

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance**  
**<http://www.pdha.org>**  
**Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 202, Lincoln Center**  
**September 14, 2005**

**Attendance:** Jane Amorosi, Laurel Bowen, James Cavallo, Aspasia Colias, Gordon Goodman, Bill Runyon, Charley Smart, William (Buzz) Whowell, Jerry Yoksoulian (Quorum present)

**Absent:** Lee Forsythe, Matt LeCren, Ken Lerner, Kathleen Panek, Dave Schulz, Mark Sklair

**Guests:** Alice Eastman, Paul and Carol Koutnik, Jan Sleeter

**Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon Goodman at 7:05 p.m.**

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for June 29 and January 19, 2005 were approved. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2005. Gordon reported receipt of PDHA Director K. Panek's resignation from PDHA Board. L. Bowen will coordinate letter of appreciation to her.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$3,695.56 on June 29, 2005. Two donations totaling \$19 were received from June 29, 2005 through September 12, 2005. Interest on CD was \$21.54. Expenses were \$300 (IEC 2005 dues). The current balance of assets is \$3,436.10 as of September 12, 2005.

**Website:** C. Smart reported that we may want to change the PDHA website host because of lack of customer support and a general decline of service from our current host. Charley and Gordon are to update the PDHA website weekly as new issues arise. A. Eastman has provided photos for website. Nature quiz is under development.

Charley Smart moved, seconded by Jim Cavallo, that Director Smart be authorized to arrange the change of Internet Service Provider for the PDHA website to a more active, full service ISP at a cost of up to \$120 per year. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. L. Bowen is to forward C. Smart the PDHA member list for emails.

**Lyman Woods:** A. Eastman reported that the design for the last phase of streambank stabilization project is being finalized. Good Samaritan Hospital plans for expanded surgical facilities and a new parking lot just off of 39<sup>th</sup> Street do not appear to impact Lyman Woods. Alice is working with Hospital officials to improve cooperation about land management for the Hospital's buffer areas adjoining Lyman Woods.

Midwestern University's proposal to build a fitness center and small admin bldg on the eastern portion of the University campus does not appear to have much impact on Lyman Woods. Invasive species are another concern.

Dist 58 Science curriculum is to be reviewed and to include input from A. Eastman.

Alice Eastman is "someone you should know" in fall issue of Chicago Wilderness.

Park Board Commissioner Jan Sleeter stated the Lyman Woods stream bank stabilization project cost is \$2.7 million. There is a need for grant funding and other sources of financial reimbursement, perhaps from donations from Corporations with offices at 31<sup>st</sup> and Highland or funds from Army Corp of Engineers.

**Belmont Prairie:** DG Park District officials discussed possible changes in the Belmont Prairie buffer area at the Aug 5 mtg of IL Nature Preserves Commission. Commission members

and staff seemed willing to discuss some modification of the buffer management plan, but were unwilling to discuss removing any land from the dedicated nature preserve buffer.

**Good Samaritan Hospital Sidewalk:** Hospital officials need to complete the sidewalk on east side of Highland Avenue in front of new Critical Care building.

**Gilbert Avenue Sidewalk:** Village Council's Sep 27 agenda includes the bids for sidewalk construction.

**Downers Grove Coalition for Managed Redevelopment:** W. Whowell reported on his phone call to the IRS asking about PDHA participation as a member of the Coalition together with Downers Grove Watch, a 501(c) 4 organization. There was a discussion regarding educational vs. political activity and the possibility that activities of the Coalition could jeopardize the 501 (c) 3 status of PDHA.

Following this discussion, Jim Cavallo moved, seconded by Bill Runyon that PDHA approve joining the Downers Grove Coalition for Managed Redevelopment and appoint Gordon Goodman, Ken Lerner and Charley Smart as members of the Coalition Steering Committee. The motion was approved with a show of hands by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.

Next, Jim Cavallo moved, seconded by Charley Smart, that

- a) PDHA Chair Goodman is instructed to seek legal guidance about the relationship between PDHA and the Downers Grove Coalition for Managed Redevelopment, including any possible influence that activities of DGCMR may have on the 501c(3) status of PDHA;
- b) PDHA Directors congratulate the PDHA appointed members of the DGCMR Steering Committee on their thus far educational activities;
- c) PDHA Directors affirm their intention to conduct the affairs of PDHA according to those requirements needed to maintain its 501c(3) status; and
- d) PDHA Directors intend to revisit the issue of PDHA membership in DGCMR in light of the any future legal guidance.

The motion was approved by a show of hands by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 2 abstain.

Next Coalition meeting is to be held on September 21, 2005 in Room 307 at Lincoln Center.

**Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.**

**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.

**Highway Clean-up and Belmont Work Day:** October 8

**Lyman Woods Work Day:** Oct 22, Nov 5

**PDHA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:** Oct 30, 2005

**Websites of Interest:**

[www.PDHA.org](http://www.PDHA.org)                      [www.greenfund.com](http://www.greenfund.com)  
[www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org) [www.DGCMR.org](http://www.DGCMR.org)  
[www.downersgrovewatch.org](http://www.downersgrovewatch.org)   [www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org)  
[www.ilenviro.org](http://www.ilenviro.org)

**Next PDHA Meeting Wednesday, October 5 - 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Center, Room 307**

*Respectfully submitted ~ Laurel Q. Bowen*