

Fineview Citizens Council Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

Location

Hybrid - [ZOOM](#) and 2438 Wilson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

In attendance:

Directors

Gregory Manley, Diondre Johnson, Marsha Moore-Reed, Jon Hanrahan, Sarah Axtell, Matt Indovina, Kim Lee, Diann Malcolm

Not in attendance: Jerry Gaines, Jacob Brown, Diann Malcolm

Staff

Interim Executive Director: Nancy Noszka
Executive Assistant: Lisa Vasser
Operations Manager: Rhonda Strozier
Director of Outreach & Engagement: Carla Arnold
Communications Specialist: Christine Whispell

Vision:

We build a C.A.R.I.N.G. community. One that is
Collaborative
Advocating
Respectful
Inspiring
Neighborly
and
Gracious

Meeting Called to order at 6:08pm

Roll Call - [Attendance Record](#)

Agenda

1. **Moment of Silence and recognition of Ms. Cheryl Gainey's life's work**
 - a. Writing exercise to carry Cheryl's spirit forward in our work

2. **Consent Agenda**

- a. PHCC and FCC Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
- b. [FCC Minutes](#) March 2023 (p.3-6)
- c. [PHCC Minutes](#) March 2023 (p.7-9)
- d. [Staff Board Report](#) - March 2023 (p.10-15)

K. Lee moves to accept consent agenda

D. Malcolm seconds

Motion passes unanimously

3. **Financial Report**

- a. FCC [Balance Sheet](#) & [Profit & Loss](#)
- b. Approval to execute CPA's Engagement Letters for 2022 Financial Review & Tax Returns. Contract with Maher Duessel for [\\$5,000](#)

G. Manley moves to execute the contract with Maher Duessel for \$5,000 and for the contract to be signed by FCC Treasurer and Interim Executive Director

J. Hanrahan seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Discussion with Neighborhood Loan Fund for Gap Operational - contingent upon Executive & Finance Committee review. 6.6%, interest only, one year. After discussion it is determined to submit this application approval to E-vote following the Executive & Finance Committee review.

4. **Grant Requests for Approval**

- a. Discussion about status of Executive director search
- b. Equity & Inclusion: Grant Approval - Submitted a grant to [Neighborhood Allies](#) \$15,000 for continued work

J. Hanrahan moves to approve the grant application submitted by Neighborhood Allies

K. Lee seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- c. The Poise Foundation - Seeking approval to write a letter of intent to Poise Community Impact Grant for \$5000 for continuation of Community Ambassadors program

D. Malcolm moves to write the letter

M. Moore Reed seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- d. Carrie Street Garden - [PWSA](#) \$500 each season toward water

M. Indovina moves to authorize application for a water line for the Carrie Street Garden

D. Malcolm seconds

Motion passes unanimously

5. Letters of Support for other agencies

- a. [NPP - Avenue of Hope](#)

D. Malcolm moves to approve the NPP Letter of Support

K. Lee seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- b. [Charles Street Area Corp.](#) DCNR application for a planning grant for the Perry South Greenway, aka N Charles St Greenway Planning Project. See City Greenway Map [here](#).

K. Lee moves to approve the letter of support for Charles Street Area Corp

J. Hanrahan seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Discussion - Requests must be received at least 5 days prior to board meeting

6. Committee Reports ([Sign up here](#))

- a. People & Youth

- i. Learn & Earn grants were applied for
- ii. Consideration of the Theater on Perrysville as a youth space.
- iii. Focused on most vulnerable teenagers and the expansion of community-supported alternatives to Urban Impact.
 - i. Discussed producing a series of 3 teen-focused playground events during evenings throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2023.
Fineview Playground, Fowler Park
 - a. Gaming & Screening
 - b. Food & Drink
 - c. Fire

- b. Housing & Equity

- i. PRF 100, LLC - Approval to Purchase 232 Kennedy Avenue

- i. FYI - \$950,000 Loan from WesBanco
[Click here](#) Property Map of RT ownership.(p.)
- ii. FCC - Lease Agreement with Holland Enterprises for Upper Lanark
- iii. Lanark Street - Draft/publish article regarding zoning, density, attached housing
G. Manley moves to draft a press release regarding the forthcoming zoning dispute in Lower Lanark
M. Indovina seconds

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Beautification & Culture
 - i. Easter Egg Hunt in Partnership with Higher Ground Ministries. 35 families attended
 - ii. Mindfulness Walk on 4/10/2023
 - iii. Senior Serenade is forthcoming
 - iv. Next meeting is 4/27
- d. Executive Committee & Finance - 1st meeting scheduled - Monday 4/17 6pm
- e. Nomination - 2 empty board seats FCC (Cheryl Gainey) PHCC
 - i. S. Axtell has created an invitation for the Community Gatherings
 - ii. Reach out to Tia about bringing a community ambassador on the Board
 - iii. FCC is lacking a renter and representative of public housing
- f. Choice
 - i. Early Action Status Report
 - ii. Ambassador Program - [Contract to extend program](#)

6. New Business

- a. Landbank Acquisitions
- b. Quality of Life Issues concerning particular properties. Some properties have been overcrowded and/or left derelict. J. Gunter discusses that this is more than a Housing issue. How can we address the underlying problems
- c. Neighbor Complaint - Upper rooms of RPH were without electricity April 1st-3rd. B. Davis discusses mismanagement issues and raises concerns about safety of residents.
 - i. J. Gunter requests a meeting between Perry Hilltop Citizen's Council and RPH and patient advocates/caretakers.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- a. [Equity Working Group](#):
- b. Thursday, April 6, 4pm: Youth Working Group\

- c. Wednesday, April 12 6pm - zoom Executive + Finance
- d. Tuesday, April 25, 6pm: Community Gathering, Focus Housing - BRING PEOPLE
- e. Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 : PACD preliminary hearing (tentative)
- f. Beautification & Culture (events) APRIL 27
 - o step challenge
- g. April 27, 2023 City of Bridges Community Land Trust Open House, 5-7 PM
- h. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6pm - Hybrid
- i. Mother's Day Concert at Heathside Cottage
- j. Fineview Step Challenge: Saturday October

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by G. Manley