



Friendship Community Group
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023

The Friendship Community Group had its August 2023 meeting in person at the home of board member Nancy Cohen on the evening of August 16, 2023. A quorum was present. The following Board members were in attendance: Nancy Cohen (Secretary), Sara DeLucia (President), Chad Burton, Abby Slovonik (Treasurer), Denise Mianzo and Elizabeth Reitz. Regrets from Brad Wyland, Carla Lukehart, Emily George, and Diana Toole.

Sara DeLucia, FCG President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. as a quorum was present.

1. Sara made a motion to approve consent agenda items (July 2023 minutes, July Treasurer's Report and July Zoning and Development Committee Meeting minutes). All in favor.
2. Much of the meeting focused on the future of Baum Grove. Many passionate opinions were shared.
3. Thanks were also expressed to Elizabeth Reitz for managing the July picnic at Baum Grove which was a success.
4. Chad expressed concern over the use of Baum Grove by homeless and by people drinking alcohol there as well as relieving themselves on the property.
5. A suggestion was made that perhaps Baum Grove was better off in the hands of the Allegheny Land Trust, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, or some other private entity.
6. Another suggestion was made to turn off the breaker in the shed at Baum Grove so that devices could not be charged.
7. Someone also suggested requesting a regular police patrol to gauge the frequency that Baum Grove is a sleeping location for the homeless.
8. A vote was taken to produce a roadmap for safety/security of Baum Grove called "Initiative of the Friendship Community Group for the Planning of the Future of Baum Grove". All in Favor.
9. Abby kindly stated that she will drive by Baum Grove around 7:30 each morning to see if homeless are camping there.
10. Sara brought up the Pittsburgh Foundation Playpark funds and whether it can be closed or at least not open for more donations. Abby agreed to look into it.
11. Sara made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cohen, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the September 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting