

Minutes of the Pullman Civic Organization General Membership
August 19, 2020

With a quorum established through virtual and in-person attendance, Wyatt Ollestad convened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Motion: to elect the slate of nominees for the 2020-21 term as read. m/s/p

President: Rachel Kovarsky

Vice President: Wyatt Ollestad

Treasurer: Debbie Newman

Secretary: Lorraine Brochu (second term)

Zone Director 1, East: Tom McMahon (first year of second 2-year term)

Zone Director 1, West: Ellen Kaulig (second year of first 2-year term)

Zone Director 2, East: Lynne Collins (second year of first 2-year term)

Zone Director 2, West: Katie McMahon (second year of first 2-year term)

Zone Director 3, East: Angelo Carrivale (first year of second 2-year term, moving from Zone 4 to assume Briscoe vacancy in July 2019)

Zone Director 3, West: Patrick Brannon (second year of second 2-year term)

Zone Director 4, East: Luanne Wethington (second year of first 2-year term)

Zone Director 4, West: Megan Lydon (second year of first 2-year term, having assumed Carrivale vacancy July 2019)

Nominating Committee 2021: Patrick Brannon (second year), Ellen Kaulig, Felipe Granados

Motion: to accept the minutes of the Feb. 18 general membership meeting (the last one before the COVID-19 quarantine. m/s/p

Minutes of the March - August board meetings were read.

Treasurer's Report (Debbie Newman): Opening balance 6/1/2020: \$45,763.06, Closing balance 6/30/2020: \$45,539.97 (Distribution: Operating \$19,079.79, Facade Program \$18,928.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.75)

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (Fernando Rosique): 137 paid members to date. Online renewal can be made soon.
- Beman (Wyatt Ollestad): The paint library is still active and the City's permit process is all online now, but paper forms may be requested. Residents can email the committee at pcobemancommittee@gmail.com.
- Flyer Calendar (Debbie Newman): Submissions to the calendar can be sent to pullmancalendar@gmail.com.
- Education (Cheryl Briscoe): The committee will meet Aug. 20.
- Safety (Lynne Collins): CAPS meetings have resumed; Beat 531 meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm outside the Greenstone Church. Current issues are catalytic converter thefts and increased shootings.
- Vision (Pat Brannon): The committee has distributed a survey for community input; the deadline is Sept. 1.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (Jimmy Badali): Visitor Center is open Fri - Sun 11-3 pm with rangers meeting guests outside.
- Coop-Op (Viviana Fernandez-Pelion): A Chicago Park district property, the lot is technically undeveloped and so locked during the pandemic. There is still some food grown and distributed to food pantries. Bed space is available for those wishing to volunteer; contact coordinators at cooperationoperation@gmail.com.

New business:

- Pullman Picnic (Charles Livingstone): The picnic is scheduled for August 29, 1-8 pm in Arcade Park.
- Motion: to allocate \$2,000 from Kirchner fund for the reproduction of the State landmark status plaque, with the understanding that installation, approval of landowner, and a dedication ceremony must be set prior to production. m/s/p (Tom McMahon/Cindy McMahon)

Announcements:

- Lauren Finnigan, researching company towns, is looking for backyards for small test excavations and non-invasive brick survey.
- Sherwin-Williams has cleaned up the perimeter of its property and has a plan to maintain it.
- Illinois International Port District will present its plan to the public in September, details to be determined.
- A cannabis infusion and growing facility has notified immediate neighbors on 111th St of its intentions to apply for a permit for 626 E 111th St.
- A free document shredding event will take place at 86th and Cottage Grove on Aug. 21 at 12 noon.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm. m/s/p (Tom McMahon/Lynne Collins)

Submitted,
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary

Members present in person: Jimmy Badali, Mike Shymanski, Rachel Kovarsky, Wyatt Ollestad, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Beverly Carli, Desiree Kiss, CJ Martello, Lynne Collins, Judy Cashen, Tom McMahon, Cindy McMahon, Mike McMahon, Charles Livingstone, Claudia Flores, Fernando Rosique, Mark Gonzalez, John Cwenkala, Matthew Schettler, Eva Villagomez

Members joining virtually via Zoom: Bob Bushwaller, Megan Lydon, John Lydon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Arlene Echols, Ann Alspaugh, Cheryl Briscoe, Saribel Concepcion, Viviana Fernandez-Pellon, Pat Brannon, Jim Osterello, Harriette Watson Larry Lagadinos, Andrew Oloffson

Guest: Ranger Sue Bennett