

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday May 16th

Called to order at 7:44, meeting called to order

Our first order of business was to elect new officers and 4 new zone directors. Election Committee Chairman Larry Lagadinos made a motion to vote the unopposed slate. The motion passed and Wyatt Ollestad (Pres), Rachel Kovarsky (Veep), Jim Bosman (Treasurer), Ellen Kaulig (Sec) were voted as officers and the following as Zone Directors 1-4 Tom McMahon, Debbie Newman, Cheryl Briscoe and Angelo Carrivale.

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

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

Opening – \$46,129.62

Income – \$614.12

Expenses – \$1,010.00

Closing – \$45,708.00

House Tour - \$41,747.52

Committee Reports

Membership – Beverly Carli – 301 members for this year, hoping to improve in the coming year. A call to assist block captains in getting neighbors to join and be active. Beverly Carli was thanked for her years of service as chair of the Membership Committee. Fernando has accepted as the new chair of the committee.

Beman – Wyatt Ollestad– All 2018 Façade contracts have all been turned in, first extensions for 2017 are due June 5th. Ann Alspaugh will be the new co-chair.

Pullman Flyer – No Update

House Tour – Cindy McMahon – Meeting next Wednesday at 6pm in the FLM Historic Pullman Center. Have four houses, looking for three or four more.

Community Improvement – No Update

Education – Cheryl Briscoe – No Update

Welcome Comm – Beverly Ash-Larson – The PCO gives out welcome bags to any new residents, please let the Welcome Committee know.

Garden Club – Mike McMahon – Volunteers from DePaul helped on Saturday in Arcade Park. Garden Walk is the 23rd of June, looking for volunteers. New poster out, thanks Tony Dzik, help get the word out. Next meeting is June 6th at 6pm, to schedule the next work day for June.

Greenstone – Luther Mason – Friday is community dinner, it's Taco Night from 5:30-7:30pm. Jazz Vesper was awesome, the Mudcats did a great job. There are FOUR eagle scouts this year. One project is collecting travel size toiletries if you'd like to donate. Still looking for more scouts. Looking to put up a more permanent fence around the bell tower. There will be a community dinner and organ concert in June.

Safety – Carol Lagadinos – Crime still minimal, next CAPS meeting is June 19th. The Mother's Day Concert at House of Hope had 9,000 people, but did not alert the police and had shuttles through the neighborhood. The police have asked that they create an agreement with Walmart or somewhere else for additional parking.

Choir – Mike Shymanski – Practicing a new program for Smith Village Senior Center on the 24th.

Pullman Arts – Ann Alspaugh and Linda Bullen – Updates in the Flyer

HPF – Mike Shymanski – Thanked the volunteers and participants involved in the rededication of the center. The goal is to have some exhibits in the new space and working on a new way of scheduling the building to better coordinate with NPS. Call for volunteers not just for the special stuff but for everyday maintenance. Check out the Pullman Voices series on Youtube, Alfonso Quiroz Jr has done a fantastic job editing these videos.

National Park – Kathy Schnieder – Thanks to the people who came out for National Parks week. Co-sponsoring a community cleanup at 107th and Cottage on Saturday morning. V'Amber and Emily are back as seasonal rangers. Levi Brae will be helping out the state site on the maintenance side. The state is working on what is setting off the security sensors at the Hotel so that people stop getting middle of the night alerts.

State Site – Andy Bullen – Going to try to get a permanent person for the state site. Thanks to the volunteers who helped setup the new archive location at the factory. Next Wednesday a volunteer group is going to get 70 boxes of material from the Newberry and 20 boxes of stock certificates. This month's show and tell from the archives is WWI themed. A helmet from the 35th engineers, which consisted mainly of Pullman folks who were helping with the French railway system. A book about a museum dedicated to those efforts called Camp Pullman. A book from the Pullman Company about trains made for WWI.

New Business

Barbara Wood from Chicago Park District, a 31 year veteran of CPD and a landscape architect in charge of the city's tree planting program. Arcade Park has lost several trees to the ash bore and will lose a few more. The new plan was created on a warm day with a focus on

creating an inviting and shaded area. The map created in the process was given to the local supervisor but never made it to the community. Because that did not happen this time, Barbara would like to know more about Arcade Park and get community input. She explained her reasoning for tree placement and asked for comments. It is possible to replant these trees, and perhaps a small group from Pullman can take point on this. Andy Bullen spoke to the sight lines created by Nathan Barrett. The 1970's do-over of the park layout was discussed, and the ASLA designation of Arcade Park by Mike Shymanski. Barbara asked that the community take some time and think about how the park is used. Kathy Schneider volunteered some NPS resources to join community members in making a recommendation to the Parks Department. A tree in Arcade Park is mainly dead and will be looked at in the meantime. Currently planted are hybrid Maples (red and silver), Kentucky Coffee Trees, and hybrid Elms. It will take 60 years for them to reach their full height of 40 feet. The trees can be moved up to a year from when they were planted. In 15 years they make a large impact.

Old Business

The Ad Hoc Committee has a tentative date of Saturday the 26th in the morning.

The Bike Ride to Rainbow Cone is the 26th departing Arcade Park at 11am for Rainbow Cone, it's being organized by Steve White.

Rachel Kovarsky gave a heartfelt thank you as our outgoing President.

Karin Moreno thanked everyone for coming to support Pullman Morris and Sword on Mayday.

Adjourned at 8:57