



Board Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2021

The Friendship Community Group (FCG) held a regularly scheduled 2021 board meeting on July 14, 2021. It was held at FCG President's, Sara DeLucia, residence at 408 S. Pacific Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

**I) Call to Order**

1. Sara DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with the following Board of Directors ("BOD") members ("Members") in attendance: Sara DeLucia (President), Tom Hritz (Secretary), Logan Burdwood (by phone), Rod Cunningham, Carla Lukehart, Joe Mattis, Dinora Putman, Danielle Novick and RJ Huebert. Regrets from Vince Manetti, Evan Stein, Diana Ames, Tom Youngs (Treasurer) and Jayne Bower (Vice President).
2. A quorum was noted to be present.

**II) Consent Agenda Items for Information**

1. June 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. Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant (Sara)
  - a) City Arts Commission voted unanimously to approve the artwork design and recognized Friendship for being inclusive in the process and for role modeling how it should be done.
  - b) Our permit was pulled for all artwork because DOMI stated the artwork cannot be in between crosswalk lines even though this was approved by the Arts Commission, with no objections from the DOMI representative who was present at the meeting. DOMI agreed to allow us to paint the areas between crosswalk lines gray in lieu of removing the primer paint that was already placed.
  - c) The artists are sketching the design between now and Saturday, 7/24.
  - d) A special events permit has been filed for the painting event which will take place Saturday, 7/24 and Sunday, 7/25 at 8 am-8 pm (rain dates are Saturday, 8/17 and Sunday, 8/18 at 8 am-8 pm).
  - e) We already have some volunteers, but the more the better. We are looking for each volunteer to put in a minimum 2-hour shift. Danielle will put out a request for volunteers via the Baum Grove email list.
2. Outreach Committee – Annual Community Picnic (Carla)
  - a) The annual community picnic will be held in tandem with the asphalt art event on Saturday, 7/24 at noon-2 pm.



- b) FCG will provide burgers (meat and veggie), hot dogs, individually packaged chips, cookies and soft drinks. We will not be having a potluck this year due to pandemic restrictions, but all attending are encouraged to bring their own additional food. RJ will contact area grocery stores to see if they will be willing to offer these products at a discount to FCG and he will pick them up on Thursday, 7/22. Tom H will store them and bring them to the picnic. Tom will ensure the FCG grill will be brought to Baum Grove and have enough propane.
  - c) Danielle and Carla have some supplies from other events (Plates, plastic ware, napkins, etc.)
  - d) We will look into renting a dumpster bag for the anticipated trash from both events that day.
  - e) Danielle suggested having bands play. The Outreach Committee will try to contact bands to see if they'd be interested.
3. Loading Zone Modification Request (Tom H)
- a) At the primer painting event on Saturday, July 11, a Friendship neighbor, PJ Roduta, had a request for assistance from any FCG members present. Tom H and Dinora were nearby, so they reviewed the request with the neighbor to take back to the FCG to see if any guidance could be provided.
  - b) PJ requested that the yellow painted curb in the loading zone on the west side of the lower 400 block of S. Fairmount be moved forward by about 20 to 25 feet to allow additional parking in front of some houses. Because Aldi delivery trucks can only use the one loading dock, it is not necessary for them to need space so far back. In fact, they could likely use more space in front of the existing loading zone area. Shortly after discussing this with PJ, an Aldi delivery truck pulled into the loading dock and validated what he claimed.
  - c) It was decided to contact Nick Ross from the city and to take the issue back to HBB. Tom H will do this and get back in touch with PJ.

#### V) Updates

- 1. HBB Updates (Joe)
  - a) Joe gave some details on the consent agenda items from the HBB Committee report and answered questions.
- 2. Neighborway Update (Joe)
  - a) MoveForward PGH is sponsoring an event on Friday, 7/16 at 5 pm. They are highlighting the Lawrenceville and Bloomfield/Friendship Neighborway projects by promoting a bike ride along both Neighborway routes, beginning in Lawrenceville and ending in Baum Grove. Danielle suggested putting out info in Baum Grove about the asphalt art event with information on how to sign up to volunteer.
  - b) Planting at the Neighborway circles by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy likely will not happen.
- 3. Yard Sale (Logan)
  - a) 25 neighbors have registered so far. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, 7/25.
  - b) Garfiled will not be participating with us because they are having a community day celebration that day.
  - c) Logan will send the flyer to Danielle to put on the Baum Grove Insta account and to the Outreach Committee to email out to the FCG group.
- 4. Baum Grove Committee Update (Danielle)
  - a) We've had lots of rentals of Baum Grove lately.
  - b) Danielle will continue to manage Baum Grove rentals and the rental calendar after she leaves the board at the end of the year.
  - c) We still need volunteers to help maintain Baum Grove. Danielle suggested doing clean up events only once per month and that should be sufficient. We will especially need volunteers this fall to clean up ginkgo nuts.
  - d) Rod reported that PWSA will be coming to inspect the water meter at Baum Grove on 7/22. He will meet with them.

#### 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. Joe suggested Patrick (100 block of S. Graham), Brad (200 block of S. Graham) and Colleen (200 block of Roup). Sara suggested putting up info regarding a request for board members at the asphalt art paint day/community picnic.

**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**

Sara (Joe) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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 in person, location TBD for the time being.
- Housing and Business Borders Committee on the first Tuesday of each month in Baum Grove or a committee member's home.
- 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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.