

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization, May 12, 2021

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Megan Lydon, Lynne Collins, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Jim Badali, Pat Brannon, Beverly Ash-Larson  
Non-voting attendees: Claudia Flores, Teri Gage, Cindy McMahon, John Cwenkala, Carol Lagadinos

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

Motion to approve minutes of the April board meeting, having been distributed in advance. m/s/p (LC/JB)

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 4/1/2020: \$40,587.65 Closing balance 4/30/2020: \$39,800.98

(Distribution: Operating \$20,477.57, Facade Program \$11,808.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.96, House Tour \$35,564.75). The audit committee, consisting of Jim Bosman, Mike Mishler and Larry Lagadinos, met May 7 with treasurer Debbie Newman and found the books in good order.

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): the committee has begun the new drive and will hold a cook-out May 19 at the Visitor Center. Membership materials will be distributed to the block captains and zone directors May 25.
- Beman (ML/WO): Michael Burgess completed his facade grant project and the Paint Library is suspended due to supply issue.
- Safety (CL): Crime in our beat remains low but the committee is still following an alarming number of shots fired around us. Next CAPS meeting is May 18 at 6 pm and committee meeting May 27 at 7 pm.
- Nominating (PB): there being no nominations from the floor by the end of the April meeting, the proposed slate is: President, Rachel Smith (2nd term); Vice President, John Lydon (1st term); Secretary, Wyatt Ollestad (1st term); Treasurer, Debbie Newman (2nd term); Zone Director 1, Darryl Hill (1st year of 1st term); Zone Director 2, Lynne Collins (1st year of 2nd term); Zone Director 3, Margaret Kinia (1st year of 1st term); Zone Director 4, Luanne Wethington (1st year of 2nd term); Nominating Cmt, Felipe Granados, Annie Lira and Cheryl Briscoe. Harriet Watson agreed to complete the term of Katie McMahon, Zone Director 2 west.
- Vision (BA-L): The committee should have its report completed by mid-June.
- House Tour (CM): plans are proceeding with an October tour.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): Market Hall is slated for clearing and brickwork.
- NPS (TG): The park staff has 4 new rangers and is increasing youth programming. Plans continue on the grand opening events with partner meeting delayed until May 20 and a public update to follow shortly. Teri has contacted CNRR to clean their property along Cottage Grove.

New business:

Condolences were extended to the friends and family of Colleen Schneemann and Carl Bielby.

House Tour Fund (DN/JC): (see attached for full requests):

- The Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation requests \$10,000 for the repair and restoration of box gutters, fascia, fish-scale trim, and masonry for 641 E. 111th St. John notes that with this former residential property's conversion to a public space, we are setting a precedent for possible future funding of similar projects. **Motion:** to recommend to the membership approval of this request. m/s/p LB/JB (8 ayes, 1 abstention)
- The HPF requests \$20,000 for emergency masonry repair on Market Hall and restoration of original chimneys on Lowden-Miller building, 614 E 113th St. The committee notes that the fund is insufficient for the full requests but suggests funding \$15,000 with any unused funds from the Bielenberg project directed to the shortfall. In addition, John recommended that since this amount will not allow a complete project that the HPF be asked to photo-document before, progress and after work. **Motion:** to recommend to the membership that up to \$15,000 be awarded to the HPF for Market Hall masonry work and Lowden-Miller chimney restoration, with up to an additional \$5,000 of any unused funds from the Bielenberg project. m/s/p (LB/WO)

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm. m/s/p (TMC/several others)

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary

Encl: House Tour Fund requests from Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation and Historic Pullman Foundation