

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO  
April 21, 2021

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Megan Lydon, Lynne Collins, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Jim Badali, Pat Brannon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Claudia Flores, Teri Gage, Fernando Rosiquez, Cindy McMahon, Bob Bushwaller, John Lydon, Carol Lagadinos, Larry Lagadinos, Kasey Shipp, Darryl Hill, John Cwenkala, Desiree Kiss, Victor Mendoza, Candy Mendoza, Margaret Kania, Pat Shymanski, Michael Shymanski  
Guests: Lynne McClure, Mark Mesle

President Smith convened the meeting at 7:36 pm virtually via FreeConferenceCall.

Motion to approve minutes of the March meeting, having been posted online in advance. m/s/p (BB/ML)

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 3/1/2020: \$38,953.64 Closing balance 3/31/2020: \$40,587.65 (Distribution: Operating \$20,264.26, Facade Program \$12,808.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,431.96, House Tour \$35,564.75)

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): there are now 275 paid members. The committee plans to hold some kind of membership drive event in May.
- Beman (ML/WO): the Facade Legacy project online is being updated and Paint Library is taking applications.
- Education (CB): Pullman LSC is evaluating the principal and monitoring CPS' plans to vaccinate children.
- Safety (CL): The letter to 5th Police District commander elicited discussion about community expectations for CAPS meetings. There have been several car thefts via illegal tow truck and video of an incident was forwarded to police. We remain concerned about shots fired nearby in Roseland, particularly by Palmer Park. The recent shots fired and associated domestic battery are "being addressed" by property management and police. Next virtual CAPS meeting is May 18 at 6 pm, the next committee meeting is April 22 at 7 pm via Zoom, and next CAPS webinar is on May 5 on mental health.
- Nominating (PB): the current 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 Russell Baltes. There were no further nominations from the floor.
- Vision (BB): The committee should have its report ready by mid-June, with recommendations on PCO structure, communications, quality of life, and membership. Bob also present Census data comparing North and South Pullman vv Chicago vv Cook County.
- House Tour (CMc): with CDC lowering restrictions, the tour is expected to happen Oct. 9 and 10. The committee seeks houses and volunteers.

Affiliate group reports:

- HPF (JB): Visitor Center is open and looking for volunteers. Their virtual membership meeting is April 26.
- NPS (TG): Teri thanked the PCO for partnering in successful Clean and Green event. Her full report is in this month's Flyer.
- NPCA (Lynne McClure): Lynne presented an overview of the House bill introduced to committee today (HR 2626) to change the name of the Pullman National Monument, as established by

presidential proclamation, to Pullman National Historical Park, as established by Congress. **The bill will:**

- Change the name to reflect its multiple historic assets;
- Allow NPS to accept property donations;
- Allow NPS to provide community support;
- Allow park signage beyond Pullman.
- Codify the proclamation.

**The bill will not:**

- Reduce current protection;
- Change current park boundaries (a map will be attached to the bill but was not required at this stage);
- Change former President Obama's role in establishing the park.

The text of the bill can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2626?s=1&r=13>

Questions about the bill can be addressed to Lynne McClure at [lmclure@npca.org](mailto:lmclure@npca.org).

Old business: we are still seeking volunteers to fill the positions of Flyer Ad Coordinator, two Block Captains, Zone Director 2.

New business: see attached for minutes of last CTA consulting parties meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm. m/s/p (MS/CB)

Submitted,  
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary