, to avoid problems with open properties i.e. trashing

Committee Reports

- D2D: on hold till January. Lots of planning last year for almost nothing
- Prismatic Glass Project: progressing nicely, now sautering windows, should be done this Fall
Next project; build. owned by Jess Francis, still committed, waiting for figures, ready to go.
Will pass contact info on to Lee

- HIP: Signs not out yet
Reed house: put out sign, work going on, sanding floors, trim painted, Tyvek on, not yet shingled. Not sure where \$ is coming from
Cabbage Patch: plans kicked back because of costs,
new door, roof structure; tin on top of wooden shingles restored inside wall, new concrete foundation (paid by CPR) all done. Solid for winter
Pat has submitted receipts for above work

Contractor - Rob Rajala? who works with Joe McGrath. replacing chain fence at Joe's place with old style steel fence, built wall on property between Sparky's and 108 his cell is (406) 490-1497.

House on corner of Washington and Granite looking for contractor.

- URA meeting- nothing to report
- HPC meeting

New Business:

Revolving fund: Joe in process of organizing steering committee.

Time better spent now on how revolving fund should be organized and operate

Received \$16k from 1772 foundation for feasibility study

Focusing on feasibility study and strategic plan to be done this fall (which will be a road map for further funding) .

Goal: to submit feasibility study to 1772 on September 18,

complete strategic plan, write letter of inquiry to apply for capital funding to 1772 on

October 23, if asked will apply in December when strategic plan will be submitted.

SERTA also possibility for funding.

How to organize; will be a LLC, w/separate board including a CPR member

Looking at part time position for legal issues

Capitalization \$200k , hoping to get \$ from CPR, SERTA, 1772

Strategic plan will state how we identify properties for consideration,scope of work,

Jason points out properties "in need" and at risk of demo, such as those on Iowa and Sutter St., rather than mansions.

Concerns from p.20 what is the need for revolving fund?

Include need for funding, recommendations, definitive statements regarding things we want to do. Emphasize opportunities in Butte and refer to other towns that have reaped benefits and increased value for their communities.

Add: Next step, these are the things we will focus on in strategic plan.

Investigate legal and specific codes in Montana, deed restrictions etc.

Board gave unanimous approval for feasibility study to move forward.

Old Business:

- Historic district signs will remain on list, Nancy working on it tomorrow.
- Chief Executive Debate between Dave Palmer and J.P. Gallagher has not come to any decisions, KBMF interested but needs guidance. Challenges; Covid considerations for space, people crowds etc.

Suggested questions: how they address historic preservation vs economic development, community enrichment etc. What they plan to do in the next few years.

Other: O'Rourke building installing new kitchens this week, couple of units under contract.

O'Rourke LLC interested in Gamers. Looking for outsiders. Fort & Home? Office in Kenwith bldg.

Salvation Army purchased by St. Louis people, plans for distillery and coffee shop.

Montana street and Aluminum properties will be sold or re-invested.

Highland property finished walk out basement.

Coal and wood shed destroyed by car accident.

Suggest annual award for restoration projects.

Next board meetings – Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2020

Meeting ended 8:20