



Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2021 board meeting on March 10, 2021 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 Board of Directors (“BOD”) members (“Members”) in attendance: Sara DeLucia (FCG President), Jayne Bower (FCG Vice President), Tom Hritz (Secretary), Tom Youngs (Treasurer), Logan Burdwood,, RJ Huebert, Carla Lukehart, Joe Mattis, Danielle Novick and Dinora Putman. Regrets from Rod Cunningham, Diane Ames, Vince Manetti and Evan Stein.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Information

- a) February 2021 FCG BOD Meeting minutes
- b) Treasurer Report
- c) Housing & Business Borders Committee Report
- d) Outreach Committee Report
- e) Baum Grove Safety/Asphalt Art Report

Sara asked if there were any objections to the items on the Consent Agenda. As there were no objections to the agenda items, these items were adopted.

III) Items for Discussion and, as Appropriate, Approval

- a) Budget Revisions
 - i) All numbers have been updated except for F4. Jayne asked for \$375 to be included under expenses and \$2,000 under revenue for F4.
 - ii) Sara suggested the House Tour be canceled again this year due to the uncertainty of things with the pandemic. If we are to have it, planning needs to begin now. The board felt there would not be acceptance by the community to open their houses to a tour this year. Other ideas were discussed, such as a virtual house tour or a Christmas decorated house tour. The only thing needed in the budget for the house tour is funding for the domain name (~\$50). There will be no house tour in 2021.
 - iii) The budget was put up for vote. The committee motioned to accept the budget as presented and amended (a second was not required). All approved.
 - iv) The idea of a fall garden tour was put up for discussion. It was agreed that we first see how many people sign up for pollinator garden kits (Power Packs). If enough do, we’ll discuss plans for a virtual or in-person garden tour at a future board meeting.
 - v) Tom Youngs (on behalf of the Finance Committee) moved that
Resolved: The Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$3,140 from the Baum Grove fund to cover Baum Grove expenses.
The motion carried.
 - vi) Tom Youngs will chair the audit committee of the Finance Committee. Dinora Putman and Evan Tobin will be members. The board approved the proposal
- b) Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant – Baum Grove Safety Improvements update

- i) Sara reported that –
- ii) The new design was sent out to the community by Sara. Nearby neighbors were contacted about revisions.
- iii) The schedule..
 - (a) Applications due April 12, 2021
 - (b) Artist Selected April 20, 2021
 - (c) Community Meetings May and June, 2021
 - (d) Art Commission June, 2021
 - (e) Installation July or August 2021
- iv) Baum Grove Steering Committee will be part of the artist selection process.
- v) Need to have 2 community meetings for feedback on the artist’s proposal and the final design. The final design then needs to be approved by the city’s Art Commission. Then legislation is needed for City Council to approve art that is donated to the city. Once approved, painting can begin.
- vi) The request for proposal (RFP) is on Box. Once submitted, Sara suggested we share it to get bids. It will be posted on the FCG website under a separate Asphalt Art Project page.
- vii) We will be reaching out to local paint suppliers as suggested by Bloomberg as part of the grant.
- viii) Sara proposed getting kids involved with the painting when it happens, directly or indirectly. All were asked for ideas on how we can do this and they will be discussed with the artist.
- c) Friendship Montessori School
 - i) No new updates.
 - ii) Danielle said she has been asked by neighbors about FCG’s involvement in the process. Sara tried to engage the school principal for information, but she said she didn’t have anything to share.
 - iii) Jayne proposed FCG come up with a stance on the topic so we can respond consistently when we are asked about it. It was agreed that FCG wants it to remain a school and we will formulate a statement.
- d) HBB Committee Update
 - i) Our complaint about the Children’s Home violation of the noise ordinance went to court, but was thrown out by the magistrate due to the city incorrectly citing city codes that were violated.
 - ii) HBB will contest variance requests put forth by Roots, the new restaurant going into the strip mall along Liberty Ave and by a developer who wants to tear down a house on Winebiddle St. to put in townhouses.
- e) Outreach Committee Update
 - i) Newsletter to be sent out 3/17. Carla reviewed what she had so far and asked for additional information and announcements to be included in the newsletter. Carla will send out another email reminder and she asked for a deadline of Monday, 3/15.
 - ii) RJ to create a link on the FCG website for people to sign up for the newsletter.
 - iii) Website updates are in progress.
- f) Baum Grove Committee Update
 - i) Jason and Diana are looking to get trees trimmed. Bids are under \$500 and will not need board approval or second bids.
 - ii) After the ground thaws, Logan will install the library.
 - iii) The park was rented by a local bagpiping group that will have an event at 10:30 am on Saturday, 3/20, the first day of spring, to welcome in the season. The public is invited to attend.
 - iv) Donations are suggested but not mandatory when reserving Baum Grove. There will be no set price and we will allow those reserving it to pay what they feel is acceptable.
 - v) Excess trash around the city garbage cans has improved. Brian continues to work with the city on a long term solution.

IV) IV. 1Q2021 Community Meeting

- a) The quarterly community meeting will be held on Thursday, 3/25 at 7:00 pm. It will be a virtual meeting, via Zoom.
- b) Topics:
 - i) Committee Updates, including info on F4.
 - ii) Asphalt Art Grant Update
 - iii) Montessori School Update

V) Updates Needed

- a) Conflict of Interest forms: only received from Logan, Sara, RJ, Carla, Joe, Dinora, and Tom Y.
 - i) Sara asked that the remaining forms be sent directly to her
- b) Community Plan / Strategic Plan committee
 - i) No update
- c) Coral St Neighborway update
 - i) Construction to continue starting in March. Circles were cut into the asphalt intersections today.

VI) New Items

- a) Need Baum Grove volunteers

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Jayne (Carla) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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 will be held over Zoom until further notice.
- Housing and Business Borders Committee on the first Tuesday of each month over Zoom until further notice (next meeting April 6, 2021) unless otherwise noted.
- Outreach Committee on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm (next meeting April 6, 2021) unless otherwise noted.
- Baum Grove Committee on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at a member's home (next meeting TBD) unless otherwise noted.

Thomas A. Hritz, Secretary
Friendship Community Group

These minutes were approved at the April 14th, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.