



Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2020 board meeting on April 8, 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), Larry Laude (Treasurer), Tom Youngs (Secretary), Diana Ames, Rod Cunningham, Tom Hritz, Carla Lukehart, Vince Manetti, and Danielle Novick. Regrets from Jayne Bower (FCG Vice President), Kristin Hughes, Evan Stein and Evan Tobin.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items

- a) Budget, Income & Expense Report, Statement of Financial Position, Treasurer's Report
- b) 2/27/20 Quarterly Community Meeting Minutes
- c) 3/18/20 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- d) Communications and Community Building Committee Monthly Summary
- e) Neighborhood and Environment Committee Monthly Summary

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

III) Items for Discussion and as Appropriate Approval

- a) Treasurer Report Highlights
 - i) Larry discussed the need for each member of the board to submit a donation annually
 - ii) Finance Committee decided not to pursue PA state sales tax exemption
 - iii) Larry noted need to obtain invoices or receipts from attorney hired in regards to Enright Park in order to properly document the \$2500 advance payment
 - iv) A revised budget was included in consent agenda addressing changes to F4 budget
 - v) IRS report submitted
 - vi) No surprises in monthly income and expenses
- b) Virtual F4
 - i) Committee still working to sell flowers on-line
 - ii) Sales should begin on 4/13/20
 - iii) Need volunteers for distribution of flowers
- c) FCG Mission Statement
 - i) Board members discussed potential changes to mission statement
 - ii) Sara will summarize and email to board for comments
 - iii) Further discussion at May 2020 board meeting to develop consensus

- d) Communication about PlayPark Status change
 - i) Need to explain change in status to neighborhood residents, state that FCG will stay involved, and promote as success story
 - ii) Sara, Diana and Carla to develop explanation and send to Montessori School Principal and PTA president
 - iii) Sara stated that she will take the lead
- e) 2020-Q2 Quarterly Community Meeting
 - i) Board decided to postpone scheduled April Quarterly Community meeting possibly until June but will further decide in May
- IV) Relations with Other Organizations
 - a) Baum Center Initiative
 - i) Barbara Adams and Renee Zaffino are FCG representatives
 - ii) Check and application for membership have been submitted
 - b) RCO Coalition
 - i) HBBC member Jennifer Haven and Larry participated in recent RCO Coalition meeting hosted by the Hill Community Development Corporation
 - ii) Sara to be FCG representative to RCO Coalition
 - c) Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Corporation
 - i) FCG has joined
 - ii) Larry to be FCG representative
- V) **Updates Needed**
 - a) Asphalt Art grant at Baum Grove Intersection
 - i) No update from the City or Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Initiative
 - b) Love Your Block Grant (NE)
 - i) \$1500 grant was awarded to FCG
 - c) Liaison with PPS Montessori & PTA
 - i) No update
 - ii) Carla to contact Montessori School PTA president
 - d) Baumhaus II Community Agreement (HBB)
 - i) Developer Mike Gornik signed
 - ii) Sara signed
 - iii) HBB member John Axtell submitted to Center Villa residents for a signature. Since there isn't a formal Center Villa residents association there was not a representative to sign the Community Agreement
 - iv) John Axtell submitted to Mr. Gornick who accepted as final
 - e) Penn Plaza / Enright Park
 - i) Construction is currently on hold
 - ii) Bond issued closed
 - iii) John Axtell will continue to update HBB and the board
 - iv) Larry reiterated that he needs accounting information from the attorney
 - f) HBB update
 - i) Suggestion that expansion of FCG's Registered Community Organization boundaries to be incorporated into proposed updates to Friendship Community Plan

VI) Upcoming events

- i) F4 – on-line flower sale
- ii) 2nd Quarter Community Meeting – tentatively moved to June

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Danielle Novick (Diana Ames) 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 13, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.