

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – September 14, 2022

In Attendance: President John Lydon, Vice President Kathy Lynch, Treasurer Elizabeth Mishler, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Darrell Hill, Harriette Burks-Watson, Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), and Margaret Kania; Beverly Ash-Larson (Block Captain); Teri Gage (NPS)

A quorum having been established, President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:37PM.

Discussion continued from last month's meeting regarding the PCO's proposed goals vis-a-vis the Knoster Model, how best to generate more participation in the Organization, and the nature of Committees' activity with regard to their decision-making.

Draft August Executive Board & General Membership Minutes were circulated in advance and posted to the website.

Motion: To adopt the August Executive Board Minutes as posted. M/S/P (SS/KL)

Treasurer announced that the audit had been completed through July 31, 2022, and that all balances were properly accounted for.

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$33,738.56 and a closing balance of \$32,555.16 for the month of August, broken up as follows: Operating: \$18,567.82; Façade: \$9,140.75; Kirchner: \$1,414.23; Savings: \$3,432.36. The report will be filed for audit.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$29,767.14 and a closing balance of \$28,459.77 for the House Tour Fund for the month of August.

The annual PCO Budget was presented, and subsequent discussion held and adjustments made.

National Park Service (NPS) announced that the Labor Day event was a success, with 653 people coming through the Visitor Center and over 1000 across the grounds that day, and thanks were given to all who volunteered for the event. Additionally, it was reported that:

- a Hampton Inn is planned to be built near Culver's, and that the proposed Vertical Harvest building has moved its location to the same area, from its original site of adjacent to the Wheelworks;
- Yoga has proven to be the most popular of the NPS' weekend health activities, with the next session taking place Saturday, September 17 at 10:00AM, and the last two for the year being held October 8 and October 15;
- the annual cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 from 9:00AM-12:00PM; and
- the week of November 14 will be the NPS' civic engagement week for its General Management Plan, with updates and current status being presented for public review at that time and subsequently made available online.

Motion: To recommend to the General Membership the adoption of the adjusted proposed annual PCO Budget. M/S/P (KL/DH)

The following Committee reports were received via email:

- Membership: there are 218 members to date.
- Education: Cheryl & Bob will be having a Zoom call with the principal of Pullman Elementary to discuss the school's construction plan and the principal's efforts to keep student safe while workers complete the phases.
- Welcome – Four welcome bags have been distributed in the past two weeks.
- DEI – Two RFPs have been sent to the two prospective facilitators that have been identified, with responses due Friday, September 16, and Committee review to occur at its next meeting. The HPF's DEI members will be invited to the Committee's meeting once a facilitator is determined, and the location for their presentation may be partially dependent upon the particular facilitator selected.
- House Tour: The Committee is hard at work, and in need of volunteers to work the weekend. Those interested should contact pullmanhousetour@gmail.com. Neighbors are encouraged to tidy up the front of their properties in advance of the Tour.

Brief discussion was held regarding the PCO's Veterans Day event, and the possibility of hosting it at the November General Membership meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:19PM M/S/P (DH/SS)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary