

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization  
September 9, 2020

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

Non-voting attendees: Mike Shymanski, Andrew H. Bullen, Claudia Flores, Teri Gage (NPS Superintendent), Cindy McMahan

President Kovarsky convened the meeting at 7:41 pm at the Pullman Visitor Center.

Presentation: Mara Georges, legal representative, and co-owners Jose Gonzalez and Randall Hampton of Piffington Inc., presented their case to be a good neighbor for their business of growing, and infusing products with, cannabis. (See attached presentation.) Should the State grant the license, they will seek a zoning change.

Motion to approve minutes of the August board meeting, having been distributed in advance. m/s/p TM/LC

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 8/1/2020: \$45,123.33, Closing balance 8/31/2020: \$40,709.42  
(Distribution: Operating \$19,249.19, Facade Program \$13,945.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.80)

Budget (DN): Motion: to present the budget (see attached) to the general membership. m/s/p TM/LC

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): there are 234 paid members to date.
- Beman (ML): The paint library still has paint and the committee is considering a Sherwin-Williams paint raffle to raise funds for educational purposes to offset their budget.
- Education (Cheryl Briscoe, submitted): Pullman School has distributed supplies and computers to its students.
- Safety (LC): The next CAPS meeting is Sept. 15 at the Greenstone Church.
- Welcome (RK): The Committee would like to know of new residents.
- Communications (RK): Andrew Bullen offered to serve as chair.
- Vision (LB): 145 people responded to the survey. Results forthcoming.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): Visitor Center is opened Fri - Sun 11-3 pm.
- NPS (TG): Ms. Gage apologized for having to limit severely the number of invitees to the Labor Day ground-breaking ceremony and noted construction of the Visitor Center is well underway, with exhibits expected July 2021. In addition to the lack of notice about the ground-breaking, it was noted that there is a need to partner with the community, the people who are largely responsible for the site's survival, in decisions and efforts for the park.

Old business: Wyatt noted the Lake Calumet Trail Feasibility and Illinois International Port District on-line surveys are still open for comment. IIPD will schedule a virtual presentation of their 5-year plan within the month and PCO will broadcast the information.

New business: There was a brief discussion on the cannabis grower but will be ongoing.

Presentation: Andrew Bullen discussed his extensive research, both on Pullman vets who are not listed and those who are. Possible tangible ways to supplement the war monument were discussed, in addition to publishing his findings on-line.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. m/s/p (TM/ML)

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary