

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Annual Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Center – Room 503
December 1, 2004

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Gordon Goodman, Matt LeCren, Bill Runyon, Buzz Whowell, (Quorum present)
Absent: Kathleen Panek, Dave Schulz, Mark Sklair, Jerry Yoksoulian **Guests:** David Buchner, Pat Clancy, Carol & Chris Dobbie, Barb Flanigan, Rita Martin, Barb Murphy, Alice Eastman, Al Rouffa, Debra Shore, Jan Sleeter, Janet & Charley Smart, Wayne Lela, and Ken Lerner

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gordon Goodman at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of September 15, 2004 Meeting minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Secretary's Report: Please invite a guest to our meetings. If able, participate in Village via meetings and letters to papers. Our next meeting is January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Center Room 202.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Checking Account Balance (as of 9/10/04) = \$2,843.41. Income of \$190 (9 donations), \$510 from conversion of 34 shares of AT&T Wireless Service common stock. Expenditures: \$ 224.49 (Annual filing to state (\$5) and Fall newsletter \$219.49) Ending Balance = \$3,318.92 (as of 11/30/04) Planned expenditure: \$200 (remaining gift to Downers Grove Park District) Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Nomination of Directors: Motion made and passed to nominate 2005 board of directors and officers are as follows: J Amorosi, L Bowen, J Cavallo, A Colias, L Forsythe, G Goodman, M LeCren, B Runyon, B Whowell, K Panek, D Schulz, M Sklair, J Yoksoulian, Ken Lerner and Charley Smart. Officers: Chairman: G. Goodman, Chair pro-tem: J. Yoksoulian, Secretary: L. Bowen, Treasurer: J. Cavallo.

Gordon stated board to meet in January for 2005 budget and PDHA goals, in addition to renewing membership in other organizations, such as Illinois Environmental Commission, Partners for Parks and Wildlife, and Chicago Wilderness.

Lyman Woods: A. Eastman reported the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association has recognized DG Park District for outstanding facility at Lyman Woods Interpretive Center – to be awarded in Jan. 2005. They consider community involvement & planning, energy efficiency (green roof) and programs in their decision. Many field trips to center this fall. Periodic corporate workdays are planned. She will create a brochure for the Downers Grove library, in addition to performing a library book comparison for possible library loan of books here and to prevent duplicate purchases. Cold and wet weather has prevented burns this fall. Though deer population seems large, no deer culling planned in this year or in the coming year.

Streambank stabilization project is ongoing, however, it has been slowed down due to wet weather. Dirt piles along Highland Avenue are elevation markers for the retention area, **not** foundations for a building. Projected cost for all phases of the entire project is \$2 million. Discussion of Nature preserve status for Lyman Woods indicated much interest. Designation of Lyman Woods as Nature Preserve has preliminary approval of 18 acres. Further designation opportunity will be improved once wetland and IL Nature Preserve master plan development occurs.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Speaker: Debra Shore, Editor, Chicago Wilderness Magazine

Chicago Wilderness was created in April 1996 as a consortium of 34 organizations with two Federal grants to protect, preserve and restore the natural areas of the Chicago region and the endangered areas, wildlife and their habitat. Today there are 178 member organizations and a corporate council that engages businesses.

Chicago Wilderness will be featured in a documentary, "Eden's Lost & Found", to be aired on PBS in Fall 2005. (Viewing parties will be held throughout the region.) Ms. Shore presented and discussed a twelve-minute video-clip that previews this documentary. It chronicles a struggle for sustainability in Los Angeles, Phila, Seattle and Chicago. Emphasis is placed on public outreach and public education in effort to bring green back to urban communities. The prairies, oak woods, and wetlands are impoverished regarding diversity.

Kendall County is the tenth fastest growing county in the country. Will County is the first. There are substitutes for fossil fuel, but there are none for fresh water. The challenge is how to create a balance between open space and urban sprawl.

Metropolis 20-20 (www.metropolis2020.org) projects vision for growth and protection of natural areas - how to accommodate growth in a way that's good for nature. This is a proposal to reconfigure regional agency, but concern is that emphasis on transportation will override concern for land use.

Mark Your Calendar:

Village Council: Meets every Tuesday at Village Hall: 6:30 p.m.

Park District: meets first (Lincoln Center) and third (Village Hall) Thursday: 7 p.m.

Websites of Interest: www.pdha.org www.greenfund.com
www.environmentaldefense.org www.ilenviro.org
www.Partnersforparksandwildlife.org www.earthshare.org
www.downersgrovewatch.org www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com
www.preservationofourforests.org

Board Meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2004- 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 202
PDHA Highland Ave Clean-up next spring: (8:30 a.m. – or whenever you can make it)
Natural Areas Lyman Work Days: March 19, April 9 & 16, 2005 (9- 11:30 a.m.)
Natural Areas Belmont Prairie Work Day: May 14, 2005 (9 – 11:30 a.m.)

Respectfully Submitted: Laurel Q. Bowen