

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance  
Twelfth Annual Meeting  
December 12, 2007  
Lincoln Center, Room-503**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Member Roll Call:**

Members present: Jane E. Amorosi, James Cavallo, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Ken Lerner, William M. Runyon, Chris Saricks, David Schulz, Charley Smart, and Jerry Yoksoulian  
Members absent: Aspacia Colias

**Guests:** Carol Koutnik, Paul Koutnik, Veatrice Jehangir, Wally Brown, Shannon Forsythe, Edith Makra, and Aida Novickas, Kerstin von der Heide, Mark Thoman, and John Schofield

**Approval of Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes, Sept. 26, 2007:** Draft meeting minutes unanimously accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** Gordon Goodman, Treasurer, provided information for 2007 Fiscal Year transaction, from Dec 1, 2006 through December 11, 2007, showing \$2,988.11 in total deposits and \$3,339.52 total expenditures. PDHA checking account balance as of SDecember11, 2007 was given as \$573.67. Expenditures since last Treasurer's report included \$5.00 Secretary of State annual report fee, \$140.00 to DG Park District for the Rita Martin Memorial Trees, \$750.00 to DG Park district for the Little Sprouts Program at Lyman Woods, \$60.30 to Office Depot for Newsletter copying, and \$170.39 reimbursement to J. Cavallo for meeting room maintenance fee and newsletter mailing. Maturing CD value of \$3,048.31. Total assets as of December 11, 2007 = \$3,621.98; total assets as of December 1, 2006 = \$4,441.04. Currently approved future expenditure: \$50.00 for 2007 dues for Chicago Wilderness.

A brief discussion followed regarding what to do with funds when the CD matures. Further discussion was deferred to the special meeting scheduled for Jan 16, Room 307, Lincoln Center.

Treasurer's report unanimously accepted.

**Proposal to Endorse Call for Action to reduce Global Warming:** A discussion was held regarding whether PDHA should support a call for the State of Illinois to support policies setting mandatory limits on global warming pollutants from power plants and industrial facilities, adopt the same clean car standards as have already been adopted by 12 other states, establish an energy efficiency program and enforce codes and standards that target maximizing statewide energy savings, and support the development of a robust

renewable energy industry. Endorsement would be accomplished by a general purpose letter to the Illinois Representative endorsing a call for action. Discussion followed that included a suggestion to add additional language recognizing the success of the Montreal Protocol. Chris Saricks agreed to revise the draft letter and distribute to the Directors for discussion at the Jan 16, 2008 special meeting. A motion to discuss the revised letter at the Jan 16 meeting was unanimously passed.

**Elections of Directors and Officers for 2007-2008:** The Nominating Committee proposed the re-election of all incumbent Directors, and the re-election of James Cavallo as Chair, Jerry Yoksoulian as Chair Pro-tem, and Gordon Goodman as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee also proposed the election of Ihor Hlohowskyj as Secretary and John Schofield and Mark Thoman as new Directors. All the Nominating Committee proposals passed unanimously.

**Featured Presentation:** “Urban Forestry in Downers Grove and the Threat of Emerald Ash Borer Infestation”

The Business Meeting portion of the annual meeting was adjourned and was followed by a presentation by Kerstin von der Heide, Downers Grove Village Forester. The presentation described the emerald ash borer and symptoms of its infestation, the current status of infestations in other states and responses by those states, and the infestation status and management in the State of Illinois. The plan adopted by the DG Park District to address the expected infestation within DG was described. Questions asked by the audience included approaches being implemented or studied for emerald ash borer control, the extent to which DG could be affected, and which neighborhoods may be at greatest risk.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted: Ihor Hlohowskyj, Secretary, PDHA