

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – July 14, 2021

In Attendance: Vice President John Lydon, Treasurer Debbie Newman, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad, Zone Directors Tom McMahon, Harriette Watson, Lynne Collins, Margaret Kania, Megan Lydon, HPF Representative Jim Badali; Claudia Flores, Carol Lagadinos, Pat Brannon, Beverly Ash-Larson, Lorraine Brochu, Susan James, Tom Shepherd, Cindy McMahon

A quorum having been established, Vice President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:35PM.

Motion to adopt the June Executive Board Minutes, previously circulated and posted to the website.
M/S/P (ML/LC)

Treasurer reported income and expenses for the month of June, with 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: \$4,083.23; Savings: \$3,432.03. The report will be filed for audit.

Membership Committee reported that 17 new Memberships had been purchased, bringing the total current to 202. The Committee reiterated the need to continue soliciting memberships, and discussion was held around an info session for Zone Directors and Block Captains, currently scheduled to take place the hour prior to the August Executive Board meeting.

Beman Committee reported that updates to the website have been made and that façade documentation efforts continue; and reminded all that the deadline for all current Façade Reimbursement Program projects' completion is October 31, 2021.

Safety Committee reported on a series of community safety concerns, in sum as follows:

- The number of traffic accidents in the area has increased, but the number of shootings in the immediate vicinity is down – in contrast to the City as a whole
- Regarding the incident that took place on the 16th, the suspect is known and the Committee is keeping abreast of their pending court dates regarding said incident
- Committee is in discussion with residents of the 113th block of Champlain regarding concern over the shots fired there last Friday
- Discussion was held regarding the ways to alleviate traffic (mainly speeding) concerns throughout the neighborhood and especially on the 113th block of Champlain; the Committee will research further opportunities and advise accordingly, and further discussion will be held at a forthcoming General Membership meeting
- The racing in the House of Hope parking lot seems to have subsided
- Violence in the surrounding communities will be discussed at their respective Beat meetings

Zone Director reported a concern received regarding a resident's personal safety while delivering Flyers – further discussion will be held regarding the concern and racism issues within the community.

Vice President reported that Cheryl Briscoe has been appointed as the Welcome Committee Chair.

Labor Day Committee reported on events planned for Labor Day weekend, especially the car caravan to take place Saturday. Those interested in participating should contact Tom McMahon and/or Lorraine Brochu. Anyone willing to spearhead especially youth activities for the weekend is strongly encouraged to do so.

National Park Service detailed the events planned for Labor Day weekend, including Ranger programming, performance by the Mudcats, and a first responders' recognition ceremony. A printed Flyer details will be forthcoming, with a Spanish translation thereof courtesy of the HPF. Further, the HPF will be providing 'goodie bags' to attending guests for the weekend – discussion was subsequently held regarding how the PCO might also contribute to that effort.

Motion: To recommend to the general membership that the PCO have an additional 600 copies of the August issue of the Pullman Flyer printed, to be included in the package for guests attending the Labor Day weekend Grand Opening. M/S/P (TMcM, LC)

Further discussion was held regarding how to make said issue of the Flyer a 'Special Edition', and all Committees are thus strongly encouraged to provide content for this edition.

Vision Committee reported that action items surrounding the Committee's previously reported-on goals are in the works and will be presented at a forthcoming meeting.

House Tour reported that more than the usual number of locations might be on Tour this year, and that the Committee is continuing to pursue potential locations. The Mudcats are slated to perform, and residents are encouraged to continue to talk up the event and sign up for volunteer shifts.

HPF reported that new exit and parking lot lights have been installed at the Shared Visitor Center, and that improvements are underway at Market Hall and the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center. The HPF's membership drive will be July 29 from 6:00-7:30PM.

The NPS further reported that exhibit installations at the Clock Tower are underway, and that the State is working to get at least some of the Hotel open for both Labor Day and House Tour. Volunteers for the Labor Day event will be solicited shortly. The NPS also reported that Metra has confirmed to clean the viaduct at 111th St.

Community Improvement (via PB) suggested that a meeting be held with Sherwin-Williams regarding the cleanliness of their property along 115th St. Said meeting will be scheduled ASAP.

Discussion was held regarding how best to ensure grounds cleanup at the gas station at 111th and Langley.

Tom Shepherd presented on behalf of the Lake Calumet Vision Committee [see attached], and asked that the PCO consider a renewal of its pledge of support to the Committee's efforts to ensure greater public access to the lands surrounding Lake Calumet. The presentation will also be made at the forthcoming General Membership meeting.

For Old Business, Vice President reiterated the need for volunteers to fill currently open positions.

For New Business, it was announced that the Garden Club had recently planted Pullman Park, to great success. Details regarding the upcoming Zone Director & Block Captain info session will be disseminated shortly.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12PM M/S/P (TMcM/JB)