

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Special Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Center – Room 503
February 21, 2007

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Chris Saricks, Dave Schulz, Charley Smart, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)
Absent: Lee Forsythe, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Matt LeCren, **Guests:** John Schofield

Meeting called to order by Chairman James Cavallo at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of January 17, 2007 Special Meeting minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gordon Goodman reported beginning balance (as of 1/17/2006) = \$4,709.42. Income was \$150 (3 donations) and CD interest was \$16.11. Expenditures: 0. Ending Balance as of 2/19/2007 = \$4,875.53. Checking Balance \$1,327.94 with \$3,547.59 CD maturing 7/30/2007 at Community Bank of DG. New 1846 Blodgett House on the Move Account: "1846 Blodgett House" account balance: \$300.00 Treasurer's report was approved.

2007 Highway Clean-up: Attendance sheet for clean-up must be completed on each of the clean-up days. Saturdays: April 21, June 23, August 25 and October 13, 2007

Resolution outside of meeting on February 9, 2007: Emails were sent to all, but Bill and Jane, who received phone calls to request approval of a new 1846 Blodgett House on the Move checking acct: "1846 Blodgett House". Change in by-laws in 2006 allowed for this method. Collaboration with other groups was reason for this effort. Resolution vote passed with 10 votes for, 2 against and 2 not voting. Signatories on checking account are: Gordon Goodman, Charley Smart and Therese Haley. The beginning balance of \$300 was new money not transferred from existing PDHA accounts. Discussion determined any use of this by-law amendment for voting outside meeting will occur infrequently and only for "non-controversial" issues, according to Chairman Cavallo.

Blodgett House at 812 Randall – The Historic Society (Greg Evans, president) has not taken a stand on this effort. Therefore, a newly formed group, "1846 Blodgett House on the Move" was created. The group made a presentation to the DG Park Board on Feb 15 and to the Village Council on Feb 20. They will spearhead project, hold potential fundraisers for moving expenses, apply for community grant, waiver of Village fees, determine structural integrity and zoning waivers to recreate and move original house, etc. Charley Smart and Gordon Goodman are point persons. Website: www.1846BlodgettHouse.org

Coalition for Managed Redevelopment and Affordable Housing: Ken Lerner reported that the proposed Historic Preservation ordinance review by the Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB) is to be completed in the near future. He will address ADRB public hearings on Thurs. Feb 22 at 7 pm and on Sat, Feb 24 (10 am). After this first Historic Preservation ordinance the ADRB intends to work on architectural guidelines for commercial development in Village and enabling ordinance to preserve unique character of neighborhood districts. This local landmarking of historic buildings or homes could provide tax breaks for improvements. Charley Smart, Gordon Goodman and Ken Lerner are to be PDHA point persons.

Chicago Wilderness: Discussion of details to be stated on Chicago Wilderness membership application included 1.) Preserve, protect and enhance Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie and 2.) Support for Downers Grove tree protection ordinance. **Motion passed to join with \$50 membership fee.**

Wetlands Education and Little Sprouts: Shannon Forsythe previously presented request for support for two programs for elementary school students. Currently District 58 does not have funding for the award-winning Little Sprouts program for 1st graders that would occur in the fall of 2007. The School District and Park District would like to continue the program and are seeking funding sources. The budget is \$1,900 for this program. The second, wetlands program is for 3 classes of 5th graders at St. Mary's Catholic School. Its budget of about \$400 would cover the education programs and teachers. "Matching program" was suggested. **First a motion passed to allocate monies to Park District programs requested. Then a motion passed to authorize \$750 for these programs to be paid only if total monies for these programs become available from other sources.**

Cool Cities Program: D. Schulz presented potential advocacy program for PDHA support. The U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement is designed to influence decision making at local, state and national levels. Sierra Club has a task force.

Mark Your Calendar:

DG Environmental Concerns Commission Meetings: 2nd Thursday, Public Works at 7 p.m.

Village Council: Meets every Tuesday at Village Hall: 6:30 p.m.

Park District: Meets first (Lincoln Center) and third (Village Hall) Thursday: 7 p.m.

Arbor Day – April 28, 2007

Highway Clean-up Dates: April 21, June 23, Aug 25, Oct 13

Lyman Woods Woodsfest – Sunday, May 6 – 1 to 4 p.m. Interpretive Center

Next PDHA Meeting: Wed., March 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 202

Websites of Interest: www.pdha.org www.greenfund.com
www.environmentaldefense.org www.ilenviro.org
www.earthshare.org www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com
www.preservationofourforests.org www.dgcmr.org
www.1846BlodgettHouse.org

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laurel Q. Bowen, Secretary