



October 2024 Unofficial Board Meeting Minutes

The Friendship Community Group had its OCTOBER 2024 MEETING in person at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, on the evening of October 9, 2024. The following Board members were in attendance: Nancy Cohen, Ellen DiBiase (President), Elizabeth Reitz Schwall, Rachel Murchison, Nikki Coffee, Sierra Weir and Steve Morrow. Regrets from Sheila Grab (Secretary), Aafke Butter, Julie Grove, Vince Manetti, Abby Slovonick, Lee Ann Antol, and Danielle Novick.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The President established that a quorum was not present.

Items of Discussion/ Approval

The updates from the Outreach Committee stated that the 10/5 Baum Grove concert with Kevin Hurst went smoothly; the Friendship By Foot Walking tour was led by Martha Terry on both 10/5 and 10/6 with a total of 26 people taking the tour; wreath sale opens on Nov 1 and ends on Nov 22 with pickup on Nov 30; the Holiday party is on Dec 13 at 6:30 at the Tomayko Foundation Art Gallery with the babysitting house just up the street at 418 S. Pacific (the Seidels'); Outreach will take care of procuring food for the party and lining up babysitters.

Updates from Zoning and Development Committee said that the rescheduled meeting and tour for the FCG President at the Children's Home will take place on Oct 18; a PPS meeting will occur on Oct 15 with the final decision on school closures being made the following week; the RCO status of FCG is up for renewal and Board President Ellen DiBiase is taking care of that renewal application due Dec 1-- FCG is looking into adding the neighborhood to the east of Negley Ave. between Eva, Euclid, and Baum to its service area under the RCO renewal, but will consult with residents of that area first.

The Baum Grove Committee stated that the new signs are nearly ready and due for installation; ginkgo season is here at Baum Grove; a contract with Sage Landscaping is needed for 2025 Baum Grove maintenance-- the President requested some priority be given to getting that contract in place by the next board meeting.

Ellen discussed the city's bus line redesign and the bus route changes on Friendship Avenue. Some changes do not seem favorable for the neighborhood. A virtual meeting hosted by PRT will take place on Oct 24 regarding these changes.

Miscellaneous Items of Business

The Board Retreat will take place on Saturday, Nov 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; location to be determined. Ellen requested that committees determine what went well this year and what changes they would like to request for 2025.

The Quarterly Community Meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Avenue Church. The November Board meeting will take place on Nov 13 at 7 p.m. at Pittsburgh Glass Center; no Board meeting will take place in December.