

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – July 21, 2021

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting at 7:41PM.

Secretary reported that the Minutes for both the June General Membership meeting and July Executive Board meeting had been uploaded to the website. Those Minutes approved - M/S/P (Cindy McMahan, Marsha Adduci). The Secretary also asked that all PCO Minutes from the last calendar year that had been posted to the website be approved – M/S/P (Cindy McMahan, Ed Krueger).

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$40,757.67 and a closing balance of \$39,644.88, broken up as follows: Operating: \$21,321.42; Façade: \$10,808.20; Kirtchner: \$4,083.20; Savings: \$3,432.03. House Tour Fund balance is \$35,565.63.

Membership Committee reported the addition of 22 new members, bringing the total current to 222. Thanks were given to Block Captains who have been particularly successful in gaining memberships.

Beman Committee reminded the Membership that all current Façade Reimbursement Program projects must be completed by October 31, 2021. A question was posited regarding North Pullman façade documentation, to which the Committee responded that efforts are underway and that all photographic documentation has been completed.

Education Committee reported that the Principal of Pullman Elementary is having the entire school cleaned and painted, including the installation of new furniture.

Safety Committee reported on several incidents in the area, as follows:

- Racing incidents at the House of Hope parking lot seem to have subsided
- Traffic accidents in the area continue to be frequent; residents are encouraged to drive defensively
- Per the recent Beat meeting, individuals lighting fireworks at off hours are unfortunately difficult to catch
- Within the Beat, Pullman continues to have low crime and a high number of 911 calls, which are correlated; residents are encouraged to continue making calls so as to keep crime rates low
- The suspect in the shots fired incident on June 16 has been charged, and the Committee is keeping abreast of their process through court
- Police responded to a shots fired incident on Champlain, but no suspect has been caught
- Residents on Champlain are currently circulating a petition to get speed bumps installed; if and when that petition receives enough signatures, the Committee will advise further on next steps
- The next Beat meeting will be on August 17, and the next Safety Committee meeting is July 22
 - o Discussion was held regarding the difficulty of accessing the Beat meetings

Vision Committee reported that they are about 98% finished with their research, and that their findings and recommendations will be presented to the General Membership sometime after the Grand Opening.

House Tour Committee reported that things are moving along with regard to this year's Tour, and that their next meeting is July 26. Residents are encouraged to save the dates for this year's Tour, October 9 & 10.

Historic Pullman Foundation reported that improvements were being made to both Market Hall and the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center, and that the Shared Visitor Center will be renamed the Pullman Exhibit Hall after the National Monument opens. The Foundation's membership drive cookout is scheduled for July 29, 6:00-8:00PM.

National Park Service reported the following:

- The Monument's press release, social media promos, etc. will be disseminated in the next few weeks
- Information regarding the lottery for Grand Opening tickets for the community is forthcoming
- The building at the northwest corner of 111th St. and Cottage Grove Ave. has been approved by Canadian National to paint, and the NPS is in touch with Canadian National regarding the long-term plans for the building
- The NPS will also be meeting with Canadian National to discuss vegetation cleanup along their property, which has been confirmed by them to be completed by the Grand Opening
- The estimated date of installation of exhibits at the Clock Tower is August 5
- The 'punchlist walkthrough' of the Monument site will be performed July 22
- NPS is working with the Alderman, et. al. to get the streetscapes cleaned up and more trash cans installed, along Cottage Grove Ave.
- Wayfinding signs for the City are currently being held up by financial issues; the ones along the Interstate, however, are on schedule to be installed
- The NPS' General Management Plan is anticipated to be ready later this year, with public input to follow in likely early 2022; residents are encouraged to withhold public comment and feedback until at least after the Grand Opening; those interested in reviewing the Plan should reference those made for other Parks within the last 3-5 for accurate comparisons
- Discussion was held regarding the typeface to be used on the wayfinding signs – the NPS will be using their standardized style
- Discussion was held regarding more regular emptying of the garbage cans that are to be installed along Cottage Grove – more frequent emptying will occur, with the NPS' Cooperative Management Agreement potentially allowing them to stipulate their emptying schedule themselves
- Discussion was held regarding the possibility of getting comparable General Management Plans in advance of a later meeting regarding Pullman's – the NPS agreed to make those, as well as Pullman's Plan, available prior to any meeting
- Discussion was held regarding getting the State to provide more frequent updates – the NPS is working with them on this issue, but is also authorized to answer any related questions for which they know a definitive and correct answer

Labor Day Committee reported that the car caravan will take place on Saturday, September 4, gathering first in the House of Hope parking lot at 9:00AM then traveling throughout the District at 10:00AM. Those wishing to participate are required to register in advance, either through Tom McMahon or Lorraine Brochu, or via the email address pullmancarcaravan@gmail.com. Those not participating are still encouraged to come out and cheer on the caravan. And anyone interested in providing youth activities during the block party following the caravan are encouraged to contact the above.

Old Business:

- Opportunities to fill empty positions are still available, and members are encouraged to volunteer

New Business:

- Tom Shepherd and Michael LaFargue (Guest) presented on behalf of the Lake Calumet Vision Committee and its advocacy for public use of land surrounding Lake Calumet.
 - o Discussion was held regarding the Committee's next steps – they are planning to meet with government officials to ensure that they are still aware of the Committee's recommendations and purpose
 - o Discussion was held regarding what in particular is currently being planned – bike path, access over the lake, and potentially also a reconfiguration of the overpass on 111th St. that would allow for bike and pedestrian crossing are in the works

Motion: That the PCO support public access to Lake Calumet. M/S/P (Lorraine Brochu, Paul Petraitis)

- Discussion was held regarding the community's inclusion among the various decision-making parties active and developing within the neighborhood, and that the PCO should pursue a participatory role amongst those parties and their decisions & plans.
- Discussion was held regarding the current and future use of the Cooperation Operation site, with the President providing its representative's contact information upon request
- Discussion was held regarding a possible or already-in-place bus stop at the Pullman Community Center and Amazon

The total amount for Split the Pot was \$61, and Beverly Carli was the winner and recipient of \$30.50.

Meeting **Adjourned** at 8:47PM – M/S/P (Tom McMahon, Cheryl Briscoe)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary