



Friendship Community Group
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

The Friendship Community Group had its September 2023 meeting in person at the home of Board member, Nancy Cohen, on the evening of September 19, 2023. A quorum was present. The following Board members were in attendance: Nancy Cohen (Secretary), Sara DeLucia (President), Chad Burton, Abby Slovonik (Treasurer), Elizabeth Reitz, Carla Lukehart and Emily George. Regrets from Brad Wyland, Denise Mianzo and Diana Toole.

Sara DeLucia, FCG President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. as a quorum was present.

1. Sara made a motion to approve consent agenda items (August 2023 minutes, August Treasurer's Report and August Zoning and Development Committee Meeting minutes). All in favor.
2. The first topic of conversation was the Garbage Olympics scheduled for September 23. Thanks were expressed to Martha Terry who volunteered to run them this year with the help of Carla and Abby.
3. Abby, our Treasurer, gave some financial updates. She expressed that the Finance Committee recommends the first \$15,000 FCG CD, expiring in November, be renewed at a similar term in the amount of \$10,000 (instead of \$15,000) as well as a second be set up for eight months at this time and maybe a third early next year. The Finance Committee recommends investing \$10,000 in a second 8-month CD in September at an interest rate of 3.25% APY. Abby asked for authorization. All in favor.
4. The House Tour is scheduled for October 1. Seven homes are on the tour.
5. The CDBG Grant was brought up. The term was from 7/22 to 12/31/23 and is for the improvement of Baum Grove. Certain expenses already incurred can be reimbursed from the grant such as hillside improvement, bushes planted, mulch used. Other improvements mentioned for the future were a camera, and lighting. Chad expressed an interest in taking the lead on lighting. We could ask for an extension of the grant period if necessary.
6. Homeless people at Baum Grove were brought up. Someone mentioned possibly using Mercy Behavioral Health or calling 211.
7. Community meeting dates of November 7, 8 or 9 were mentioned with our police zone commander to speak about safety.
8. New board member recruitment was also spoken of with several community members mentioned.
9. Nancy mentioned 2023 prices already quoted by The Plant Lady for the wreath sale and expressed pleasure in that price increases (and not all items' prices were raised) were minimal this year and asked the Board for the go-ahead to use The Plant Lady again this year as she could not find another source. All in favor.

10. Sara made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cohen, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the October 11, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting