

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday September 19th

Called to order at 7:40 pm

Joana Mendl Shaw, Roberta Rogers and the new Pullman Elementary Principal Salter were welcomed.

Bob Bushwaller, as member of the LSC introduced Romeldia Salter. Principal Salter then gave a welcome message to the community and let us know her goals for Pullman Elementary.

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

Minutes from September Exec Meeting read. Treasurer's Report was read, \$42,063 was the total balance.

Committee Reports

Membership – Fernando Rosque – 45 members this month, Block Captains keep pushing

Beman – John Christie – 4 Façade Reimbursement 2017 projects outstanding, 1 forfeit and 3 possible forfeits. 13 projects for 2018, 1 is done and a lot are in the permit process, the expense of the permit is degrading the value of the grant and other projects don't get permits. The permit fee waiver is getting harder to obtain. To combat that Beman will be asking people for more documentation up front to help mitigate that issue. Next meeting September 26th in FLM building.

Hospitality – No Update

Community Improvement – Andy Morgen – street lights on 114 block are being addressed. Fall Clean & Green before the House Tour, starting at 9am.

Pullman Flyer – No Update

Education – No Update

Safety – Carol Lagadinos – Since late August, strangers knocking late at night, car door handles are being checked and increased drug activity; if you see suspicious activity, you must report it to 911. It is important for the police to know what is going on and you can make an anonymous report if that helps you to feel safer. Make sure to explain and state whether it is an ongoing problem. Let them know that you are a resident for X years and know your neighbors. Carol has checklists on how to report drug activity if anyone would like one. Sept 27th is a meet and greet

with the new Commander, Joel Howard from 6-7pm, right after is State of the District. 5th District Halloween House is happening again.

Welcome Committee – No Update

Audit Ad-Hoc – No Update

Labor Ad-Hoc – No Update

Tree Planting Ad-Hoc – No Update

House Tour – Cindy McMahon – Looking for volunteers, houses are ready, Friday night preview is in the Visitor's Center this year. If you're having a grage sale, House Tour will put out a list for all visitors, Lisa Burback is coordinating that list.

Garden Club – This Saturday workday at Gateway Garden and then a social after at Argus, October 27th more trees are being planted by Openlands.

Greenstone – Luther Mason – Community Dinner the last Friday of the month, Greenstone will be serving up food and a mini-concert on the organ. Looking for more scouts, three more Eagle Scouts to go this year. Partnering with Pullman Arts for pumpkin decorating as part of the harvest party.

Choir – Mike Shymanski – Choir is back and rehearsing, working on a program for a winter concert.

Pullman Arts – Ann Alspaugh – First Annual Artswalk was a success. For PAL, the 106 has been completed and all of the financing closed.

HPF – Mike Shymanski – Tours ongoing. Pullman Voices exhibit in the FLM building during House Tour. Landmarks Illinois awards this Saturday, HPF is going, PCO and Beman are unable to attend. Installing storage at the Visitor's Center. A group of mayors are coming through and touring Pullman neighborhood and businesses.

National Park – Kathy Schneider - Labor Day was well-attended considering the rain, the train was a hit. Next year is the 125th anniversary of Labor Day. Going to award the window and roof project at the Administration Building. Open House for the upcoming Visitor's Center November 14th at 6pm at Christ Church.

State Site – No Update

Coop Op – No Update

Pullman Partners – No Update

New Business

Wyatt Ollestad and Jim Bosman presented the budget for the new year. After some consideration, the budget passed.

Ian Lantz announced that he will be running for mayor as part of the Wilma Foundation. He is hoping to be a voice for the South Side and Pullman.

Lynn Collins asked that anyone with HVAC grants that are not income based please contact her.

Mark Casello announced that the Pullman National Monument Preservation Society will be kicking off a drive to save the Steudel building, which has been announced as toxic. Information about the PNMPS and the Steudel building are available in the back of the room.

Tom Shepherd talked about the upcoming election and encouraged people to register to vote.

Bob Bushwaller announced that the Illinois Port District is seriously considering putting a hotel, restaurant, bar, barge for concerts, floating walkway and boathouse at Lake Calumet. They will soon be seeking community input. Tom Shepherd spoke to the history of Pullman's connection to the Illinois Port District.

Old Business

None

Adjourned at 8:34