

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – August 18, 2021

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting at 7:45.

Secretary reported that the Draft July General Membership and August Executive Board Minutes had been posted in advance online. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions needed, the July General Membership Minutes were **Approved** – M/S/P (Tom McMahon, Ed Krueger)

Treasurer reported an Opening Balance of \$39,644.88 and a Closing Balance of \$36,748.71 for the month of July, broken up as follows: Operating: \$20,894.22; Façade: \$10,808.20; Kirtchner: \$1,614.23; Savings: \$3,432.06. The report will be filed for audit. Further, the Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$35,565.63 and a Closing balance of \$23,003.18 for the House Tour Fund.

Membership Committee reported that 43 new memberships were acquired in July, bringing the total to date to 263. The Committee will be working with Zone Directors and Block Captains on further strategies to generate more memberships. It was further announced that the training sessions for Zone Directors and Block Captains had been postponed to before the September meeting.

Beman Committee announced that its Façade Reimbursement Program would be re-commencing in 2022, and reminded all who have a currently in-progress project that the deadline to complete said project is October 31, 2021.

Education Committee announced that school will be starting August 30.

Community Improvement Committee announced that they had spoken with Sherwin-Williams about cleanup and maintenance around their property along 115th, and that Sherwin-Williams has scheduled cleanups just prior to the Grand Opening and to House Tour. Further, they are using the firm CleanSlate to perform regularly scheduled cleanups twice each month, from March-September. Additionally, the Committee Chair will be meeting with the Alderman to discuss the streetlights out along 115th St.

Safety Committee reported on the following:

- Vehicle accidents continue to be a problem – residents are encouraged to drive safely
- Per the most recent Beat meeting, Pulman continues to have the highest call volume in the area; the next Beat meeting will be on September 21 on Zoom.
- ShotSpotter ‘hits’ have been up recently, but only 3 are known to have occurred in the immediate vicinity
- Surrounding areas continue to be alternately problematic or improving, depending on precise location
- The residents of the 113th block of Champlain are still collecting petition signatures to have speed bumps installed along that street
- The recent car crash near Pullman Elementary seems to have been an incident of domestic violence
- The police investigation of the recent stabbing at the Citgo station is ongoing, with the offender having been arrested
- Sex offenders can live in the neighborhood, so long as they register and maintain required distance from schools and parks
- The Committee’s ‘blue ribbon’ honor of Officer Ella French and show of support for law enforcement was a success, with over 100 poles in the area being marked by 13 volunteers

- When stopping behind or adjacent to a school bus, be sure to maintain 20ft. distance, and remember when to stop when driving in the opposite direction. Drivers can report license plates of vehicles who unlawfully pass a school bus
- The next Safety Committee meeting will be August 26 at 6:00PM

Labor Day Committee reported that the PCO component of the Grand Opening program will begin at 10:30AM Saturday with the car caravan. Interested participants should register with pullmancarcaravan@gmail.com, and everyone is encouraged to come out and spectate. A block party will follow that day, and residents are reminded that tours of the Hotel Florence's first floor, among other events, will also be occurring that day.

Vision Committee announced that its report was complete, and will be presented at the September Executive Board and October General Membership meetings.

House Tour Committee announced that posters are printed and available, and everyone is encouraged to help spread the word. Volunteers are needed for the Tour itself, and those wishing to participate are encouraged to reach out to Volunteer Coordinate Mary Ferraza. A cleanup around the Shared Visitor Center will take place on Friday, August 20 at 5:00PM, for which volunteers are needed. Additionally, volunteers are also needed on August 27 at 5:00PM for filling swag bags for Grand Opening visitors.

HPF announced that Market Hall has been painted, and new chimneys have been installed at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center. Additionally, with the Park Rangers leaving the Shared Visitor Center after the Grand Opening, volunteers will be needed to fill in their shifts.

National Park Service announced the following:

- Reggie's Hot Dog Stand has been painted by HPF volunteers
- Canadian National has trimmed the trees and brush along the train tracks on Cottage Grove
- Thanks were given to the PCO for the August Flyer Special Edition
- Thanks were given to members of the Vision Committee for helping distribute said Flyers to the northern half of the District
- Volunteers are still needed for the Grand Opening
- Tickets for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 6 are available via lottery, online
- All detailed info for the weekend's events is on the NPS website
- The Monument is on the list for Open House Chicago this year, which will take place the weekend after House Tour
- Tours of the three historic train cars that will be on display throughout the weekend will be ticketed and timed
- There will be a first responder honor ceremony at 9:00AM on September 5, at the factory site
- The new Visitor Center will be permanently open after Labor Day
- Parking for the Grand Opening will be available at House of Hope and Gately Park

For Old Business, the President reminded the membership that open volunteer opportunities are still available.

For New Business:

- Discussions are being held around the Pullman Park Action Plan, and both short- and long-term initiatives for said park. Thanks were given to the Garden Club for their planting and maintaining of the beds there

- Thanks were given to member Jim McDonough for his cleaning and paint touching-up of the viaduct at 111th St. and Cottage Grove
- Thanks were given to everyone who made the August Flyer Special Edition possible

Split the Pot was \$33 and Wyatt Ollestad was the winner.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39PM – M/S/P (Cindy McMahon, Lynne Collins)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary