

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance  
24 February 2011  
Lincoln Center Room 307**

**Meeting Minutes  
Approved March 24, 2011**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Call to Order:* 7:07 p.m. by Chair Ken Lerner

*Directors Present:* Jane Amorosi, Wallace Brown, James Cavallo, Sonja Tiegs Ebel, Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner, Chris Saricks (arrived 8:15 p.m.), and Mark Thoman

*Directors Absent:* Ihor Hlohowskyj, Veatrice Jehangir, John Schofield, David Schultz, and Charley Smart

*Quorum satisfied:* Yes

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes of 1/27/11 Special Meeting**

**W. Brown moved and M. Thoman seconded that the minutes of the special meeting of 27 January 2011 be approved as prepared. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer G. Goodman reported that we have received 7 donations totaling \$1,280 with expenditures of \$310 since 1 January 2011. The expenditures include legal services from David Boersma, 2010 membership due for the Chicago Wilderness Trust and 2011 membership dues for the Illinois Environmental Council. As of 22 February 2011, our checking account balance was \$1,762.02 and our CD maturing 3/30/2012 was valued at \$1,210.40, yielding total assets of \$2,972.42.

**J. Cavallo moved and W. Brown seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**4. Discussion of Reducing Carbon Footprint Contest was tabled in the absence of D. Schulz**

**5. Arbor Day Activities**

Chair K. Lerner reported about his discussions with the Downers Grove Park District staff about activities for Arbor Day, which this year fall on Friday, April 29. This year the Park District is encouraging the first-graders and their families to visit Lyman Woods and complete a tree-related activity to pick up their tree. The Park District staff feels that they still could use the help of PDHA in printing and folding the pamphlet that accompanies the trees. **Authorization of up to \$100 to be spent in support of the Park District Arbor Day was moved by M. Thoman, seconded by K. Lerner, and unanimously carried by voice vote.**

**6. Rain Barrel Sale**

M. Thoman reported about the Village sponsored rain barrel sale this year and distributed a two-page program description. This year five non-profit organizations, including PDHA, have been

asked to participate in selling brand-new, top-rated, EarthMinded, granite colored, 60-gallon plastic rain barrels that come equipped with all materials for quick and easy installation. In this Village sponsored sale these rain barrels will be sold for \$80. Purchasing as part of the community bulk order saves the buyer over \$50 on the regular price of an EarthMinded rain barrel.

PDHA would receive checks for \$80 and reservation forms for rain barrels through April 20<sup>th</sup>. After we deposit these individual checks, we would then write our organizational check to either Wannemakers or Kinko-Ace Hardware paying \$60 for each rain barrel that was ordered through PDHA. In this way we in effect receive a donation of \$20 for each rain barrel order that we process. We also would be responsible for preparing an Excel spreadsheet for the Village Barrel Sale coordinator with detailed information about rain barrel reservation orders that we process. Finally, we would need to provide volunteers to work at the two distribution locations, Wannemakers and Kinko-Ace Hardware, on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

As part of its participation in this 2011 Rain Barrel Sale, PDHA has been asked to sponsor a rain barrel that would be decorated and then auctioned on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Downers Grove Market with the proceeds donated to the local YMCA. The cost of our sponsored rain barrel would be \$59. Chair K. Lerner reported that Kathy Vorel, Director of Volunteers, at the Family Shelter Service has offered to arrange for the decoration of PDHA's sponsored rain barrel.

**Authorization of PDHA's participation in the 2011 Rain Barrel Sale and the expenditure of \$59 to purchase our sponsored rain barrel as donation for an auction to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> was moved by M. Thoman, seconded by J. Cavallo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.**

**7. Discussion of Green Streets was postponed until April.**

**8. Discussion of Local Watershed – Maintenance vs. New Installations – was postponed until May.**

**9. Questions for Village Council Candidates**

A set of questions germane to PDHA's mission that could be put to candidates during the candidate forums that will precede Election Day had been drafted by J. Schofield and were reviewed. Since several PDHA directors are taking active roles in the campaigns of various candidates, it was agreed that these directors should not take an active role in drafting the PDHA questions for candidates. **J. Cavallo agreed to write a letter of transmittal and send out a refined set of PDHA questions to the candidates.**

**10. Discussion of Historic Preservation and Economic Development**

Chair K. Lerner reported on his attempts to contact someone associated with the historic preservation district in Geneva, IL. Just as he began his effort to contact the Archivist of the Geneva Historical Society lack of funds led the Society to eliminate that position. He is now trying to find a time when Geneva City Planner Karla Kaulfuss can come to talk with us.

M. Thoman and K. Lerner reported that the sole Mayoral candidate Martin Tully has accepted an invitation from Downers Grove Coalition for Managed Redevelopment to talk about historic

preservation in Downers Grove at its next meeting. **The Coalition is also inviting members of PDHA to attend this meeting on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center.**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no additional items introduced, the date for the next meeting was set for Thursday, 24 March at 7:00 pm in Lincoln Center. C. Saricks moved and J. Cavallo seconded meeting adjournment, the motion carried unanimously, and Chair Lerner officially adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gordon Goodman, Acting Secretary*