

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
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Special Board Meeting Minutes
Room 307, Lincoln Center
February 16, 2005

Attendance: Jane Amorosi, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Dave Schulz, Buzz Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)

Absent: Laurel Bowen, Lee Forsythe, Matt LeCren, Kathleen Panek, Mark Sklair, Charley Smart

Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon Goodman at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes for Special January 19, 2005: The approval of minutes deferred until next meeting.

Secretary's Report: The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, however there is a conflict with the candidate forum being held by the Chamber of Commerce. It may be necessary to reschedule. **(March meeting has been rescheduled to March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 202 at Lincoln Center.)**

Treasurer's Report: 14 donations totaling \$530 were received from December 1, 2004 through February 15, 2005. One payment of \$200 was made on February 4, 2005 (last payment of donation for Lyman Woods Interpretive Center). The current balance is \$3,648.92. Of that, \$2,500 has been moved to a 6-month CD at Bank One to earn interest of 1.75%. The treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote.

Mission Statement: Gordon Goodman circulated proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation, the Charitable Organization Registration Statement, and the Annual Report to the Secretary of State. The revisions were proposed to incorporate preservation of the cultural heritage of Downers Grove into the statements of purpose, including historic homes and neighborhoods. There was some discussion of the wording of the statements and whether to include mention of streetscapes and trees as part of the heritage to be conserved. Also, the consensus of the group was to amend the organization's bylaws rather than the articles of incorporation. A resolution was passed to develop a mission statement for the PDHA, to include conservation of the Downers Grove natural and cultural heritage, for incorporation into the bylaws and the website. A subcommittee consisting of Gordon Goodman, Jim Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, and Bill Runyon will develop a statement for review and approval at the next meeting.

Website: Charley Smart is working on revising the website. Gordon Goodman passed around a sample page from the revamped website being developed. Jim Cavallo advised keeping the home page short and simple.

Environmental Concerns Commission report: Gordon Goodman reported on the activities of the Village Environmental Concerns Commission (ECC). The ECC includes experts on environmental disciplines such as air pollution, water pollution, and asbestos control. The ECC has discussed the need for measures to control asbestos emissions during demolitions. The ECC also has been working with the Village Forester and other village staff on a proposed tree preservation ordinance. The proposal would strengthen protection of parkway trees during construction projects. It also would require measures to inventory and protect trees during residential addition or redevelopment projects. Any redevelopment project adding over 600 sq. ft. would require a tree inventory and a tree conservation

