

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – August 11, 2021

In Attendance: President Rachel Smith, Vice President John Lydon, Treasurer Debbie Newman, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Harriette Watson, Margaret Kania, and Megan Lydon (also Beman), HPF Representative Jim Badali; Fernando Rosique & Claudia Flores (Membership), Bob Bushwaller & Beverly Ash-Larson (Vision), Lorraine Brochu (Labor Day); Kim Haddon; Teri Gage (NPS)

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting at 7:38PM.

Motion: To adopt the July Executive Board Minutes as posted and circulated in advance. M/S/P (JB/ML)

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. 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 39 new members for the month of July, making for a total of 261 members to date.

Vice President announced that the Zone Director/Block Captain training event has been rescheduled until after the PNM Grand Opening.

Zone Director 4 reported that Francine Williams has been appointed the Block Captain of 114 Forrestville East, and that the 114 block of Forrestville will be hosting a block party on August 21.

Beman Committee detailed its updated for the 2021 Façade Reimbursement Program, including new Application and Agreement periods.

It was reported from the Safety Committee that the neighborhood will be showing support for officers in the wake of the Officer Ella French shooting by tying blue ribbons to trees along major streets the morning of Saturday, August 14,, and that volunteers for such efforts should contact the Committee Chair with interest.

Discussion was held about sprucing up the PCO website now and into the future, with materials newly becoming available.

Labor Day Ad-Hoc Committee reminded that those interested in participating in the car caravan should sign up by emailing pullmancarcaravan@gmail.com. Further, it was reported that \$2800 had been budgeted to the community for Labor Day Grand Opening events.

Vision Committee stated that its report is complete and will be disseminated among the Executive Board for subsequent discussion and presentation at the September Executive Board meeting.

It was reported that House Tour's 'save the date' mailings are to be sent out next week.

HPF reported that building improvements at the Shared Visitor's Center, Market Hall, and Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center are complete and/or underway, and that after the Grand Opening the Shared Visitor Center will be renamed Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall.

National Park Service thanked the PCO for its Special Edition of the Flyer for the month of August, and reported that:

- Canadian National is currently cleaning the vegetation along the train tracks, and has committed to long-term maintenance of their property from 103rd-115th
- Canadian National is currently discussing with Metra plans for a revamp of at least the viaduct at 111th St.
- the First Responder ceremony for Labor Day Grand Opening weekend will also likely include an Officer French memorial
- August 18 is the final walk-through of the Monument site
- the exhibits have been installed, and are impressive!
- the fence around the grounds will come down the week prior to Labor Day, at which time too the wayfinding signs will go up
- three antique Pullman train cars will be on display for the weekend
- NPS has purchased additional Special Edition Flyers for North Pullman, and asks the Vision Committee for assistance distributing them to there

Old Business:

- Open volunteer opportunities remain

Brief discussion was held regarding unpaid Flyer ads, with the consensus being that unpaid ads should be removed from the Flyer

The President reported that a letter of support was written on behalf of the PCO for Voice of the City's recent grant application.

New Business:

- The NPCA has created a Pullman Park Action Plan that details both short and long-term developments for that Park
- Kim Haddon announced that the community garage sale is currently scheduled for September 18 & 19, 9:00AM-5:00PM each day, and that those interested in participating should contact her as early as possible so she can hopefully attain a blanket permit. Brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of once again providing a map, and potentially creating different signage
- Vice President announced that Sherwin-Williams currently has no plans to develop their property south of 115th, have hired a group to perform monthly streetscape improvements, and will be erecting new, unobtrusive structures on the property to address water treatment at the plant to be operational by 2023
- Susan Schoephoester was appointed to Zone Director for Zone 3, replacing Angelo Carrivale

Motion to adjourn at 8:59PM M/S/P (ML/JB)