



Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2020 board meeting on February 12, 2020 at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

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, Tom Hritz, Evan Stein, Danielle Novick, Evan Tobin, and Carla Lukehart. Regrets from Kristin Hughes, Vince Manetti, Jayne Bower (FCG Vice President), and Rod Cunningham.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Approval

- a) October 2019 Annual meeting
- b) December 2019 Board minutes
- c) 2020 Annual Retreat minutes
- d) Treasurer and Finance Committee Report including the 2020 Operating Budget
 - i) Larry discussed the budget process

Danielle Novick (Tom Hritz) moved to approve the four consent agenda items. The motion passed.

For reference, the Treasurer and Finance Committee Report included the following resolution:

Resolved: The Treasurer is authorized to release \$1,100 of the \$7,840 in the Baum Grove fund to pay for the gravel base for the Baum Grove shed.

III) Consent Agenda Items for Information

- a) HBBC consent agenda –submitted
 - i) Board discussed actions as noted on the agenda and discussed moving several 2020 planned HBBC presenters to the FCG Quarterly Community meetings. Tom Youngs agreed to work to invite representatives from the City regarding trash and graffiti to 2020 FCG Quarterly Community meetings.
- b) N&E consent agenda –submitted
- c) CCB consent agenda – submitted
 - i) Carla discussed several CCB activities
- d) F4- not submitted
- e) House Tour – not submitted

IV) Items for Attention

a) Friendship Playpark

i) Pittsburgh Foundation Fund –

- (1) Approximately \$10,000 in principal, and \$2122 available for grants.
- (2) The fund is currently established as an “advised fund” and could be changed to a “designated fund” with the investment income going to a designated organization.
- (3) A “Designated fund’s” annual investment income would be approximately \$400.

Evan Stein (Evan Tobin) moved the following:

Resolved: That the Friendship Community Group request The Pittsburgh Foundation to change the Friendship Playground Fund at the Foundation to a designated fund for the Friendship Community Group “for the benefit of the Friendship neighborhood” as defined in the bylaws and further that the Executive Committee be joint custodians of the account; that the Treasurer be the primary point of contact with the Pittsburgh Foundation; and that the proceeds of the fund may be disbursed as requested. 9 in favor and none opposed. The motion carried.

ii) Update on expired contract

- (1) Diana stated that she had spoken with Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Directors member representing District 5 Terry Kennedy regarding the Playpark.
- (2) The NE Committee will develop a plan to proceed regarding the Pittsburgh Montessori School and its Parent-Teacher Association.
- (3) Larry will obtain a quote for liability insurance for FCG’s activity at the Playpark.

b) HBB Special Topics

i) The HBB Committee asked the Board to consider applying for a grant in order to update Friendship’s Community Plan.

- (1) An updated Community Plan could, amongst other items, address the Friendship neighborhood’s residential and commercial zoning.
- (2) The Board decided to discuss this item further at the next Board meeting to include considering developing an ad-hoc committee to address obtaining a grant, hiring a consultant and updating the Community Plan.

ii) The HBB Committee also asked the Board consider expanding FCG’s Registered Community Organization (RCO) boundaries to include the area near the Baumhaus I development on Baum Boulevard.

- (1) Several Board members requested maps to understand the boundaries of the -
 - (a) FCG RCO;
 - (b) FCG as stated in its bylaws; and
 - (c) Neighborhood of Friendship according to the City of Pittsburgh.
- (2) Evan Tobin agreed to develop these maps

c) Quarterly Meeting

i) Attendance

- (1) All Directors are requested to attend.
- (2) Directors are requested to invite their neighbors.

ii) Topics

- (1) Bloomberg Asphalt Grant Status & Proposal – Sara to work with Jeremy Waldrup to attend and present at the meeting.
- (2) HBB Topics – Vince to present on these topics.

- (3) Public Safety – not at this next meeting. Sara will attempt to have the Zone 5 Commander at the second quarter Community Meeting.
- d) FCG Involvement with “Other” Organizations
- i) Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership

Larry (Evan Stein) moved the following:

Resolved: That the Friendship Community Group rejoin and pay annual membership dues of \$100 for the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership. 9 in favor and none opposed. The motion carried.

- ii) Baum-Center Initiative

Larry (Sara) moved the following:

Resolved: That the Friendship Community Group rejoin the Baum-Center Initiative. 9 in favor and none opposed. The motion carried.

An FCG representative to BCI was not named.

- iii) Bloomfield- Garfield Corporation (BGC) - The Board stated that FCG did not need to become a member of BGC but that FCG should continue to work closely with BGC, an adjoining neighborhood association.
- iv) RCO – no action is necessary as FCG is a current Registered Community Organization with the City of Pittsburgh.
- v) FDA – no action is necessary regarding this predecessor organization.
- vi) Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group – the Directors chose not to renew FCG’s membership
- e) Potential Change to March 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Date

Sara (Larry) moved the following:

Resolved: That the Friendship Community Group March 2020 Board of Directors meeting be moved from March 11, 2020 to March 18, 2020. 9 in favor and none opposed. The motion carried.

V) Upcoming events

- i) 2020 First Quarter Community Meeting, February 20, 2020, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting
- ii) Tentative – Progressive Dinner, April 18, 2020
- iii) F4 - TBD

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Evan S. (Diana) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

All meetings are open to the public.

- 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 at Pittsburgh Glass Center at 6:30 pm (next meeting March 3, 2020).
- Communications and Community Building Committee on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, at Friendship Perk & Brew (next meeting March 3, 2020).
- Neighborhood and Environment Committee on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at a member's home (next meeting TBD).

Thomas E. Youngs, Jr., Secretary
Friendship Community Group

These minutes were approved at the September 16, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.