

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – August 17, 2022

President John Lydon convened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Presentations were given by:

- Nick Lubovich on behalf of Pullman Tech Workshop (PTW); and
- Leonard Miller of Richards Super Premium Ice Cream

A brief recess was then held so those gathered could enjoy samples from Richards Premium Ice Cream.

Thanks were given to both presenters.

The President detailed the feedback from the recent Community Information Survey, highlighting the respondents' most frequently used methods of communication and from what sources they most frequently receive community news.

Secretary reported that the Draft July General Membership and August Executive minutes had been posted in advance online; there being a request to add the Treasury figures that had been presented at the July General Membership meeting to that meeting's minutes.

Motion: To adopt the July General Membership minutes, pending amendment. [M/S/P Darrell Hill, Sue James]

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$33,818.01 and a closing balance of \$33,738.56 for the month of July, broken up as follows: Operating: \$18,751.24.03; Façade: \$10,140.75; Kirchner: \$1,413.23; Savings: \$3,432.34. The report will be filed for audit.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$29,767.02 and a closing balance of \$29,767.14 for the month of July for the House Tour Fund.

Further, it was announced that the Audit Committee will be meeting this coming Friday, and that the annual PCO Budget will be presented at the September General Membership meeting.

It was reported on behalf of the Membership Committee that there are roughly 200 members to date, and that everyone is encouraged to help spread the word about membership via whatever communication channels are open and suited to them.

Education Committee reported that CPS schools will resume classes on August 22, and that Principal Salter of Pullman Elementary has circulated a letter regarding the construction happening at the school before 8:30AM each day and the projects currently underway there, including installation of an elevator, window replacement, and electrical work, among others. Additionally, the letter includes future construction plans, including exterior lead paint removal that is scheduled for August 29-September 1 from 4:00PM-8:00PM, and window replacement that is scheduled for September 12-December 3 from 8:00PM-6:00AM. The Principal asks the community to remain patient as these large projects are being undertaken.

The President made mention that a chair is currently needed for the Safety Committee and volunteers are welcome – those interested in participating in any capacity are directed to the Flyer for best ways to contact. Further, it was announced that CAPS meetings will be resuming an in-person format, and will be taking place on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM.

Welcome Committee announced that three welcome bags had been recently distributed, with about 20 having gone out in the recent past. Residents are encouraged to alert Block Captains of any new move-ins of which they're aware.

Communication Committee reported that there are currently 5 members comprising the Committee and that more are welcome, and also that it will be meeting shortly.

Community Improvement Committee announced that an invite had been sent to the Alderman's office to present at a General Membership meeting, and that a representative from the office will do so at the September General Membership meeting. Community inquiries for the Alderman's office are being collected at this meeting. Additionally, the Committee chair noted that there have been some service requests that were recently closed that seemingly shouldn't have been, and that the chair is following up on those.

It was further announced that:

- street lights on the west side of Cottage Grove are currently out;
- streetlights along 114th St. from Cottage Grove to Forrestville are also out; and
- a truck recently damaged a streetlight while trying to avoid a low-hanging electrical wire on 114th St., the truck's traversing down that street being a result of GPS navigation. Discussion was held regarding how to continue to divert truck traffic from the neighborhood via GPS systems, including having the Alderman vacate 114th St. as a right-of-way.

DEI Committee announced that it meets every other week, and that two prospective presenters and three prospective locations for a presentation are being considered. The Committee has its talking points for the presentation prepared, and is sending out RFPs to all the aforementioned. Additionally, the Committee is partnering with the HPF and its own DEI Committee on its efforts.

House Tour Committee reported that houses for this year's Tour have been secured, the program booklet is being worked on, and the posters have been completed with design by Tony Dzik – thanks were given to Tony for his artistic work. Additionally, volunteers are currently being solicited, and the Committee's next meeting will be on Monday at 5:30PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center.

Mention was made that the Garden Club's recent lecture was a success, and that maps of the plantings used on the grounds surrounding the Monument are available at the Visitor Center.

NPS announced that it is currently planning its Labor Day event, to be held on September 5 from 12:00PM-4:00PM on the grounds surrounding the Monument. Programming will likely include live music and food trucks, and volunteers for the event are welcome. Further, NPS announced that yoga and Healthy Sundays events are currently scheduled at the Monument, and that Teri Gage will be the featured speaker at the HPF's monthly series this month, on Sunday August 21. Further, it was announced that September 24 will be a cleanup of the Monument area, and

requests for any specific cleanup locations should be sent to Ranger Grace. Thanks were given to all community members who have so far participated in the public forums for the General Management Plan, the next such forum tentatively scheduled for sometime in November.

For announcements,:

- Committee Chairs are to submit any requests from the PCO annual budget to the President and Treasurer ASAP;
- PullmanArts' Life Out Loud event was a success; and
- the 114th block of Forrestville will be hosting a block party on Sunday, August 21 from 11:00AM-3:00PM.

During Open Discussion:

- the results of the Community Information Survey will hopefully be made available on the PCO website soon;
- Sherwin-Williams will be performing a cleanup of their property along 115th St. the Friday before House Tour and also hopefully just before the Labor Day weekend;
- the Pullman Animal Blessing has secured more donations both in cash and for its silent auction, and those wanting to have their companion animals' names in the memorial section of the printed program should submit them by September, the contact details for which can be found in the Flyer;
- concerns were expressed about the current status of the Bills proposing to rename the National Monument to a National Historical Park and sufficient community foreknowledge and discussion relating thereto prior to any action requested of the community, with the President to follow-up on next best steps;
- a community shredding event, including also e-waste collection, will be held on Friday, August 19 at the former Jewel-Osco at 115th and Halsted beginning at 10:00AM, with those interested in participating encouraged to arrive around 9:15-9:30; and
- Ladies' Lunch has resumed, held on the third Wednesday of each month, with this month's luncheon to be held at Lost Marsh.

Motion to adjourn at 9:13 (M/S/P Lynne Collins, Pat Brannon)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary