

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance—Annual Meeting**  
**8 December 2011**  
**Lincoln Center Room 503**  
**Draft of Meeting Minutes**

**1. Business Meeting: Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Call to Order:* 6:35 p.m. by Chair Ken Lerner

*Members Present:* Gordon Goodman, Veatrice Jehangir, Ken Lerner, Chris Saricks, John Schofield, David Schultz, and Mark Thoman

*Members Absent:* Wallace Brown, James Cavallo, Sonja Tiegs Ebel, Ihor Hlohowskyj, and Charley Smart

*Guest/New Board Member Present:* J. Yoksoulian (emeritus), Gregory Hosé

*Quorum satisfied :* **Yes**

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes of 10/20/11 Meeting**

John Schofield moved and Mark Thoman seconded that the minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2011 be approved as amended per prior discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Chris Saricks moved and John Schofield seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. M. Thoman observed that our first meeting in 2012 should include discussion of how PHDA would direct the spending of its reserves on worthy projects and initiatives. G. Goodman commented that, as conditions for the Alliance have changed, it seemed no longer appropriate to retain a substantial monetary reserve in order to defray potential legal expenses (for preservation litigation).

**4. Approval of Nominating Committee Slate of 2012 Officers**

G. Goodman presented the slate of nominees for Board Offices in 2012, first acknowledging two new nominees for director positions (Greg Hosé and Tim Meaney) and appreciation for the service of Directors leaving the board (Ihor Hlohowskyj, Veatrice Jehangir, and Charley Smart). The slate of officers is as follows:

Chair—Ken Lerner

Chair Pro-tem: Chris Saricks

Secretary: Tim Meaney

Treasurer: Gordon Goodman

Mark Thoman moved and John Schofield seconded that the slate of officers be approved as presented, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. Approval of \$1,000 Donation to Little Sprouts Program for 2012**

Ken Lerner moved and John Schofield seconded that the provisionally agreed donation of \$1,000 to the Park District's Little Sprouts program be renewed for the 2012 season. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **6. Approval of \$200 Donation to Conservation Foundation in Lieu of Honoraria for Annual Meeting Speakers**

Ken Lerner moved and Chris Saricks seconded approval of the provisionally agreed donation of \$200 (\$100 per speaker) to the Conservation Foundation in honor of tonight's Annual Meeting speakers from the Downers Grove Public Works Department. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **7. Next Meeting and Transition to Public Meeting**

There being no additional items introduced, the date for the next meeting was set as 7 p.m., Thursday, 26 January, 2012 in Lincoln Center. Schofield moved and Lerner seconded meeting adjournment, which was followed by unanimous approval: Chair Lerner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

After a short break, the Annual Meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m. With an audience of some 25 persons present, the Chair welcomed new Board members and thanked retiring members for their service. He then announced the donation of \$200 to the Conservation Foundation in honor of our two evening's speakers from the Downers Grove Department of Public Works, which over the course of the past few years has been very pro-active and creative in the incorporation of green principles into the design of public projects in the Village.

Our first speaker, Tom Dabareiner, gave a presentation on the components of the new Comprehensive Plan for the Village (adopted by Village Council on 4 October 2011) that are most salient to PDHA's interests and goals. Topics included the explicit recognition in the Plan of historic structures (and the survey of such structures throughout the village that would be undertaken by District 58 school students in 2012), and the need for their protection *through ordinance*, measures that would be carried forward to protect and enhance the tree canopy and the vitality of the natural areas under the Village's purview; and the long-range vision of a community whose facilities would serve the needs of the broadening (and, increasingly, aging) demographic of its residents. After fielding several questions regarding specifics of planned Village/Public Works actions, Mr. Dabareiner was succeeded at the podium by Public Works Director Nan Newlon, who went into some detail about green initiatives and best practices now underway, including (a) storm water flow system improvements, (b) stream bank stabilization, and (c) water overflow retention facilities that the Village has undertaken over the past three years. After fielding questions, Director Newlon had a few specific recommendations for actions and initiatives that PDHA could take in support of these measures, including tree seedling distribution and sales. The Chair indicated that the Alliance would be following up on these suggestions.

At approximately 9:18 p.m., the Chair thanked the speakers for their presentations and their efforts on behalf of environmental and historic preservation best practices in Downers Grove, and declared the Annual Meeting adjourned to refreshments thoughtfully provided by Community Bank and PDHA board members.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Saricks, Secretary*