

## Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – January 19, 2022

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting virtually via Zoom at 7:36PM.

Secretary reported that the Draft December General Membership and January Executive Minutes had been posted in advance online; there being no corrections, additions, or deletions requested.

**Motion:** To adopt the December General Membership Minutes as posted. [M/S/P Jim Badali, Andy Bullen]

Treasurer reported an Opening Balance of \$30,929.32 and a Closing Balance of \$37,159.37 for the month of December, broken up as follows: Operating: \$20,237.97; Façade: \$12,075.00; Kirchner: \$1,414.23; Savings: \$3,432.17. The report will be filed for audit. Further, the Treasurer reported a Closing balance of \$30,543.14 for the House Tour Fund.

**Motion:** To reimburse Andy Bullen \$107.88 for web hosting expenses related to the PCO website. [M/S/P Andy Bullen, Bob Bushwaller]

Membership Committee [Rachel Smith] reported a total 302 members to date, and thanked the Block Captains for their help in generating so many memberships in a pandemic year. Further, the Committee announced that Ruth Moore has resigned as the Block Captain of the 113<sup>th</sup> Block of Langley, West side.

Beman Committee announced the recipients of its Façade Reimbursement Program for 2022, which are as follows:

- Catherine McMahon for 11345 S Forrestville
- Megan & John Lydon for 11411 S Forrestville
- Victor Mendoza for 11261 S Forrestville
- Jim Ostarello for 11417 S Forrestville
- Fernando Rosiquez for 11141 S Champlain
- Keith & Pam Eiten for 11439-41 S Champlain
- Kris Thomsen for 11114-16 S Champlain
- Kathy & Tom Lynch for 11357 S Langley

Education Committee reported that Patagonia has supplied coats and winter wear to the two families of Pullman Elementary that were recently displaced by fire.

It was announced that a vehicle stolen from the 114th block of Champlain had recently been recovered, albeit with its catalytic converter removed.

Discussion was held regarding:

- The potential threat of unmarked tow trucks seen in the neighborhood
- The possibility of working with the Alderman to get additional security cameras to survey the streets installed, especially or minimally along 111<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup>, if not also 113<sup>th</sup>
- The trailer truck rigs that have been parked illegally on residential streets for some time – the two immediately known cases have both been reported to the police

Welcome Committee mentioned that two new neighbors had recently moved onto the 113<sup>th</sup> block of Champlain, and that if anyone knew who they were, please notify the Committee Chair. Additionally, all residents are asked to report any other new neighbors they know of to the Chair.

Thanks were given to Andy Bullen, John Lydon, and Debbie Newman for both setting up the evening's Zoom meeting and ensuring the word about it got out as quickly and fully as possible.

Communication Chair announced that an Accessibility option had been added to the PCO website, and that if there were any other recommendations for additional accessibility options, to please contact the Chair or the PCO President.

Vision Committee announced that the next presentation of its findings would be at the February Executive Board meeting.

Bylaws Committee announced that its first meeting had taken place, and that a schedule for its subsequent meetings over the next few weeks had been set.

HPF reminded those gathered that the Exhibit Hall remains open with its winter hours, and asked all to pencil in May 14 & 15 for its 'railroad days', for which volunteers will be needed.

NPS announced that Sarah Buchmeier and Sarah Holding had recently been hired as full-time employees, and that recently received educational grants will allow for two field and one supervisory term employees to be hired. Additionally, it was announced that the site's General Management Plan is still on track to be presented later this year, with a Situational Assessment first forthcoming.

For Old Business:

- Volunteer positions remain open, including for that of Block Captains

For New Business and Announcements:

- Condolences were expressed to the friends and family of Joe Lopez on his recent passing
- Black History Month Ad Hoc Committee announced that it would not be hosting any in-person events this year due to the pandemic, but that other programming ideas are being explored. Additionally, residents are encouraged to look to other local organizations and interest groups for similar programming in February; further details on all will be posted in the Flyer.
- Brief discussion was held regarding the Far South Chicago Coalition & Lamar Johnson Collaborative's Far South Chicago Quality-of-Life Virtual Community Charette, with those who attended expressing the possibility for future collaboration with neighboring organizations
- Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a presentation by representatives of Vertical Harvest at a forthcoming General Membership meeting, and how the boundaries of the Historic District might affect the company's plans for its facility, especially with regard to compatibility with the adjacent historic architecture
- Brief discussion was held regarding Piffington, Inc.'s proposed cannabis facility along 111<sup>th</sup>, and how various groups could become involved as their plans for development potentially progress.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:40PM [M/S/P Andy Bullen/Tom McMahan]

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary