

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance  
25 March 2010  
Lincoln Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

*Call to Order:* 7:08 PM by Ken Lerner

*Members Present:* Jane Amorosi, Wallace Brown, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Ken Lerner, Mark Thoman, Veatrice Jehangir, Chris Saricks

*Members Absent:* James Cavallo, Dave Schultz, Charley Smart, Sonja Tiegs, John Schofield

*Guests:* Hilary Denk

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A summary of the draft meeting minutes from the 18 February 2010 meetings was provided by I. Hlohowskyj. W. Brown moved to accept the minutes; M. Thoman seconded the motion. Minutes accepted unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

G. Goodman, Treasurer, provided a report on the current FY10 status of PDHA funds. Since the last update on 18 February 2010, PDHA had an expense of \$150 for the Illinois Environmental Council for its 2010 annual dues.. G. Goodman also mentioned that Shannon Forsythe, DGPD, would like to provide additional information regarding the Little Sprouts Program at Lyman Woods. C. Saricks made a motion to approve the report; W. Brown seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**4. Guests**

Hilary Denk, candidate for DuPage County Forest Preserve Commissioner of District 2 introduced herself to the PDHA and discussed her views and goals for the Forest Preserve District.

**5. Nelson Meadows Update**

K. Lerner gave an update from an email from J. Schofield. The status of the sale of Nelson Meadows is unknown. Sealed bids were supposedly due to on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Village has not received any notification of an upcoming sale, and no documents regarding a possible sale has been recorded with DuPage County.

## **6. Village Comprehensive Planning Update**

M. Thoman gave an update on the Village Comprehensive Planning activities. The planning committee met with its consultants and identified several planning sub-areas: the Butterfield corridor, the Ogden corridor, Downtown, and Ellesworth Park/Belmont Avenue Underpass Area. The planning committee provided no new information on the Vision Statement. There will be additional planning meetings in April and May. C. Saricks asked about the Vision Statement including Belmont Prairie/Lyman Woods. J. Amorosi asked whether the planning committee had a budget to prepare the plan. M. Thoman indicated yes, but the budget was not overly large. G. Goodman felt that there is a need to have natural subareas included in the plan. Both G. Goodman and K. Lerner raised a concern that the Comprehensive Plan did not become only an economic development plan. G. Goodman asked whether the public or an ad hoc committee would be able to comment at the next planning meetings, and M. Thoman indicated yes, and that the meetings would be open to the public. The next planning meeting is scheduled for April 25.

## **7. Rain Barrels**

M. Thoman provide an update of the Village Rain Barrel program, including the role of the Conservation Foundation. The Foundation would supply the barrels, and give a rain barrel presentation to the Village on April 21. Sale of the barrels scheduled to start April 1 and run through the end of the month. Pick up is scheduled for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the north side train drop off turn around. See related action items below.

## **8. Fire Station Rain Garden**

I. Hlohowskyj gave an update of the Village plans for developed a demonstration rain garden at the Highland Ave Fire Station. The Village is developing plans and has received 13 bids for planning the rain garden. The Village is currently awaiting possible funding from a grant proposal sent to Illinois EPA. G. Goodman asked if it could help the Village's grant proposal by providing a letter of support. See related action items below.

## **9. Arbor Day Activities**

K. Lerner provided an update of the DG Park District Arbor Day activities. Staff from the DGPD will be visiting elementary schools to talk about Arbor Day and distribute free seedlings to students. A ceremonial tree planting is scheduled for 30 April. PDHA has volunteered to help package the seedlings, attaching planting instructions to each seedling package; this support is expected to occur during the last week of April; K. Lerner will notify PDHA members of the time and location. PDHA will add a 'Volunteers Needed' to the newsletter for anyone interested in helping with the packaging activities. K. Lerner

suggested that PDHA provide \$100 to help offset printing costs in return for acknowledgement of its involvement in the Arbor Day Activities. J. Amorosi made a motion for PDHA to spend \$100 to offset the costs of Arbor Day. C. Saricks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. See related action items below.

#### **10. Marketing Committee**

The marketing committee had not yet met and there was no update to report.

#### **11. Spring Newsletter**

G. Goodman restated size requirements for articles to the next newsletter. Completed articles to be submitted to G. Goodman, who will have 400 newsletters printed at Office Depot. I. Hlohowskyj will fold and distribute the newsletters. The newsletter is expected to be mailed by April 15th.

#### **12. Cleanup Day**

The next Cleanup Day is scheduled for 24 April. Sign-up sheets are to be added to the PDHA website prior to the cleanup day. See related action items below.

#### **13. New Business**

There was a short discussion of fundraising. C. Saricks suggested that PDHA needs to do more than simply ask for donations, but be more proactive. G. Goodman suggested that the fundraising issue be discussed after the Marketing Subcommittee gets established.

#### **14. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was set for 27 May 2010,

#### **15. Action Items**

1. All PDHA officers to begin word-of-mouth advertising for the Village rain barrel sale by contacting their environmental acquaintances to tell them about the upcoming sale. PDHA officers should then send follow-up email reminders in mid-April.
2. PDHA officers to promote upcoming rain barrel presentation, 7 PM on April 21<sup>st</sup>, by Jim Kleinwachter of Conservation Foundation, at the Village Hall.
3. PDHA to provide members to help load cars at the rain barrel pick-up, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. M. Thoman will contact Public Works and offer to provide a letter of support from PDHA for the Public Works grant application to the Illinois EPA for the Fire Station rain garden project.

5. K. Lerner will get date, time, and location for PDHA to assist in seedling packaging for the Park District Arbor Day seedling giveaway.
6. K. Lerner will contact J. Cavallo regarding his continued handling of the highway cleanup day sign-up sheets.
7. V. Jehangir will contact the Orchard Brook and Mistwood subdivisions regarding volunteer opportunities for the next highway cleanup program.
8. For the next cleanup day, G. Goodman will obtain the key from Lyman Woods for the Highland Ave. parking area.
9. K. Lerner will distribute to the PDHA officers the Little Sprouts update prepared by S. Forsythe, Park District.
10. G. Goodman will send electronic copy of highway cleanup sign-up sheet to V. Jehangir.
11. M. Thoman will send to the PDHA officers an update of his meeting scheduled on March 26 with Mary Scalzetti, Director of Community Events.

#### **14. Meeting Adjourned**

V. Jehangir made a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Goodman seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9PM.