



Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021

The Friendship Community Group held a regularly scheduled 2021 board meeting on June 9, 2021 through the online video meeting service Zoom.

I) Call to Order

1. Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Rod Cunningham, Carla Lukehart, Joe Mattis, Dinora Putman, and RJ Huebert. Regrets from Vince Manetti, Evan Stein, Diana Ames and Danielle Novick.
2. A quorum was noted to be present.

II) Consent Agenda Items for Information

1. May 2021 FCG BOD Meeting minutes
2. Housing & Business Borders Committee Report
3. Outreach Committee Report
4. Finance Committee Report
5. Baum Grove Safety / Asphalt Art Report

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

III) Items for Discussion and, as Appropriate, Approval

1. Social Events – Outreach Committee
 - a) Friendship Porch Concerts – Sunday, 6/27, noon-2 pm - with performers scheduled to also play in Baum Grove. Event to be coordinated with Friendship Perk & Brew so we can also promote their live music events.
 - b) Neighborway Celebration – Friday, 7/16 - sponsored by Bike Pittsburgh. They will encourage bicyclists and pedestrians to walk the new Neighborway projects with a gathering at Baum Grove afterward. Fun things are being planned along the entire route.
 - c) Community Summer Picnic – date TBD, likely 3rd or 4th Friday in July. Food Truck Round-up. FCG will provide music and drinks. It was suggested that FCG provide snacks too.
 - d) Yard Sale – another volunteer is helping out and this event is still in the planning with a potential date of 7/31.
 - e) National Night Out – 8/3 - no formal events planned, but FCG will encourage residents to spend time on their porches.
2. Website Updates – Sara discussed the need for necessary documents to be posted on FCG's website to meet the city's RCO requirements. She asked if the website can be updated easily and wanted to know what challenges there are to getting regular updates. RJ reviewed some of the challenges he's had with posting



regular updates. Sara will meet with RJ, Tom Youngs and anyone else who would like to provide input on how we want the website to look moving forward.

3. Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant – Sara reported that our art selection will be presented to the city’s Art Commission on 6/23 by the artists. We do not need approval to move forward from City Council and we do not need to donate the art to the city. This means we can start painting earlier. Our goal is to paint at the end of July, tentatively the weekend of 7/25 with a rain date of the weekend of 8/15. The city’s Department of Public Works Department plans to make the appropriate changes to the intersection late-June or early-July. One issue we will need to address is the city’s requirement to hire an off-duty officer at each point of the intersection if we choose to close down the intersection to traffic while we paint. This would require hiring 6 officers and cost \$10,000. We are contesting this with the city and the Bloomberg organization is supporting us and assisting us with our request.
4. FCG Quarterly Community Meeting – PWSA will provide an overview of their storm water runoff project on Thursday, 7/1. Some Friendship residents have expressed interest to learn more about this project and get their questions answered. We’ll also include brief committee updates.

V) Updates Needed

1. Neighborway – Joe provided an update and reported that he has been in touch with DOMI representatives. There is a delay in getting plantings done within traffic circles, but mulch should be placed in them within the next couple of weeks. The budget for the Neighborway project is mostly spent. They will still do some street line painting and paint yellow lines around the traffic circles, but there is no money for posts to be placed. The Coral St. Neighborway project will soon be complete. Joe also informed the board that Brian Sullivan of the FCG HBB submitted a detailed list of issues to DOMI with a request to address them. They involve inconsistencies with painted parking lines and parking sign placement along the Neighborway project.
2. HBB Committee Update – Tom Y. discussed HBB’s work to update their mission and vision and updated all on the Howard Hann plan to replace their existing building on Baum and S. Graham. FCG will be hosting a community meeting on 6/21 at which Howard Hanna will present their project and detail the variance requests. They have signed on with council that represented the Gumbergs during their dealings with the city to get the Enright Plaza project done.
3. Baum Grove Committee Update – Rod reported that the committee met with a contractor to discuss some electrical updates to the park. Rod also met with a contractor to discuss snow removal this winter. The city garbage cans have been removed from the sidewalks and so far there have not been any issues with excessive trash in the park.
4. Conflict of Interest forms received from Logan, Sara, RJ, Carla, Joe, Dinora, Tom Y, Danielle, Rod, Tom H, Evan.

VI) New Items

1. Recruiting new Board members – according to our bylaws, we need committee members to nominate Friendship residents to run for board positions. Sara asked everyone to find a friend to replace the outgoing board members (Tom H., Jayne, Danielle, Vince and Rod). Diana Ames has resigned her position on the FCG BOD. Elections will be held at the October Community Meeting. We will have 6 board positions to fill.
2. Need F4 Chair for 2022 (Jayne Board term is up this year)

VII) Standing Open Items

1. Baum Grove volunteers – always needed. Please encourage neighbors to participate in Baum Grove upkeep.
2. Friendship Montessori School – no update
3. Bloomfield Community Plan – no update

Adjournment and Future Meetings

Logan (Joe) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:08 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 unless otherwise noted.
- Outreach Committee on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm 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.

Tom Hritz, Secretary

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