

(DRAFT) Minutes of the Pullman Civic Organization General Membership  
September 16, 2020

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

The minutes of the Sept. 9 executive meeting were read and those of the Aug. 16 general membership read and approved. m/s/p

Treasurer's Report (Debbie Newman): 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 \$ )

Motion: to adopt the budget as presented. m/s/p Mike Shymanski/Lynne Collins

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (Claudia Flores): 240 paid members to date.
- Beman (Wyatt Ollestad): The paint library is still active and façade reimbursement projects in progress.
- Flyer (Debbie Newman): Kudos to editor for making last-minute changes.
- Education (Cheryl Briscoe): new planters outside Pullman School were stolen.
- Safety (Lynne Collins): CAPS meetings for Oct. and Nov. will be virtual.
- Communications (Andrew Bullen, submitted): the PCO website has calendar and PayPal link for membership.
- House Tour (Pat Brannon): the tour is cancelled this year due to COVID but working to put images online.
- Vision (Beverly Ash-Larson): The survey produced a good response. Discussion: selling/supporting yard signs reading "Be Kind." Motion: to forward discussion to executive board. m/s/p Tom McMahan/Mike Shymanski
- Community improvement (Andy Morgen): discussed replacement of lights at 113<sup>th</sup> and St. Lawrence with the alderman. There is no update on 111<sup>th</sup> St. and bike lanes.

Affiliate group reports:

- NPS (Teri Gage): site clearing by IDNR continues at the Factory site in presence of archaeologist. Any significant finds are noted and buried. Construction of new Visitor Center at Clock Tower is going well, with the clock receiving new lenses and the façade donated lighting. Exhibits for the Center are out to bid. Expect multiple public meetings in mid-Oct. The grand opening of the Center is expected to be around Labor Day 2021 and NPS invites the PCO to have one representative on the event's committee.
- HPF (Mike Shymanski): reported on the new membership campaign.

Announcements:

- Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Eleanor Trinay.
- The scooters located throughout the area are part of a pilot program and will be evaluated for use soon.
- Illinois International Port District will present its plan to the public virtually on Sept. 21 at 7:30 pm. Registration required (see PCO website for address).
- Active Transportation's Lake Calumet Trail Feasibility survey is open until Sept. 30.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. m/s/p (Ed Krueger/Tom McMahan)

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary

Members present in person and virtually via Zoom: Jimmy Badali, Mike Shymanski, Rachel Kovarsky, Wyatt Ollestad, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Beverly Carli, Lynne Collins, Judy Cashen, Tom McMahan, Cindy McMahan, Mike McMahan, Claudia Flores, Felipe Granados, Daryl Hill, John Cwenkala, John Lydon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Arlene Echols, Cheryl Briscoe, Pat Brannon, Jim Osterello, Larry Lagadinos, Sue James, Andy Morgen, Jacob Hartman, Beatrice Hardy, Ed Krueger, Candy (or Victor) Mendez, Nicole Jordan, Jennifer Jendry, Michael Trombley

Guest: Teri Gage, Sandra Patterson, Sue Bennett