

Notes from the General Membership Discussion of the Pullman Civic Organization
February 17, 2021

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Beverly Ash-Larson, Ralph Larson, Bob Bushwaller, Mike Shymanski, Pat Shymanski, Teri Gage, Megan Lydon, John Lydon, Sue Bennett (NPS), Jim Badali, Debbie Newman, Darrell Hill, Tom McMahon, Cheryl Briscoe, Lynne Collins, Carol Lagadinos, Larry Lagadinos, Arlene Echols, Harriette Watson

NB: There being no quorum by the end of the discussion, below are notes only.

President Smith convened the discussion at 7:35PM virtually via FCC.

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 \$39,258.80 Closing balance as of Jan. 31, 2021 \$39,203.34

Standing, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee reports:

- Membership (RS for FR): 272 memberships; any volunteers for open Block Captain positions are welcome
- Beman (WO): Congratulations to 605 E. 111th as recipient of Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Grant and to Greenstone UMC as recipient of Landmarks' Timuel D. Black Grant. Committee continues to work on Façade Legacy Project website updates
- Education (CB): Issues continue surrounding the CTU, teachers, schools, and pandemic-related troubles. Chair to have a meeting with Pullman Elementary regarding current status on Feb. 18
- Safety (CL): Carjackings are on the rise – info learned from recent meetings with CPD on the topic are included in Committee's Flyer article this month. Takeaway from last night's Beat meeting is that Beat 531 has the lowest crime in the district, and the most number of calls – ergo, residents are encouraged to continue calling in activity, in order to keep the crime rate low. Next Beat meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 at 6:00PM, virtually. Next Safety Committee meeting will be February 25 – those interested are encouraged to contact Chair for details. A new twice-monthly series called 'In the Know' will begin in March – details will be emailed and tweeted out by CPD. Chair recommended that neighbors take information posted on the Citizen app with trepidation, as information on it is often inaccurate and/or misleading. A letter regarding better interface between the CAPS office and the community is being drafted and will be presented to the Board prior to sending
- Audit (DN) – Volunteers for the Committee are Debbie Newman, Larry Lagadinos, Mike Mishler, and Jim Bosman
- Nominating (RS): President to reach out to potentially interested members to serve
- Vision (BB): Committee is embarking on Road Safety measures, in conjunction with Community Improvement Committee. Committee is

currently addressing truck traffic concerns in the neighborhood via outreach to local businesses that use trucks, as well as GPS services. Members are encouraged to recommend any such businesses and/or GPS services to the Chair, and are further encouraged to visit gps.gov to provide additional feedback. Efforts to increase inclusivity in Pullman are in the works.

Affiliate Group reports:

- HPF (JB): Shared Visitor's Center reopens on March 3, and volunteers are always welcome. The new HPF logo will be debuted soon
- NP (TG): A virtual event celebrating the 6th anniversary of the Monument's designation and showcasing current developments will take place on Friday, February 19 at 2:00PM on Facebook Live; it will then be posted to the NPS website. Clocktower construction is nearly complete. Julian Jackson from the HPF will serve as event manager for the Grand Opening, top take place over Labor Day weekend. Visitor activities planning meetings are ongoing, and hiring workshops are in the works

Old Business:

- Multiple opportunities to volunteer in the PCO are available

New Business and announcements:

- President attended a recent HPF branding meeting; President attended recent Lime Scooter Company meeting; PCO has been present at CTA public meetings; President & VP will be attending Red Line Extension Section 106 review meeting; ongoing conversations with neighboring community groups are happening and forthcoming
- Presentation by Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is tentatively scheduled for April 29 at 7:30PM
- Discussion was held regarding how best to rid the neighborhood of the unsightly 'dibs' residents sometimes use during periods of heavy snowfall; establishing a Special Service Area, hiring private contractors, neighbors chipping in, and the various logistics and difficulties involved with thorough street plowing were discussed.
- Condolences were extended to the friends and family of Nancy Gahan and Craig Pfnster

The discussion concluded at 8:39PM having failed to gather a quorum.

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Vice President