

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday July 18th

Called to order at 7:45

Introduction of new neighbor Jacob Hartman and family

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

Minutes from July Exec Meeting read, need Treasurer's report from Jim Bosman, Wyatt is on it.

Committee Reports

Membership – Fernando Rosque – 72 memberships were sold this month

Beman – John Christie– the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 25^h in the Florence Lowden Miller Center (614 E. 113th Street) at 7:30pm.

Education – Cheryl Briscoe – a new principal has been selected for Pullman Elementary School. There will be a signed contract as of July 31th. Additionally, Poe Classical School received \$10M from the city of Chicago to add a building annex for a 7/8 grade program. Construction is expected in 2020.

Safety – No Update

Welcome – Beverly Ash-Larson - the Welcome Committee continues to provide welcome bags – 16 distributed. Additionally, a detailed listing of area information for new/established residents has been added to the PCO website.

Ad Hoc – Rachel Smith - a date has not yet been set to continue conversations around the efforts to rename Langley Park after Eugene Debs.

House Tour – Cindy McMahon – all houses secured/looking for volunteers/ working on public buildings, hopefully adding the hotel – July 24 at 6pm in 614 E/ 113th street

Garden Club – Mike McMahon – thanked all for making Garden Walk a success - 100 paid attendees, 75 volunteers. The Garden Club has committed to do more activities and have field trips planned. Next Thursday, the group has planned a Millennium Park tour and wants to tour the Morton Arboretum as a group. All are invited.

Greenstone – Luther Mason – No Update

Choir – No Update, on hiatus for the summer

Pullman Arts – Ann Alspaugh – updates can be found in the flyer. She thanked everyone who attended the Life Out Loud activity in Arcade Park.

HPF – Mike Shymanski – there are multiple tours planned.

National Park – Sue Bennett – Emily Dare resigned, now have 3 out of 4 employees. Conducted a Founders Day activity on August 26th. The NPS is printing a Junior Ranger book soon. Plans are underway for a Labor Day, multi-partner event on September 3rd from 2-5pm.

State Site – No Update

Pullman Parters – Pat Brannon - a letter was sent to Senator Tammy Duckworth regarding the development for the state site. He also explained what Pullman Partners is – vision and goals.

New Business

W. Ollestad reported out on updates to the parkway tree planting issue and made a recommendation to establish an ad hoc committee to analyze and make recommendations on how to move forward with the Chicago Park District.

**see Wyatt for motion language

Motion moved by Tom McMahon, 2nd Mike Shymanski, the vote was 1 opposed – approved
There was a question if trees have also been planted in Fulton Fields. W. Ollestad confirmed yes.

W. Ollestad reported that the Executive Board discussed the establishment of an ad hoc communication committee and a recommendation was forth for a vote.

Motion moved by Tom McMahon, 2nd Rachel Smith and the vote was unanimously in favor.
A question was offered to clarify if this would be a standing or ad hoc committee. W. Ollestad confirmed the committee would be an ad hoc.

A question was asked to receive a copy of the letter that was sent to Senator Duckworth. Pat Brannon offered to make sure the letter would be posted in the flyer.

Debbie Newman announced that the National Night Out, sponsored by CAPS will be held on August 7th at 4-8pm at Gately Park. People were encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Tom McMahon announced that the Pullman Reunion Picnic will be held on August 4th in Arcade Park and the event's name has been changed to Pullman Picnic. There will be a bike parade. Chuck Livingston is the planner and can be reached with any questions.

Tom Shepherd encouraged members to go to Steve White's Facebook page for details about a ride for National Night Out on August 7th from Pullman to Gately Stadium. He also mentioned

that a ride from Pullman to Big Marsh will happen on July 28th starting at 10:30 am. Tom Shepherd also mentioned that Open Lands awarded grants to plant trees and directed members to contact Sue James or himself if interested. He also noticed 2 trees planted on his block were down and believed them to have been vandalized.

Split the Pot - \$43 collection/Tony Dzik won

Old Business

Tom McMahon invited the membership to attend the White Sox game, sponsored by the PCO on July 29th. The bus will be leaving from the parking lot of the Visitor's Center at 10:30am. The cost of each ticket includes the cost for the school bus rental, BBQ refreshments and game tickets.

Adjourned at 8:26