

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Approved as Revised Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Center – Room 305
July 18, 2007

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Jerry Yoksouliau (Quorum present)

Absent: Gordon Goodman, Chris Saricks, Dave Schulz, Charley Smart

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

Secretary's Report: No minutes available for March 21, 2007 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gordon Goodman reported beginning balance (as of 3/19/2007) = \$4,709.42.

Income was \$110 (7 donations) and CD interest was \$16.11.

Expenditures: \$140 – Newsletter printing

71.70 – Postage

45.00 – Woodsfest pamphlet printing

300.00 – IEC 2007 dues

250.00 – Printing of DG Coalition for Redevelopment booklet (500)

Total: \$1,896.70

Ending Checking Balance as of 7/17/2007 = \$731.24 with \$3,627.10 CD maturing 7/30/2007 at Community Bank of DG. New 1846 Blodgett House on the Move Account: "1846 Blodgett House" account (balance: \$979.00) closed on May 22, 2007.

Discussion regarding the Receipt of \$90 on 5/31 and \$1,000 on 6/29/2007 for the 1846 Blodgett House project and then transferred out on 5/29 and 6/29 to the DG Heritage Preservation Corporation ensued. Full "explanation" follows.

All of the donations deposited into the Closed "1846 Blodgett House" account totaled \$1,250 and the expenses paid out of that account were \$171 so that we were able to transfer \$979 to the Downers Grove Heritage Preservation Corporation when that account was closed on May 22nd.

After that original "1846 Blodgett House" account was closed a check for \$90 that was drawn on that account was presented to the Community Bank. Community Bank paid this \$90 check #1004 on 5/29/07 using funds from our PDHA checking account. Then on 5/31/07 we transferred \$90 from the DG Heritage Preservation Corporation's checking account into the PDHA checking account to reimburse this payment.

On 6/29/07 PDHA received a check for \$1,000 as a donation intended for the DG Heritage Preservation Corporation. On the same day PDHA wrote a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the DG Heritage Preservation Corporation. The donor of the \$1,000 wanted to write his check to an organization that already has received a letter from the IRS confirming that the organization is classified as a charitable and educational not-for-profit corporation. PDHA had already received such a letter from the IRS, but DGHPC is still in the process of applying to the IRS for such recognition. There is one more check made out to PDHA that is a donation of \$800 indented for the DGHPC. We expect that this \$800 check will be handled in the same fashion as the \$1,000 check was handled.

Much Discussion followed regarding the appropriateness of the deposit and withdrawals of \$90 and \$1,000 (on 5/29/07, and 6/29/07, respectively) for the 1846 Blodgett House project and liability of PDHA. Chairman Cavallo explained his support of using PDHA as an “incubator” for other organizations. He apologized if his actions in this matter were viewed as inconsistent with PDHA Bylaws and assured Directors that his future actions would strictly adhere to the Bylaws.

Treasurer's report was approved (7-2) with further discussion to take place at September meeting.

Lee Forsythe motioned that \$3,000 be rolled over on 7/30/2007 to CD at bank and \$627.10 be put into the checking account. Motion passed.

2007 Highway Clean-up: Highway clean-up was not held on Saturday, June 23 due to heavy rains. Remaining Clean-up Days: August 25 and October 13

Cool Cities Program: D. Schulz and J. Cavallo gave statements at the Village Council meeting on July 10 to encourage this municipal program. The U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement is designed to influence decision making at local, state and national levels. This was originally proposed to Council in March and they referred for review to the Environmental Commission in April. Last week Council referred back to the Environmental Commission for further review and financial implications. This program relates to sprawl, alternative transportation, fleet vehicles, etc.

Chicago Wilderness: Motion passed at March 21 meeting to join, application still in process.

Rita Martin Memorial: Discussion and decision to be tabled until September meeting.

Mark Your Calendar:

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

Village Council: Meets every Tuesday at Village Hall: 7:00 p.m.

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

Highway Clean-up Dates: Aug 25, Oct 13

Next PDHA Meeting: Wed. September 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 202

Lyman Woods Work day: July 21, August 18, November 17, December 15

Belmont Prairie Work day: September 22, October 20

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: 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen, Secretary