



Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2020 board meeting on May 13, 2020 through the online video meeting service Zoom.

I) Call to Order

- a) Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Kristin Hughes, Carla Lukehart, Danielle Novick and Evan Tobin. Regrets from Rod Cunningham, Vince Manetti and Evan Stein.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Information

- a) CCB report
- b) HBB report
- c) NE report
- d) F4 report
- e) Treasurer's report

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

III) Consent Agenda Items for Approval

- a) April BOD minutes
- b) Resolution to cancel the 2020 yard sale
- c) Resolution to cancel the 2020 Friendship House Tour
- d) Resolution to sign the EECM contract for lawn maintenance at Baum Grove
- e) Resolution to support the Bloomfield Development Corporation position on the Shur-Save development
- f) Resolution to support Coalition of Oakland Residents position on the residential parking permit

Larry Laude (Jayne Bower) moved to approve the consent agenda items for approval. The motion passed.

IV) Items for Discussion and as Appropriate Approval

- a) Committees Highlights (if necessary beyond consent agenda topics):
 - i) Audit Committee update
Members of the Audit Committee met on April 25, 2020. There were no concerns with the Treasurer's records or any account. The full written audit will be submitted at the June BOD meeting.

- ii) Neighborhood Environment Committee
Mulch and soil were delivered to Baum Grove. The Committee is inviting volunteers to a future meeting about “green projects”.
- iii) Communications and Community Building Committee
Discussion centered on the Coral Street Neighborway and community Zoom meeting that was recently held. Ricardo Solis from Healthyride and Page Anderson from the City of Pittsburgh presented. There is a desire for another community meeting about this subject.
- iv) Housing Business Borders Committee
There was a short discussion regarding the removal from the committee agendas regarding the Waldorf School. The CCB Committee may work with the school for future use of community space.
- v) House Tour Committee
There was a short discussion regarding the need to raise funds since the 2020 event is cancelled.
- b) Neighborway planned for Coral
Sara will distribute a document from the Bloomfield Livable Streets and ask for support from BOD members through email.
- c) RCO Implementation
Sara will attend the 5/26/20 meeting.
- d) Alternate events in lieu of cancelled events (House tour, F4, yard sale...)
There was a short discussion regarding the possibility of a neighborhood cookbook as a fundraiser.
- e) Used clothing drive as mentioned by Ellen
Since there will not be a yard sale this year, Sara will ask previous BOD member, Ellen DiBiase to consider managing a clothing drive event with the local non-profit organization, Mission Partners.
- f) FCG mission statement
There was a spirited discussion of the mission statement and how to implement.

Danielle Novick (Jayne Bower) moved the following:

Resolved: The Friendship Community Group Mission Statement shall be as follows and all committee mission statements should align with the overarching FCG Mission Statement -

Mission: The Friendship Community Group works to ensure quality of life for all residents in Friendship, our home.

Nine in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

V) Updates Needed

- a) Summer Picnic???
- Discussion was tabled until the June 10, 2020 BOD Meeting.
- b) FCG Community Meetings

Jayne Bower (Diana Ames) moved the following:

Resolved: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and government regulations regarding limiting the number of attendees at public meetings, the 2020 2nd Quarter Community Meeting shall be not held.

Nine in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

A discussion regarding the 2020 3rd Quarter Community Meeting was tabled until June.

- c) Love Your Block Grant (NE)
No update.
- d) Liaison with PPS Montessori & PTA (Sara, Carla, Diana)
No update. Sara, Carla or Diana will follow-up with the school principal before the end of the school year.
- e) Ability to Start monthly litter pickup
The NE and CCB committees stated that this item was being discussed. The committees will report further details in June.
- f) Community Plan update (Sara)
Sara discussed an update with neighborhood resident, Stefani Danes.

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Jayne Bower (Danielle Novick) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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 June 2, 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 June 2, 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 June 10, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.