



Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022

The Friendship Community Group (FCG) held its May 2022 meeting LIVE at Baum Grove. A quorum was present. The following Board members were in attendance: Sara DeLucia (President), Logan Burdwood (VP), Joe Mattis, Carla Lukehart, Nancy Cohen (Secretary), Emily George, Diana Toole, and Brad Wyland. Regrets from Tom Youngs, Elizabeth Reitz, Colleen Potanko and RJ Huebert.

Sara DeLucia, FCG President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Sara welcomed all attendees.

Items for Discussion

- a.) Board meeting minutes for March and April 2022. Sara brought up the fact that these minutes needed to be approved. **She brought it up for a vote and motion approved unanimously.**
- b.) Marathon Cheer Station; F4 Recap. The weather was bad for the marathon. FCG did well at the F4 Festival. The raffle raised \$900 and \$514 was raised with food. All flowers were sold. A good time was had by attendees.
- c.) CDBG Application. Logan submitted it. No word yet on the submission at the time of the meeting.
- d.) Picnic Date. After much discussion, the group settled on July 23 for the picnic at Baum Grove. FCG provides the entree with it otherwise being potluck. Entertainment was spoken of such as games and a movie.
- e.) Yard Sale Date. The date was set for August 27. Help is needed for both the picnic and the yard sale.
- f.) BikePGH Ride. Purpose is to teach biking safety, how to use bike lanes et al. Date is July 23.
- g.) Community Meeting. Should be June for the second quarter requirement. Tabled for more thought.

Committee Updates

Outreach – It was noted that Larry Laude had cleaned up our website and it looks much better. The June Bulletin deadline is coming up. Diane Toole was gracious to agree to write up something for submission. Sara mentioned that we should start thinking of the next FCG election round and think of how to invite people to join.

Baum Grove – Logan noted that the grass was getting cut, mulching was on the to-do list. The backflow device was to be ordered soon; electrical work in the shed was started and the park was cleared up for F4.

ZDC – Emily George added this: When Friendship Preservation Group (predecessor of FCG) first put together their boundaries, they did not include the block between Baum/Center/Graham/Negley and the triangle between Negley/Baum/Roup. This block + triangle is in the area that the City defines as part of Friendship. One of our committee members was present when FPG's boundaries were drawn and has stated that this was not an intentional omission, but an oversight.

This is awkward for FCG because in other areas, FCG's boundaries include areas that are not technically Friendship, but part of Bloomfield. Friendship ends west of Graham by the city definition, but FCG's boundaries extend to Gross. It may give the appearance that the FCG is picking & choosing who we wish to represent, instead of representing (at least) everyone who resides in Friendship.

The ZDC has discussed expanding FCG's boundaries to include this block + triangle. There are pros and cons.

Pros:

- The people who live there are not currently represented by any RCO, so we would give them representation.
- Developments that happen around there affect the rest of Friendship, so officially representing those blocks gives FCG more leverage. The ZDC does already do some work here.
- FCG would not be "disowning" residents of our own neighborhood.

Cons:

- As Spiderman's uncle says, with more power comes more responsibility. Unforeseen issues may develop that would become FCG's responsibility to handle. These responsibilities will likely fall mostly to the ZDC.

The ZDC will be taking a vote at our next meeting on whether to expand our boundaries. We will bring the results of this vote to the June Board meeting as a recommendation for or against expanding FCG's boundaries.

New Items

Duquesne Light Company Community Impact Grant. The deadline is June 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion made by Nancy Cohen and approved unanimously.

Nancy Cohen
Secretary, Friendship Community Group

These minutes were approved at the July 11, 2022 Board of Directors meeting