

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance  
6 May 2009  
Lincoln Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order and Role Call**

*Call to Order:* 7:06 PM by James Cavallo

*Members Present:* Jane Amorosi, Wallace Brown, James Cavallo, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Ken Lerner, Chris Saricks, John Schofield, David Schulz, Mark Thoman, Jerry Yoksoulion

*Members Absent:* Charley Smart, Sonja Tiegs

*Guests:* None

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A summary of the draft minutes of the 18 February 2009 meeting was provided by I. Hlohowskyj, Secretary. J. Yoksoulion made a motion to accept the minutes; C. Saricks 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. For the period of 1 Nov 2008 through 5 May 2009, donations to PDHA totaled \$560.00. Expenditures since 1 Nov 2008 totaled \$662.26. The expenditures did not include \$100 honorarium for the speaker at the upcoming joint PDHA/Downers Grove Organic Gardeners lecture. The checking balance as of 5 May 2009 was \$467.14. The value of the PDHA CD with the Community Bank of Downers Grove (matures on 30 July 2009) as of 5 May 2009 is \$2,574.73. Total PDHA assets as of 5 May 2009 = \$3,041.87.

J. Schofield made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by I. Hlohowskyj, and was unanimously passed.

**4. Bill Runyon's Passing**

J. Cavallo suggested that the PDHA do something to honor the passing of long-time board member Bill Runyon. D. Schulz suggested planting a tree or buying a commemorative bench at Lyman Woods. G. Goodman indicated that the Runyon Family thought that a tree would be wonderful memorial. G. Goodman made a motion to spend up to \$200 of a tree to be planted (through the Park District) at Hummer Park.

J. Yoksouljian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. J. Cavallo will talk to the Park District about how to proceed with the purchase and planting, and will also look into the possibility about adding a plaque. D. Schulz suggested that the PDHA spend the full authorized \$200 dollar amount on one or more trees.

### **5. Planning for the Joint PDHA-Downers Grove Organic Gardeners Lecture**

K. Lerner gave an update of the upcoming PDHA-DGOG sponsored lecture featuring Jim Kleinwachter from Conservation@Home. K. Lerner identified a need for PDHA brochures and literature to be made available at the lecture. G. Goodman will see what literature the PDHA already has, including copies of past PDH newsletters. K. Lerner also spoke with DGTV and they may tape and broadcast the lecture on the local DG channel.

K. Lerner was identified to give at the start of the program the PDHA perspective on local conservation issues. There was a brief discussion regarding providing refreshments at the lecture, and several members volunteered to bring refreshments (donuts, fruit, cookies, etc.).

PDHA and DGOG agreed about jointly contributing to a \$200 honorarium to Conservation@Home. M. Thoman made a motion to authorize PDHA to contribute \$100 to the honorarium. D. Schulz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **6. TCD3 Participation**

J. Schofield gave a brief overview of the TCD3 process to date. The Village has opened the process to any organization wishing to provide comments/input. J. Schofield and G. Goodman have developed a submittal that includes the PDHA mission statement as well as the organization's concerns and issues. A discussion followed about the order of items on the priority list to be included in the PDHA submittal. There was general consensus that 'tree protection' should be identified as PDHA's top priority. C. Saricks offered to provide examples (to be included with the PDHA submission) of tree protection ordinances in place in other towns. Additional discussions were held on each of the five priorities originally identified by Goodman and Schofield. C. Saricks volunteered to consolidate comments from other PDHA members and provide a revised draft of the PDHA submittal. J. Amorosi requested that the submittal include transportation within the "Energy Conservation" priority item. J. Amorosi also requested green building talking points that she could present at future Village meetings. J. Cavallo offered to provide such talking points.

### **7. 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church Environmental Stewardship Update**

D. Schulz informed the PDHA that the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church Environmental Stewardship meeting was being rescheduled to sometime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, and that the Stewardship group would be submitting questions to TCD3.

## 8. Highway Cleanup

The next two highway cleanup days will be 22 August and 10 October.

## 9. Other Items

**Newsletter.** G. Goodman discussed the Spring Newsletter. M. Thoman volunteered to write an article on one of a number of possible topics, such as TCD3 or the status of tree protection in the Village. K. Lerner volunteered to prepare an article on the upcoming Conservation@Home joint lecture. J. Amorosi suggested a possible article about the “greening” of the Village. W. Brown suggested adding the thank you letter from the Park District, and J. Schofield suggested adding the letter to the PDHA website. G. Goodman agreed to add the letter to the website.

**Village Board Field Trip to Lyman Woods.** A discussion was held about bringing the new Village Board members to Lyman Woods. K. Lerner suggested that the ‘field trip’ not be limited to new board members but to others in the Village government. The idea of a PDHA-led field trip was tabled until the next meeting.

**9. Next Meeting** – the next meeting of the PDHA will be held on 16 September 2009.

## 10. Action Items

The following action items were identified during the meeting:

- M. Thoman and K. Lerner will provide articles for the next newsletter.
- G. Goodman will scan the Park District letter and post on the PDHA website.
- J. Cavallo will find out how to purchase memorial trees (and possibly a plaque) in memory of Bill Runyon.
- J. Yoksouljian will prepare a memorial article on Bill Runyon for the PDHA newsletter.
- G. Goodman will bring PDHA literature to the joint PDHA-DGOG lecture.
- W. Brown, J. Cavallo, and I. Hlohowskyj will bring refreshments to the lecture.
- PDHA members will review and comment on the TCD3 input form.
- PDHA members to provide comments as soon as possible on the PDHA draft TCD3 submittal to C. Saricks, who will revise the submittal by 13 May.
- J. Cavallo and G. Goodman will post the highway cleanup volunteer waiver and release form on the PDHA website.
- G. Goodman will post the next meeting date on the PDHA website.

**11. Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned by J. Cavallo at 9:06 PM.