

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
14 October 2009
Lincoln Center**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Role Call

Call to Order: 7:05 PM by James Cavallo

Members Present: Jane Amorosi, Wallace Brown, James Cavallo, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Ken Lerner, Mark Thoman, Jerry Yoksoulian

Members Absent: Charley Smart, Sonja Tiegs, Chris Saricks, David Schulz, John Schofield,

Guests: None

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A summary of the draft minutes of the 23 September 2009 meeting was provided by K. Lerner. One comment pointed out that the date for the annual meeting needed to be changed from December 8 to December 9, while another pointed out that absent members be added to the minutes. G. Goodman made a motion to accept the minutes; I. Hlohowskyj seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Gordon Goodman, Treasurer, provided a report on the current FY09 status of PDHA funds. There was little change in the Treasurer's report since the September meeting. A payment of \$10.00 was made for the Annual Report Fee to the Secretary of State. M. Thoman made a motion to approve the report; J. Yoksoulian seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

4. Highway Clean-up Summary for the Year

J. Cavallo gave a summary of the PDHA highway clean-up activities for 2009. The last clean up was relatively quick, as not much trash was encountered. PDHA expects to continue cleanup activities in 2010. A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a rain day for future clean-ups. J. Cavallo explained that the Village of Downers Grove suggested to simply call the Village to request a makeup date the weekend after a rain out date. J. Cavallo indicated he would follow up about getting a rain date for the next highway clean-up date.

5. Planning for the Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, was selected as the date for the 2009 Annual Meeting. The discussion addressed potential speakers, including Tom Dabareiner (DG Director of Community Development) to talk about the historic home survey, and Jeff O'Brien (DG Planning Manager) to talk about Sears homes in the village. M. Thoman suggested the possibility of inviting the DG Historical Society to give a brief talk on what they do, and then have PDHA present them with some sort of award. W. Brown suggested that PDHA personally invite the local news media to the annual meeting. G. Goodman will contact the DG Director of Media to get a local newspaper contact.

G. Goodman suggested including a story on the annual meeting in the next PDHA newsletter, and getting the newsletter sent out before the meeting. Suggestions for the newsletter included articles on the success of the Little Sprouts program, the DG Park District Arbor Day festivities, the treatment of trees for ash borer, the Chicago Suburban Alliance, and an article on the William Runyon memorial tree. G. Goodman also requested color photographs of the annual meeting speakers for inclusion in the newsletter. The deadline for article submission to G. Goodman was set at Nov. 8, 2009.

I. Hlohowskyj brought up schedule issues for the annual meeting, specifically limiting the conduct of some 'normal' PDHA meeting activities so that guests coming to hear the speakers would not have to sit through other meeting activities. G. Goodman suggested that the meeting start sooner so the Directors could take care of regular business before the formal opening of the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that the Directors meet at 6:30PM to take care of normal PDHA activities.

6. Appointment of New Board Members for Next Year and New Officers

With the exception of J. Yoksoulion, all current directors agreed to continue participation in the PDHA. K. Lerner accepted the position of Chair for the next year, M. Thoman accepted becoming pro-tem Chair, I. Hlohowskyj agreed to continue as Secretary, and G. Goodman agreed to continue as Treasurer. A discussion followed regarding new members. J. Cavallo suggested contacting a science teacher from either DG North or South High Schools about possible student involvement similar to that on the DG Environmental Commission. J. Cavallo will talk with Shannon Forsythe, DG Park District, about area school contacts for possibly recruiting student members to PDHA. M. Thoman asked about possible privacy concerns related to student PDHA membership. Two individuals were identified as possible new members. J. Cavallo agreed to contact Veatrice Jehangir and Alex Miller about possibly joining PDHA.

7. Chicago Wilderness

J. Cavallo and G. Goodman briefly discussed PDHA membership in Chicago Wilderness (CW). I. Hlohowskyj agreed to serve as the PDHA liaison to CW. J. Cavallo will forward I. Hlohowskyj's information to CW.

8. Action Items

1. M. Thoman will contact Tom Dabareiner and/or Jeff O'Brien about presenting at the annual meeting.
2. J. Cavallo will prepare a news release for the annual meeting.
3. K. Lerner will contact the DG Historical Society about coming to the annual meeting to receive a recognition award from PDHA.
4. K. Lerner will contact Bob Jenson about speaking at the annual meeting.
5. J. Cavallo will contact Doug Koslowski, DG Media Relations, about local paper contacts for invite to the annual meeting.
6. Articles for the next PDHA newsletter due Nov 8 to G. Goodman
 - a. K. Lerner will prepare article on Park District Arbor Day planning.
 - b. M. Thoman will prepare article on the Chicago Suburban Alliance meeting to be hosted in DG.
 - c. J. Cavallo will prepare article on the Bill Runyon memorial tree planting.
 - d. G. Goodman will prepare article about next year's directors.
7. J. Cavallo will talk with Shannon Forsythe, DGPD, about area school contacts for recruiting student members to PDHA.
8. J. Cavallo will contact Veatrice Jehangir and Alex Miller about possibly joining PDHA.
9. I. Hlohowskyj will type up and distribute action items.

9. Meeting Adjourned – J. Yoksoulian made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. W. Brown seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.