

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
10 November 2011
Lincoln Center Room 202
Non-quorum meeting (assembly)

Because the board members present—Brown, Goodman, Lerner Saricks, Schofield, and Thoman (Tim Meaney, Director Designate visiting)—did not constitute a quorum, items designated for approval in the meeting agenda (minutes for 20 October, Treasurer's report as of 7 November, specific size of donation to Little Sprouts program if other than \$1,000) could not be voted on. The chair declared the meeting open as of 7:15 p.m. and skipped immediately to item 4 on the agenda, the membership Search Committee report, which was delivered by G. Goodman.

Search Committee Report

Three current Directors-- Ihor Hlohowskyj, Veatrice Jehangir, and Charley Smart – are leaving the Board and are thanked for their years of service. All other current Directors will remain. Two new candidates for Director positions—Tim Meaney and Greg Hosé, both active in local affairs relating to environmental management and neighborhood character preservation—have been identified and will be put forward for election at the December 8 annual meeting. Another possible candidate, Stacy Salman, has yet to be contacted about her possible interest in a formal nomination, but Gordon indicated that he would try to do that before the annual meeting. At this point, it appears that PDHA will have a firm 11 and possibly 12 Directors going forward into 2012.

Annual Meeting

The Chair reported that, while Room 503 at Lincoln Center has been secured for the main program of the annual meeting, it may not be available as early as 6:30 p.m. for the planned business meeting. However, a smaller room on the same level would be made available for that purpose. Speakers will be N. Newlon and T. Dabareiner from the Public Works Department, who will speak on different aspects of public works and community development in the village. Each will receive a framed certificate of appreciation to the DPW at large for its pro-active efforts in environmental stewardship. Honoraria of \$100 each will be awarded to the NGO/charity of the speaker's choosing; Ms. Newlon has already requested that hers be directed to the Conservation Foundation.

Information about the meeting and the award will be publicized through the PDHA fall newsletter (which has been completed in draft and will be mailed out the week of 11/21), *Downers Grove Patch*, the *Suburban Trib* (both by M. Thoman), *DG Reporter*, PDHA Facebook page (also Thoman), personal invitations to Council members and the Historical Society via e-mail, and through individual Director e-mail contacts. There will be a sign-up sheet for providing refreshments. Community Bank will be solicited by J. Schofield for a contribution to catering the meeting (possibly \$100). John Schofield and Wally Brown also suggested that, with pre-approval of our \$1,000 donation to Little Sprouts, the Chairman present a check in person at the December Park District Board meeting; this would both publicize PDHA events and underscore our tangible support of Little Sprouts, which we hope other entities would echo.

New Business

J. Schofield observed that commendation was in order for the rapid response of the Village in replacing tree canopy damaged or destroyed by the summer tornado strikes; in fact, tree replacement was already underway, well ahead of the normal spring planting. However, on the negative side, replacement of a structure on the southwest corner of 55th and Middaugh appears to be inflicting damage to mature oak trees on the private portion of the property. Because the observed damage is not on the parkway, the Village may not be able to take any action. Nevertheless, there is reason for concern that Village staff responsible for enforcing tree protection ordinances may once again be intimidated by contractors.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:30 p.m.