

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

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Debbie Newman, Lynne Collins, Tom McMahon, Megan Lydon, Jim Badali, Cindy McMahon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Bob Bushwaller, Carol Lagadinos, Claudia Flores, Teri Gage

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February Executive Board meeting. M/S/P TMcM/DN

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance 2/1/2021: \$39,203.35. Closing balance 2/28/21: \$38,953.64 (Distribution: Operating \$18,630.27, Façade Program \$12,808.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.94)

Discussion was held regarding how to reimburse Beverly Ash-Larson for her expenses related to printing the Spanish-language 'Be Kind' and 'Together We Can' signs, given the continued inability to secure a quorum at a General Membership meeting. **Motion:** To reimburse Beverly Ash-Larson for \$191.27 immediately, with caveat that such an action does not imply a precedent for how such matters are normally handled. M/S/P TMcM/JB

Discussion was held regarding the budgeted \$900 donation to the HPF for use of their facilities vis-à-vis the PCO's very limited use of said facilities during the past year. **Motion:** To adjust the donation amount to be paid from the budgeted \$900 to \$450. M/S/P TMcM/LC

Standing, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- Membership (CF): Ellen Kaulig has opted not to renew her Membership, and has vacated her position as Zone 1 Director. Beverly Ash-Larson is to take her place in said role until June 2021. There are 272 Members total. Recommendations were made to brainstorm aggressive membership-collecting activities for 2021.
- Beman (ML): The Paint Library is re-opening this month
- Safety (CL): Crime in Pullman is down, though it is up in other parts of the city. Members Debbie Newman and Carol Lagadinos attended a Beat 532 (adjoining beat) meeting to gain more insight as to the safety concerns of surrounding communities. The shooting that was reported to have occurred at the McDonald's on 115<sup>th</sup> on March 3 did not actually occur there – the victim drove themselves to the McDonald's after having been shot elsewhere, which led to an increased police presence at the restaurant that day. The 005 District's twice-monthly webinars are in progress, with the next one occurring on March 17. There will be no beat meeting this month; the next

will be on April 13. The Safety Committee has revised their draft letter to the 005 District Commander, requesting a meeting with him (Attached). See also attached notes from the Safety Committee meeting at which the content of the letter was discussed. The next Safety Committee meeting will be March 25 at 7:00PM – contact Carol Lagadinos for Zoom details, or see details in the Flyer or on social media.

- Nominating Committee (RS): The President will reach out to those individuals named as likely candidates in order to gauge their interest.
- Vision Committee (BB) – The Committee is formatting its strategy into 5-Year goals, four of which identified so far are Membership, Structure, Communication, and Quality of Life – recommended actions related thereto will be communicated to the Board and General Membership as plans are further developed. A conversation between the Committee’s Road Management subcommittee and the Alderman’s office, CDOT, & police department was unfortunately fruitless, though a subsequent conversation with the Alderman’s office yielded the possibility of ‘No Trucks Over 5 Tons’ signs being mounted to the entry points to the community. The proposed letter to local businesses regarding truck traffic has not yet been mailed out. Requests to Google have met with the implication that at least that company will modify its GPS info to not direct trucks through residential Pullman streets. The President recommended that the Committee make an effort to provide educational efforts to residents as to what a civic organization, and the PCO in particular, does.

#### Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB) – the seasonal reopening of the Shared Visitor Center is this Friday. The HPF’s new logo will be debuted soon.
- NPS (TG) – The Clock Tower renovation work is 99% done. The sinkhole in front of the Hotel Florence has been fixed. The next meeting regarding Grand Opening plans is tomorrow, March 11. There have been talks with Metra about their hosting another ‘Pullman By Train’ event in the fall. Summer job openings will be posted in the next few weeks, and workshops related thereto are forthcoming. Contracts bids for janitorial services are currently being collected. The President asked the Board for any ideas as to how the PCO may participate in the Grand Opening, and to relay those ideas to Tom or Lorraine. The HPF is currently fundraising for ‘mini-grants’ to assist local neighborhood organizations looking to participate in the Labor Day festivities – Julian Jackson will be invited to a subsequent meeting to speak more on that point.

Old Business: Volunteer opportunities remain open for the positions of Flyer Ad Coordinator and several Block Captains.

#### New Business:

- Beverly Ash-Larson is appointed Zone 1 Director, replacing Ellen Kaulig

- Lime Scooters will be making a donation of \$500 to the PCO for their cooperation with their pilot program last fall
- The presentation by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is still scheduled for April 29, albeit not confirmed
- The President and Vice President attended a Section 106 presentation regarding the CTA's Red Line Extension, the documents from which are Attached. The takeaway is that the impact to local historic structures will be minimal, if existent, and that the process is also being well monitored by many neighborhood groups more directly impacted.
- Community Partnerships: there are Northwestern University students requesting interviews as part of a class project; the President spoke with a Tribune reporter about local businesses closed because of COVID-19, and referred him to other local organizations for further information.
- Chicago Family Health Center is currently administering COVID-19 vaccines to seniors; Roseland Hospital is also administering vaccines.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. M/S/P DN/TMcM

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Vice President