



Board Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2020

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2020 board meeting on October 14, 2020 through the online video meeting service Zoom.

**I) Call to Order**

- a) Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Sara DeLucia (FCG President), Jayne Bower (FCG Vice President), Larry Laude (Treasurer), Tom Youngs (Secretary), Rod Cunningham, Tom Hritz, Kristin Hughes, Carla Lukehart and Danielle Novick. Regrets from Diana Ames, Kristin Hughes, Vince Manetti, and Evan Stein. Evan Tobin attempted to join the Zoom meeting but was unintentionally not admitted.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

**II) Consent Agenda Items for Information**

- a) September 2020 FCG Meeting minutes
- b) Finance Committee
- c) Housing & Business Borders Committee
- d) Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant: Baum Grove Intersection Safety Improvements Summary dated September 22, 2020
- e) Communications & Community Building Committee

Larry Laude (Danielle Novick) moved to approve the consent agenda items for information. The motion passed.

**III) Items for Approval**

Jayne Bower (Carla Lukehart) moved to approve spending \$250 for Halloween Fright Night in Friendship at Baum Grove. The motion passed.

There was a short discussion regarding any future requests for funding. The FCG Board must approve all requests.

A discussion also followed regarding how to dispose of pumpkins from the event as well as a desire to use eco-friendly treat bags. Sara will explain concerns to neighbor Wesley Waldrup who is coordinating the event.

**IV) Items for Discussion and as Appropriate Approval**

- a) New members of the Board of Directors
  - (1) Diana Ames, Evan Stein, and Tom Youngs for a second term
  - (2) Logan Burdwood, Joe Mattis first term
  - (3) Need bios for each director who will be on the slate
  - (4) There was a robust conversation regarding board member recruitment. Carla Lukehart and Danielle Novick and the CCB Committee will take the action to communicate –
    - (a) FCG's mission
    - (b) What FCG does

- (c) FCG's role as neighborhood advocate through, for example, the HBB Committee.
- (d) Place this information through a regular ad in The Bulletin
- (5) Tom H. will present the slate of directors to the community at the October 29, 2020 Quarterly Community Meeting
- b) Community Meeting: Reschedule to 29October (via zoom)
  - i) Elect FCG Board of Directors
  - ii) Baum Grove Safety Improvements Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant update
  - iii) Environmental Services
  - iv) Neighborway update (Carla to request information from Ricardo at City)
- c) Baum Grove Safety Improvements Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant
  - i) Sara reported that all is going well with recent commendations from the Bloomberg Foundation
  - ii) Regular meetings with the City are continuing
  - iii) Discussion of possible Memorandum of Understanding with the City regarding its \$25,000 in-kind contribution
- d) Halloween – Wesley Waldrup is leading
  - i) Spooky House Stroll
  - ii) Jack o'lanterns at Baum Grove
  - iii) Request for funding approved earlier in meeting
- e) Baum Grove
  - i) Activities & FCG Presence (drinking, public urinating, lewd behavior)
  - ii) Use of Baum Grove (private property but for public use)
  - iii) The Sign
  - iv) NE Baum Grove Action List
  - v) There was a discussion of how to address issues in Baum Grove. There was a mention of the possibility of a fence, a paid position, outsourcing parklet management to a company or a non-profit. In general, what is the future of Baum Grove?
- f) Wreath sale – Jayne will lead
  - i) There was a discussion of need to have other board members lead events

**V) Updates Needed**

- a) 2020 Vote Initiative – this is continuing
- b) Communications – CCB has not met recently
- c) Garbage Olympics – 26September – Jayne reported that the event went well with several neighborhood volunteers
- d) Used Clothing Donation with Mission Partners Fill a Truck – 3 October 2020 – *about 100 bags of clothing donated* – no further update
- e) Volunteers Request for Neighborway Beautification Project – no update

**VI) New Items**

- a) The HBB Committee November 2020 meeting is moved from the first to second Tuesday of the month, November 10.

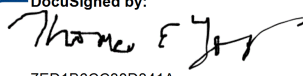
**Adjournment and Future Meetings**

Danielle Novick (Jayne Bower) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

All meetings are open to the public. Note – all meetings are subject to cancellation, date changes or to be held through teleconference or a form of online video.

- FCG board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Pittsburgh Glass Center unless otherwise noted.
- Housing and Business Borders Committee on the first Tuesday of each month at Pittsburgh Glass Center at 6:30 pm (next meeting November 10, 2020) unless otherwise noted.
- Communications and Community Building Committee on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, at Friendship Perk & Brew (next meeting November 3, 2020) unless otherwise noted.
- Neighborhood and Environment Committee on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at a member's home (next meeting TBD) unless otherwise noted.

Thomas E. Youngs, Jr., Secretary  
Friendship Community Group

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These minutes were approved at the 11/11, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.