

(Draft) Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization  
February 10, 2021

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

Non-voting attendees: Claudia Flores, Teri Gage, Cindy McMahon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Bob Bushwaller

President Smith convened the meeting at 7:34 pm virtually via FreeConferenceCall.

Motion to approve minutes of the January board meeting with correction to Beman report. m/s/p LC/JB

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 1/1/2021: \$39,203.34 Closing balance 11/31/2020: \$39,258.00  
(Distribution: Operating \$18,879.99, Facade Program \$12,808.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.92, House Tour \$35,664.18)

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): there are 273 paid members. Discussion: Zone Directors, Block Captains and committee members who have not yet renewed and enforcement of bylaws on attendance. RS will send them reminders.
- Beman (ML): awards were presented to 605 E. 111<sup>th</sup> (Neighborhood Opportunity grant) and Greenstone Church (Landmarks Illinois Timuel Black award).
- Education (BB): All LSC members received information on in-person classes schedule.
- Safety (RS): The letter to CAPS expressing our dissatisfaction and needs is still being drafted.
- Nominating (RS): of the three elected last year (Felipe Granados, Pat Brannon and Ellen Kaulig, the latter is not a member in good standing and unless renews membership the president, with approval of the board, may need to appoint a replacement. Volunteers to fill two positions will be sought at General Membership meeting. Suggestions from the board include: Beverly Carli, John Lydon, Annie Lira, Norma Zarris.
- Vision (BA-L and BB): a review of discussions and actions was reported (see attached), with formal report and recommendations to come. Discussion: working with the Community Improvement committee, the Vision committee requested 4 cameras to track problematic traffic (trucks, speeding, ignoring stop signs) at key points in Pullman, with data to be shared with CDOT. The committee has been asked to further refine their request with a time frame, issues the cameras would address, and placement. The committee also has drafted a letter to local businesses that have truck traffic to request that they inform the trucks not to drive through the neighborhood at the risk of being stuck. The board requested to see the draft and list of businesses that would receive the letter. Teri Gage provided a website, gps.gov, that might aid the PCO in reporting incorrect truck routes. Motion: to recommend to the membership that Beverly Ash-Larson be reimbursed \$191.27 for the purchase of the Spanish version of the Be Kind and Together We Can signs. m/s/p (LB/DN)

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): The Visitor Center will open March 7. The group held a branding outreach meeting in which some residents participated.
- NPS (TG): NPS will host a virtual Facebook Live event on Feb. 19 at 2 pm to celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PNM and to get a look at the new Visitor Center. Teri noted the Grand Opening meeting is postponed until March, the Clock Tower renovation is at 90% completion, and their staff has expanded.

Old business: The Flyer still needs a volunteer to serve as Ad Coordinator.

New business: RS says she attended a focus group on the Scooter program and she (or Wyatt) will attend a Red Line Extension meeting on Feb. 18. Rachel also reported that the Water Reclamation District Commissioner wants to speak to the PCO, perhaps in a separate public meeting in late March/early April.

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of resident and past PCO president Nancy Gahan, resident Craig Pfnister, and the brother of Tom McMahon.

The board was reminded to post the general membership meeting link on social media.

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 pm. m/s/p (JB/ML)

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary