



Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2021 board meeting on April 14, 2021 through the online video meeting service Zoom.

I) Call to Order

- a) Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:06 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), Diana Ames, Logan Burdwood, Rod Cunningham, Carla Lukehart, Joe Mattis, Danielle Novick and Dinora Putman. Regrets from RJ Huebert, Vince Manetti and Evan Stein.
- b) A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Information

- a) March 2021 FCG BOD Meeting minutes
- b) Q1 Friendship Community Meeting minutes
- c) Treasurer Report
- d) Housing & Business Borders Committee Report
- e) Outreach Committee Report
- f) Baum Grove Safety / Asphalt Art Report

Minor typographical edits were needed on the minutes. 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) Bloomfield Community Plan –Christina Howell of Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC)
 - i) Christina Howell was not available to meet with the board.
 - ii) Sara suggested that since there is significant overlap between Bloomfield and what we consider the Friendship neighborhood, it is in Friendship’s best interest to participate in the development of Bloomfield’s community plan, especially since the BDC has a lot of experience in developing community plans and has resources to ensure its execution. The HBB Committee recommended that FCG participate in the Bloomfield Community Planning process. A second was not needed since it was a committee making the recommendation.
 - (1) Joe Mattis stated that FCG needs to be a significant part of the plan and have a clear voice as the Friendship community if we agree to this, and FCG is not just there to support Bloomfield.
 - (2) Sara noted that Friendship has a standalone plan that is strong, and even if we agree to not be part of the BDC plan, we should feel confident that our plan covers our needs.
 - iii) A vote was put to the board. All were in favor of participating in the Bloomfield Community Planning process. None opposed or abstained.
- b) Vote to accept Audit Committee Results
 - i) Tom Youngs presented the results of the audit committee’s review of FCG’s books and accounts for 2020. They were satisfied with them and found no discrepancies.
Tom (Rod) motioned:
Resolved: To accept the evaluation of the 2020 Treasurer’s books and checking accounts.

All were in favor, none opposed or abstained. The motion carried.

- c) Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant –Baum Grove Safety Improvements update
 - i) Sara reported 8 artists/groups submitted artwork for consideration. The selection committee will meet Friday, 4/16 and Saturday, 4/17 to select the winner. A rubric was designed to help the selection committee properly select a winner in a fair and unbiased way that shows they did due diligence in making a good choice. Jeremy Waldrup will guide the selection committee through this process. Jeremy is the Director of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership and has experience in making selections for large art installations.
- d) Neighborway Liaison
 - i) Sara asked for a neighbor along Coral St to be a point person to address any neighborhood issues with the Neighborway project. Joe Mattis volunteered to be that person in coordination with Tom Hritz and Logan Burdwood.
- e) Outreach Committee
 - i) Suggestions for safe, outdoor in-person events
 - (1) Ideas included a movie night or a concert in Baum Grove; June porch concerts will be happening; and the summer picnic is still planned.
 - (2) The board discussed what safety precautions to take to be in compliance with CDC and county social gathering regulations.

IV) Updates Needed

- a) Conflict of Interest forms
 - i. Only received from Logan, Sara, RJ, Carla, Joe, Dinora, and Tom Y.
 - ii. Sara asked that the remaining forms be sent directly to her.
- b) F4 Plan & Marketing
 - i. Jayne and Dinora are coordinating this and looking for volunteers. A request-for-volunteers email will be sent shortly.
 - ii. Jayne reported that sales have been strong so far and the pollinator power packs have been very popular. Sales will be accepted until 5/2.
 - iii. Board members provided suggestions on ways to make plant distribution run efficiently.
 - iv. Danielle brought up a concern that F4 posts on Facebook are not being seen and the board discussed ways to increase its visibility.
- c) Friendship Montessori School
 - i. No new updates

II) New Items

- a) Baum Grove grass cutting contract needs to be approved for 2021. There is a slight increase in what they charge.
 - i) Diana (Carla) motioned to accept grass cutting contract. All were in favor, none opposed or abstained.
- b) Need Baum Grove volunteers

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Diana (Joe) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:24 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 meets on the first Tuesday of each month over Zoom until further notice.
- Outreach Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.
- Baum Grove Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at a member's home.

Tom Hritz, Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the May 12th, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.