



Friendship Community Group  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2023

The Friendship Community Group had its March 2023 meeting in person at the Pittsburgh Glass Center on the evening of March 8, 2023. A quorum was present. The following Board members were in attendance: Nancy Cohen (Secretary), Abby Slovonik (Treasurer), Denise Mianzo, Chad Burton, Emily George, Carla Lukehart and Diana Toole. Regrets from Brad Wyland, President Sara DeLucia, Elizabeth Reitz and Shannon Pampena.

In the stead of Sara DeLucia, FCG President, Nancy Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. as a quorum was present.

1. Nancy made motions to approve consent agenda items: February 2023 Treasurer's Report, January 2023 Board Retreat Minutes, ZDC Meeting Summaries from December, January and February and F4 Planning Notes. Treasurer Abby Slovonik presented the final Budget for 2023 and a proposal for a CD investment. For the record, the CD proposal was to authorize and direct the Treasurer to place \$15,000 in a CD of not more than 12 months at an interest rate of 3% or higher. Nancy made a motion to approve, and all were in favor.
2. The ZDC Committee Chair presented BGC-FCG Project Review Process. Nancy made a motion to approve. All were in favor with Denise Mianzo abstaining and Chad not in favor.
3. Chad and Carla gave a Baum Grove update. Carla would like to have the Roup hillside remediation take place from the end of March to June. We need cardboard, mulch and plantings which the Grant and approved budget will cover. The need for a cleanup, safety and lightings were stated to be the biggest priorities by Chad. He did not feel the sign needed repair. Volunteers are needed as well. The Baum Grove Committee will meet before F4. It was suggested that the mowing service might be hired to clean up the ginkgo berries.
4. Emily spoke of ZDC Meeting happenings. The most important items she spoke of were Children's Home planned expansion, Enright Park development (Diana Toole stated that access to the park and Whole Foods could be improved crossing S Negley), and Mary's Place which is under a work stoppage order from the city. Emily said Sara would be meeting with the owner next week. Emily distributed the BGC Housing and Land Use Committee and FCG ZDC Coordinated Review of Penn & Negley Corridor Planning and Development Draft.
5. Attendees spoke of actions taken at the F4 meeting a couple of weeks ago. Carla is working on the flowers, Diana on publicity
6. Diana came with and distributed an FCG 2023 Proposed Events Schedule which is very helpful.

7. Friendship Montessori School was briefly discussed and its playground which is a heavily used community resource. Members expressed the desire for FCG to advocate keeping the playground open if the school closes.
8. Website Overhaul. Jora Hritz will meet with Sara and Diana next week.
9. Discussion again of roundabouts and replacing the Yield Signs with Stop signs.
10. Bloomfield Community Plan. Emily stated the new city administration wants a whole city plan so this one may not happen.

The meeting for April will be at the Pittsburgh Glass Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27. Motion by Nancy, seconded by Abby.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Nancy Cohen, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the April 12, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting