

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday June 21th

Called to order at 7:41, meeting called to order

Minutes from May PCO general meeting were read, notes were adopted.

Minutes from June Exec Meeting read, Treasurers report read, notes and report adopted

Committee Reports

Membership – Beverly Carli – the membership drive started in May, encourage friends and neighbors to join. The goal for membership is to do better than last year at 321, so 350-60 is the target.

Beman – Wyatt Ollestad - next meeting June 28th at 7:30

House Tour – Pat Brannon - up to 5 houses and the public buildings, looking for one more house. Meeting is June 27th at 7:30 at the Visitor's Center.

Education – Cheryl Briscoe - School is out

Garden Club – Susan James - Garden Walk is Saturday, the tea is in the Bullen's back yard as the hotel veranda was unavailable.

Greenstone – Rev Luther Mason - Community Dinner on Friday June 23rd with live music and a cookout. July 8th 5pm official ceremony for the Eagle Scouts. The roof leaks will be getting fixed in the upcoming weeks. In July, mini-vacation bible camp at the church

CAPS – Carol Lagadinos – Speaker this week is a criminal prosector, next Thurs 5pm meet and greet with 5 new officers. July 18th at greenstone 7pm is next CAPS

Choir – no report

Pullman Arts – no report

HPF – Mike Shymanski – tours are progressing with educational tours occurring, improvements are improving to the Arcade site, with the city putting in new sidewalks along 111th Place and Cottage Grove. Metra is proposing a drastic increase in service to Hyde Park and Pullman, especially the 111th station which will no longer be a flag stop. There is a public hearing Thursday June 22nd in Hyde Park at 52 East 53rd street 2nd floor at 5 pm about this schedule change.

National Park – Kathy Schneider - Design will be commencing on the new Visitor's Center. Community input will be requested on the exhibits as they are planned. Design work will take a year, hot spot remediation will begin in the fall and construction will begin in the new year. The Equus Pullman project was a great success last weekend.

State Site – Lorraine Brochu – On July 22nd there will be a Japanese musician at 2pm at the factory site. On June 24th and 25th at 7pm Theater Hikes will present A Midsummer Night's Dream

New Business

The PCO will be issuing a letter of support for the proposed Metra changes.

The PCO annual trip will be on August 13th, options were discussed:

- Cantigny – lovely outdoors, picnic area and the WW1 museum is closed

- Union – Illinois railroad museum

- Downtown boat tour – private tour unavailable, PCO would help to subsidize tickets

- Sponsoring a concert in the park in lieu of a trip

- East Troy has a trolley museum and on July 8th they will be running two Pullman cars and having special events that day

- Heston in Indiana has a steam museum has trains and other equipment that would have been used at the factory

- Valparaiso has a WWII plane fly-in in August with B-17s and B-25s and other bombers used in WWII at the local airport

There are new t-shirts for Pullman available.

50/50 raffle was held for \$85 and the winner was Paul Belloni

Adjourned at 8:21

8:33 back on with special guest David Doig from Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives

111th update – new 10,000 square foot building, primary entrance on 111th across from the police station and a secondary entrance on Doty. Putting in no parking signs on both sides of 111th to better allow for 4 lane traffic in addition to a sidewalk on the north side of 111th. In the future, they would like to add another 10,000 square foot building to the west of the current structure. The businesses going in are as follows:

- Potbelly's mid-September with a drive-in.

- Star Cleaners dry cleaners next to Potbelly's.

- Lane's Bakery opening November or December. Space for 2 more tenants on the endcap (where Chipotle pulled out) looking for another fast casual restaurant.

Whole Foods Distribution Center – the walls are up and it will open at the end of 2017. It will create some more truck traffic and if industrial development continues, they will add in an East West road to alleviate traffic. And they will explore other options on 107th and 103rd. There will not be a commercial sale store at the distribution center.

Community Center – almost done with the site work at 103rd and Woodlawn, hope to start vertical construction this fall and open in fall of 2018. It will be a 30,000 square foot recreational community center with indoor fields

Art Space Lofts – last week final approval on tax credits, preliminary work will begin next week and construction will begin in earnest in September and plans to open in the fall of 2018.

Adjourned again at 8:50