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**MAYOR EMANUEL, ALDERMAN BEALE ESTABLISH THE PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Alderman Anthony Beale today introduced an ordinance to establish the Pullman National Monument Advisory Commission to coordinate all of the development arising out of the national monument designation.

"This is the next step in ensuring that the designation of Pullman as a National Monument benefits the residents of Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel "By establishing an Advisory Commission to oversee the development and coordinate with federal, state and local agencies, we will build on Pullman's opportunity for the generations that came before and ensure that those same opportunities exist for generations to come."

The Commission will be responsible for the planning, initiation and coordination of projects that promote tourism and visitation to Pullman National Monument. The Commission will also be responsible for fundraising for the ongoing promotion and support of the Pullman National Monument and will serve as a liaison between the City of Chicago and the National Park Service, as well as other federal government agencies.

"Establishing a Commission to help drive the development that the National Monument designation is driving in Pullman will accelerate even more the transformation of Pullman and Roseland," said Alderman Beale. "And making sure that the community and local businesses have input means that the people of this area will be involved in the development that we have been talking about for years: hotels, restaurants, shops and more."

The commission will consist of a chairperson and six members, selected and appointed by the Mayor with input from Pullman community leaders, business owners, and residents. The chairperson will serve a two-year term. Two of the initial appointees will be appointed for terms expiring on July 1st of the year following their appointment, two appointed for terms expiring July 1st of the second year following their appointment, and two appointed for terms ending on July 1st of the third year following their appointment. Thereafter, members will be appointed for three-year terms.

To ensure that the community remains involved in the process, the Commission will solicit input from members of the public, community groups and local businesses on the programs and processes that the Commission undertakes.

In February 2015, President Barack Obama paid homage to the Pullman District's iconic place in African-American and labor history by announcing the creation of the Pullman National Monument. The announcement was made at Brooks College Preparatory Academy in Pullman. The Pullman Factory Complex and the land on which it is located are now a part of the National Park System of the United States and will be able to benefit from preservation efforts coordinated by federal, state and local agencies.

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