

(Draft) Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization
June 9, 2021

Present: Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestad, Lynne Collins, Debbie Newman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Jim Badali, Pat Brannon, Harriet Watson, Beverly Ash-Larson

Non-voting attendees: Claudia Flores, Fernando Rosiquez, Teri Gage, Cindy McMahon, Carol Lagadinos, John Lydon, Mike Shymanski, Robert Bushwaller (via 'phone)

President Smith convened the meeting at 7:34 pm at the Visitor Center.

Motion to approve minutes of the May board meeting, having been distributed in advance. m/s/p TMc/LC

Treasurer's Report (DN): Opening balance 5/1/2021: \$39,800.98 Closing balance 5/30/2021: \$40,757.67
(Distribution: Operating \$21,434.23, Facade Program \$11,808.20, Kirchner Fund \$4,083.23, Savings \$3,432.01)

Standing, special and ad hoc committee reports:

- Membership (CF): We have 147 members to date
- Beman (WO): The Paint Library is closed. The committee approved the facade plan for 1 Florence Blvd project (605 E 111th St.) **Motion: to recommend to the membership to increase the previously approved \$2200 for recasting of the marker recognizing Pullman's historic status, to \$2500.** m/s/p (TMc/PB)
- Safety (CL): Carol presented followup on several incidents:
 - 618 E 112th tenant issues - owner is addressing
 - Purported sexual assault on 5/31 was actually a sex worker deal gone wrong
 - Purported car-jacking at McDonald's 5/26 was incorrectly reported.
 - No new tow truck-driven car thefts have occurred.
 - CPD has posted a temporary car at House of Hope to quell Car meet-ups there recently.
- Vision (RB/BA-L): the committee presented an overview of goals from its report (see attached) with the intention to release details with suggestions of actions to the community on July 1. There was extensive discussion, with some board members requesting that the board see the full report first, that they feared the report would be divisive, and that discussion by the full membership should wait until after the opening of the NPS Visitor Center on Labor Day. No action was taken.
- Labor Day Car Parade (TMc/LB): in part because the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be limited on Labor Day and in part to expand the celebration, the multi-organization planning group has events Sat-Mon. The PCO is partnering with some of those groups to hold a car parade through North and South Pullman on Saturday. Details to follow.
- House Tour (CMc): contracts are being signed and first meeting of committee is 6/29 at 6:30 pm at 614 E 113th.

Affiliate group reports:

- NPS (TG): Labor Day plans continue; the lottery for one of 100 places to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony will open in the second half of July. Teri has asked CNRR to do selective tree clearing along the tracks by the Factory site.
- HPF (JB/MS): a draft of *Pullman on Foot* brochure was circulated for comment.

Old business: We need block captains for 111th and St Lawrence East and 112th and Champlain West; Welcome chair; Hospitality chair; Flyer Ad Coordinator; and with resignation of Angelo Carrivale, Zone Director 3.

New business: Tom suggested in lieu of the June General Membership meeting we hold an abbreviated one and celebrate the City's declaration of return to normalcy following the worst of the pandemic. No motion was made but plans were developed to begin an outdoor party at 7 pm, followed by a meeting at 7:30 pm where a motion to suspend business will be entertained. Discussion: could we cover important business, such as safety issues that only appear on Facebook, in other ways than at meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 pm m/s/p (TMc/DN)

Submitted,
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary