

(DRAFT) Minutes of the Pullman Civic Organization General Membership Meeting  
March 17, 2021

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Megan Lydon, John Lydon, Lynne Collins, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Jim Badali, Claudia Flores, Teri Gage, Fernando Rosiquez, Cindy McMahon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Ralph Larson, Bob Bushwaller, Jane Bushwaller, Carol Lagadinos, Larry Lagadinos, Pat Shymanski, Mike Shymanski, Ann Alspaugh, Q Kiser, Arlene Echols, Cheryl Briscoe, Susan James, Mary Ferrazza

President Smith convened the meeting at 7:38 pm virtually via FreeConferenceCall.

There being no quorum from last month's meeting, the notes are posted on the PCO website.

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 2/1/2021: \$38,953.64 An audit committee consisting of Jim Bosman, Larry Lagadinos, and Mike Mishler has been convened and will meet with Debbie Newman to review the books.

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): There are now 273 paid members. Plans for the '21-'22 drive are underway.
- Beman (ML): The Paint Library is open. Discussion: The City Council is considering a proposed ordinance that restricts exhibits and house museums in most residential zones. Motion: that the PCO write a letter in objection to the proposed ordinance restricting or prohibiting cultural exhibits and house museums in R zoning districts. (MS/ML) m/s/p
- Education (CB): High schools have been approved to have in-person classes on hybrid system.
- Safety (CL): The weather has reduced crime but there were others: a shooting in Roseland that ended at McDonald's on March 3, problems around Palmer Park, and a road rage incident that ended at McDonald's on March 17. The 5<sup>th</sup> Police District is hosting webinars. The next beat meeting is April 13 and committee meeting March 25. Discussion: Cars illegally being stolen by tow truck, frequently on east/west streets.
- Vision (BA-L and BB): The committee has held 21 meetings and is currently working on a report, with focus on membership structure, communication and quality of life issues.
- House Tour (CM): Current plans are to proceed with the tour in October, adhering to CDC guidelines.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): The Visitor Center is now open group is working with NPS and others on plans for the new NPS Visitor Center's grand opening.
- Labor Day Consortium (LB, TMc): Plans are developing and fluid, but highlights include Fri. afternoon/evening - neighborhood preview of factory grounds, Sat. and Sun. - opportunity for other events, Mon. 1:30 pm - grand opening event with simultaneous virtual events. Possible activities include: trolley runs around entire monument, walking tours, timed tours of the Visitor Center, very limited tours of the Hotel, involvement of local schools, Metra display. Other ideas under consideration: school open house, model railroad train display, combined choirs, spiritual cleansing of the site, Pullman Arts event.

Discussion: What could PCO contribute? The group would very much like child-centric activities, a role that might suit the PCO. If Pullman planned a parade, this could certainly have a strong kid component. We want to make sure we can successfully execute whatever plan we have.

Old business: With the resignation of Ellen Kaulig, Beverly Ash-Larson will assume the role as ZD 1 West. Volunteer openings still include: 2 block captains and Flyer Ad Coordinator.

New business:

- Rachel reported the Lime Scooters company contributed \$500 to PCO to improve equity transportation access. She also announced there is a second Roseland Visioning Session and that she and Wyatt attended the last CTA Red Line Extension meeting, but noted that actions there do not seem to directly involve the PCO.
- Wyatt reported that the Water Reclamation District virtual event is tentatively set for April 29.
- Nominating committee: The board has secured three volunteers, Beverly Ash-Larson, Annie Lira and John Lydon, to join the two elected last year, Phillippe Granados and Pat Brannon, with Ellen Kaulig being ineligible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. (TMc/LL) m/s/p

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary