

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Lincoln Center – Room 503**  
**March 22, 2006**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, James Cavallo, Gordon Goodman, Ihor Hlohowskyj, Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Bill Runyon, Chris Saricks, & Charley Smart, (Quorum present) **Absent:** Laurel Bowen, Aspasia Colias, Lee Forsythe, Dave Schulz, & Jerry Yoksoulian **Guests:** Shannon Forsythe, Karen Shannon and Jan Sleeter

**Meeting called to order by Chairman James Cavallo at 7:10 p.m.**

**Approval of January 25, 2006 Special Meeting minutes:** After some discussion, the minutes were approved as prepared.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance (as of 1/22/2006) = \$4,413.08. Income was \$2,636.76 (1 donation & interest on maturing CD). Expenditures: \$3,617.90) Ending Balance = \$4,431.94 (as of 3/21/06) Checking Balance \$931.94 with \$3,500 CD maturing 10/30/2006 at Community Bank of DG. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Banking Arrangements:** Treasurer Goodman explained that a new \$10 per month service charge was now being assessed against our checking account at Chase Bank, the surviving successor of a merger with Bank One. Directors discussed moving our account to a bank that would not impose such a monthly service charge. Treasurer Goodman reported that the Community Bank of DG offered a checking account without monthly service charge for local not-for-profit groups. Directors unanimously approved opening a checking account at Community Bank of DG (with authorized signers continuing to be Jim Cavallo, Jerry Yoksoulian and Gordon Goodman) and closing out our checking account at Chase Bank.

**DG Park District Activities:** DG Park District Facilities Director Karen Shannon introduced Shannon Forsythe, who was in her third week as Manager of Natural Areas and Interpretative Programs. Manager Forsythe explained some of her current work on educational programs that she finds very exciting. She also mentioned upcoming natural area workdays: Lyman Woods on April 8 & 22 for Brush Cutting and Garlic Mustard Pulling and Belmont Prairie on May 6 for Brush Cutting.

Director Shannon summarized the status and costs of the Lyman Woods Streambank Stabilization project. Director Goodman and Park District Commissioner commented favorably about talks involving the Park District with the Village of Downers Grove and the Forest Preserve District, the other co-owners of Lyman Woods, about funding for this Streambank Stabilization project.

Directors discussed ways in which the PDHA website can be used to enhance appreciation of Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie. A featured website quiz about cultural and natural hidden treasures of DG was suggested.

**Illinois Environmental Council Membership:** After discussing the appropriate level of our support for the Illinois Environmental Council, Directors unanimously approved renewing PHDA membership for 2006 with a \$300 payment at this time with a possible additional donation to be considered at our June meeting.

**Cooperation with Other Groups:** Director Hlohowskyj suggested that PDHA investigate more cooperation with other local environmentally aware groups such as the Organic Gardeners. Chair Cavallo expressed a particular interest in arranging a presentation about Midwestern prairies. It was noted that spring is a particularly good time of the year for public programs about natural features. Directors Hlohowskyj and Cavallo volunteered to explore a possible joint public meeting with other local groups.

**Updating Bylaws:** Ken Lerner reported about a possible Bylaw change as attached to these minutes. This change would permit Directors to take some actions without a meeting through the written consent of a majority of the Directors then in office. Directors postponed their detailed consideration of the proposed Bylaw change until their June meeting.

**Highway Clean-up Dates:** Many PDHA members signed volunteer waiver forms for upcoming Highland Avenue Adopt-A-Highway clean-up days - March 25, May 20, August 26, & October 21. We meet at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street & Highland Avenue.

**Proposed Residential Zoning Changes:** Director Lerner gave an update about the status of proposed residential zoning changes and the activities of the DG Coalition for Managed Redevelopment. He also described progress toward the Architectural Design Review Board considering a Historic Preservation Ordinance for Downers Grove.

**Date for Next Meeting:** Directors agreed to hold their next regular quarterly meeting on June 14, 2006.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:40 p.m.

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**Mark Your Calendar:**

**DG Environmental Commission Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Public Works at 7 p.m.

**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:**

<a href="http://www.pdha.org">www.pdha.org</a>	<a href="http://www.greenfund.com">www.greenfund.com</a>
<a href="http://www.environmentaldefense.org">www.environmentaldefense.org</a>	<a href="http://www.ilenviro.org">www.ilenviro.org</a>
<a href="http://www.earthshare.org">www.earthshare.org</a>	<a href="mailto:www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com">www.PRESERVEtheDCFPD@aol.com</a>
<a href="http://www.downersgrovewatch.org">www.downersgrovewatch.org</a>	<a href="http://www.preservationofourforests.org">www.preservationofourforests.org</a>
<a href="http://www.dgcmr.org">www.dgcmr.org</a>	<a href="http://www.dgcadvocates.org">www.dgcadvocates.org</a>
<a href="http://www.empowerdgtaxpayers.com">www.empowerdgtaxpayers.com</a>	<a href="http://www.dginformationnetwork.org">www.dginformationnetwork.org</a>

**Park Board Meetings:** Thursday, April 6 at Lincoln Ctr & April 20, 2006 at Village Hall at 7 p.m.

**DG Environmental Commission Meetings:** April 13 & May 11 Public Works at 7 p.m.

**PDHA Board Meeting Wed., June 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center Room 202**

**PDHA Highland Ave Clean up: May 20, 2006**

2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Minutes prepared by Gordon Goodman, Acting Secretary, 3/29/2006

Proposed Change to Bylaws of Pierce Downer Heritage Alliance  
March 22, 2006

The proposed change is to ARTICLE III, Board of Directors. Section 11 of that Article currently reads:

SECTION 11. Informal Action. Any action required to or which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all the Directors.

The proposal is to replace that section with the following:

Section 11. Action by Written Consent. Any action required to or which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting through the written consent of a majority of the Directors then in office. Actions proposed for written consent will be submitted to the Directors through written copy or electronic mail, as appropriate for each Director. A Director may express written consent either through (a) a signed copy of the proposed action, indicating their consent thereto, or (b) an electronic mail message, indicating consent to the proposed action and quoting its entire text.