



Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2020 board meeting on July 8, 2020 through the online video meeting service Zoom.

I) Call to Order

- a) Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Sara DeLucia (FCG President), Jayne Bower (FCG Vice President), Larry Laude (Treasurer), Tom Youngs (Secretary), Diana Ames, Tom Hritz, Carla Lukehart, Vince Manetti, Danielle Novick, Evan Stein and Evan Tobin. Regrets from Rod Cunningham and Kristin Hughes
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Information

- a) NE report
- b) Treasurer's report
- c) June 2020 Board meeting minutes

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

III) Items for Approval

- a) Resolution to open a second FCG banking account. In order to minimize the risk posed by having a debit card on the FCG checking account at PNC Bank, the Finance Committee recommends that FCG set up a second account without a debit card. This account would contain the bulk of FCG funds, with only the amount needed on a month to month basis in the original account.

Larry moved on behalf of the Finance Committee:

Resolved: That the Treasurer is authorized to set up a second account, preferably interest-bearing, at PNC Bank for the purpose of holding FCG reserve funds and further that the President, currently Sara DeLucia, the Vice President, currently Jayne Bower, the Secretary, currently Thomas Youngs, and the Treasurer, currently Lawrence Laude, be authorized signatures on the account.

11 in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

- b) Resolution that Board funds designated for Montessori School Play Park be released for general use. Now that FCG no longer has an active role in the maintenance of the Play Park at the Montessori School, there is no anticipated need for FCG to fund the Play Park. Since the Board designated those funds, the Board can also release those funds for general use.

Larry moved on behalf of the Finance Committee:

Resolved: That the \$2,855 in funds designated by the Board for use at the Montessori School Play Park be released for general use.

11 in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

- c) Resolution to appoint Jason Roth as FCG representative to East Liberty TRID Housing Committee. Jason Roth is an architect who lives on Amber Street, one block from both South Negley Avenue and Enright Park. He has been active in the community coalition (including FCG) which advocated for the preservation of Enright Park and for neighborhood-friendly design of the new Whole Foods-Penn Plaza redevelopment project. Jason was also involved with mapping and analyzing the affordable housing component of the Penn Plaza Consent Order which led to the creation of the TRID Housing Committee.

Tom Y. moved on behalf of the HBB Committee:

Resolved: The Friendship Community Group Board of Directors hereby appoints Jason Roth as the FCG representative to the East Liberty TRID (Transit Revitalization Investment District) Housing Committee established under the Penn Plaza Consent Order of 2017. This appointment is intended to replace Martha Ann Terry as FCG representative to the TRID Housing Committee in accordance with her request.

10 in favor, none opposed and one abstained. The motion passed.

IV) Items for Discussion and as Appropriate Approval

- a) Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant – Sara DeLucia discussed the history of the grant application as well as presentation of the grant application at the FCG February 2020 Quarterly Committee meeting. General Board consensus that the grant should be presented as “safety improvement project”.

Sara DeLucia (Danielle Novick) moved the following:

Resolved: That FCG accept the \$25,000 Asphalt Art Initiative Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies in cooperation with the City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure for safety improvements at the intersection at Baum Grove, with the understanding that the City will provide \$25,000 in in-kind support for the Project and further that a committee be established to manage the Project, to be co-led by Sara DeLucia and Friendship resident Jennifer Haven.

11 in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

- b) Commemorative gift for former FCG President Martha Terry.
General Board consensus to purchase a rain barrel and plaque for a total of approximately \$215. Items will be presented to Martha and later acknowledged at an FCG Quarterly Community Meeting.
- c) New directors
Directors stated that there are several residents to approach. Votes will occur at October 2020 Quarterly Community Meeting. Suggestion for development of “Board Development Committee” – Danielle Novick and Evan Stein said that they would be interested in participating. The following directors are in the last year of their second terms and will be leaving the Board – Larry Laude and Evan Tobin. Kristin Hughes will not run for a second term.

V) Updates Needed

- a) Getting out the vote in Friendship – no update
- b) Q3 Community meeting – General Board consensus that the meeting will be held over Zoom on August 20, 2020.
- c) Used clothing drive – no update
- d) Bloomfield Livable Streets document and support- to be presented by FCG at August Board meeting.

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Evan Stein (Danielle Novick) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:18 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 August 4, 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 August 4, 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

These minutes were approved at the August 12, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.