

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization  
August 12, 2020

Present: Rachel Kovarsky, Wyatt Ollestad, Megan Lydon, Lynne Collins, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Jim Badali

Non-voting attendees: Mike Shymanski, Claudia Flores

President Kovarsky convened the meeting at 7:37 pm at the Florence Lowden-Miller Center.

Motion to approve minutes of the July board meeting, having been distributed in advance and read, with correction that Safety Committee will meet some day prior to board meeting. (NB: The June PCO meeting had been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.) m/s/p (LC/DN)

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 7/1/2020: \$45,539.97, Closing balance 7/31/2020: \$45,123.33  
(Distribution: Operating \$18,663.13, Facade Program \$18,945.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.77)

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): have received approximately 100 memberships. Treasurer notes that our ability to accept online payment via PayPal should be ready by next month. Discussion: creation, printing and distribution of membership forms.

- Beman (WO/ML): the committee is working with Landmarks on streamlining the permit process. The Paint Library is requesting more paint from Sherwin-Williams.

Motion: to accept the Beman Committee's recommendation to use \$2,000 from Kirchner fund to recast the State historic marker. Motion passed 7 aye, 1 nay. (LC/LB) (NB: the recasting conditions from the State are that a place and owner permission, installer, maintenance agreement and dedication ceremony be obtained.)

- Safety (LC): committee met remotely 7/28 and discussed fireworks, shots fired, COVID-19, and paint shots around Market Hall. Discussion: other issues including abandoned cars, catalytic converter thefts, downed trees and broken buildings. Next CAPS meeting will be 8.18 at 6 pm at the Greenstone Church.

- Vision (WO): the committee's survey will be in the Flyer.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): tours are ongoing and Mike Shymanski is working on a splendid model of 1893 Pullman.

Old business:

- Pullman Picnic (WO): the picnic is scheduled for August 29.

- Area cannabis permits: still monitoring for any action by City and awaiting word on public meeting.

New business and announcements:

- Illinois International Port District Master Plan: wishes to present its plan to the community. Discussion on virtual vs in-person vs hybrid, but notification will be in September Flyer.

- Lake Calumet Trail Feasibility Study (LB): Active Transportation is conducting a survey and wants community partners. Their survey will be in the Flyer and on social media.

- August PCO General Meeting: the board decided to conduct a hybrid (in-person, socially distanced and virtual via Zoom) meeting.

- Labor Day Factory Site Groundbreaking (LB): Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives announced the general event in its newsletter, but the board was unaware of it, although MS noted the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources was to finalize the details.

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 pm. (DN/TM)

Submitted,

Lorraine Brochu, Secretary