

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Special Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Center – Room 503
January 17, 2007

Attendance: Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Chris Saricks, Charley Smart, Jerry Yoksoulion (Quorum present) **Absent:** Jane Amorosi, Dave Schulz **Guests:** Andy Clark, Karen Shannon (DG Park District Facilities Manager), John Schofield, Park Board Commissioner Janis Sleeter, Mark Thoman

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

Approval of December 6, 2006 Annual Meeting minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gordon Goodman reported beginning balance (as of 11/01/2006) = \$4,441.04. Income was \$535 (7 donations). Expenditures: \$282.14 (newsletter postage & T Gray fee). Ending Balance as of 1/17/2007 = \$4,709.42. Checking Balance \$1,177.94 with \$3,531.48. CD maturing 7/30/2007 at Community Bank of DG. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

2007 Highway Cleanup Schedule: Highland Avenue Clean days were set for the following Saturdays: April 21, June 23, August 25 and October 13, 2007

Illinois Environmental Council: Recent IEC legislative and regulatory efforts have included: coal fire emission control, mercury pollution control, wetlands protection, all with the aid of a paid lobbyist. Level of PDHA participation and membership was part of discussion. **Motion to continue membership (\$300/yr) passed with provision to review membership in 2008.** Gordon will be point person.

PDHA Website: Everyone is encouraged to send ideas to PDHA's Webmaster Charley Smart at Charleysmart@comcast.net or 969.8085. Ted Gray's Annual Meeting presentation to be put on website and a link to the IEC website.

Lyman Woods Woodsfest (20 yr. anniversary)– Sunday, May 6 (1 – 4 pm). DG Park District Manager of Natural Areas and Interpretive Programs Shannon Forsythe provided a written report and requested PDHA members to provide assistance with exhibits/display of history of Lyman Woods – brochure to be developed; PDHA recruitment table; and greeters and leaders for games/crafts. PDHA to assist with promotion of event, including PDHA website, and School District 58 - in their "Park Avenue" monthly newsletter. **Motion for \$100 initial project expense approved.** Jim Cavallo, Chris Saricks, Gordon Goodman, Matt LeCren and Shannon Forsythe are to be point persons. Park District funding suggestions for Natural Areas was discussed briefly and tabled until next meeting.

Blodgett House at 812 Randall – Discussion included coordinating with Village 175th anniversary, encouraging the Historic Society (Greg Evans, president) to spearhead project, potential fundraiser for moving expenses, community grant, waiver of Village fees, determining structural integrity and zoning waivers to recreate original house. Owner Chris Salman has been hard to reach. **Resolution urging preservation of the Blodgett House at 812 Randall Street was passed.** Folks are encouraged to address Village Council and Park District Board on this issue. Charley Smart and Gordon Goodman are point persons.

Coalition for Managed Redevelopment and Affordable Housing: Ken Lerner reported that they are to meet with Harry Gamble, The Reporter, newspaper coverage re: enforcement of zoning and teardown requirements in the new site management ordinance. They met with Village Manager Pavlicek, Dave Fieldman and Jeff O'Brien. The proposed Historic Preservation ordinance review by the Architectural Design Review Board is to be completed within 90 days of passing of a January 2, 2007 Resolution. After this first Historic Preservation ordinance the ADRB intends to work on architectural guidelines for commercial development in Village and enabling ordinance for neighborhood conservation districts. Lack of enforcement of teardown site management is issue about which the Village staff is aware. Charley Smart, Gordon Goodman and Ken Lerner are to be PDHA point persons. **Resolution to urge Village Council to adopt an historic preservation ordinance was passed.**

