Board Meeting

Tuesday April 19, 6:30 PM

ZOOM Conference Call

Minutes

Board Attendance: Ray Baum, Jill Beck, Justin Berk, Dalia Belinkoff, Guy Costa, Lori Fitzgerald, Barb Grover, Marshall Hershberg ,Melissa Hiller, Mardi Isler, Mary Shaw, Lisa Steindel, Erik Wagner

Staff: Maria Cohen   
Guests: Emilie Yonan, Rebekkah Ranallo, Helen Wilson, Summerset Neighbor, Ose Akinlotan, Lilly Freedman, Rick Russell, Lauren Haffner, Shelly Haffner, Stefi Kirshner, Chip Stroz, Chris Zurawsky

Welcome

1. Roll Call - Maria
2. Action Items

-Approval of March Minutes: Mary Shaw motioned to approve, Ray Baum seconded the motion, the motion carried.

-Presentation of 990 – No questions

-Presentation of BCO 10 – No questions (Note:Next year Ray suggested that we note projects differently.)

-Acceptance of Financial Statement, May 31, 2021 –Lisa Steindel moved to accept the May 2021 Financial Statement, Guy Costa seconded the motion, the motion carried.

1. Executive Director’s Report
   1. 2022 Squirrel Hill Calendar Update - Calendar sales grand total = $1,737.60. The profit total for SHHS and SHUC is $902.46 which is $451.23 for each organization. Requests for calendars went as far as the UK, Australia, Sun Valley Idaho and more. Helen and I are planning to get started on 2023 in the next few weeks!
   2. Spin Scooter Event Sunday, April 24th - The Event is planned from 2 – 4 pm and will be hosted at the St. Edmund’s parking lot. This will allow for the community to be more engaged (hands-on) as well as experience real world obstacles encountered while operating our E-scooters. Spin will also be giving away free safety helmets and swag items to event participants.
   3. Litter Patrol Week Long Clean Friday, April 22 – May 1st, In person on Sunday, April 24th - In person on Sunday, April 24th - Friday, April 22 - Sunday, May 1 Clean Sweep Week. Volunteers decide a day and time and an area to remove litter at some point in that week. Volunteers can pick up supplies on Sunday, April 24 or provide your own.

Sunday, April 24:  Spend some time 9am - noon removing litter. Bags, Safety vests and gloves provided at Forbes & Murray. Bring your own water bottle.

There will be a Photo competition with prizes from local merchants including Games Unlimited, Riverstone Books, the Refilery, $1 at Commonplace and $100 grand prize from Little’s.

SHUC volunteers will go out one day this week and next week. Murray will go with a handler, sandwich board, flyers and a QR code. The litter patrol is also planning to have a table on Forbes next week.

We will be asking the Board to volunteer on the day of the clean up and will create a registration to send out with the April Board meeting reminder.

Register at: [tinyurl.com/squirrelhillcleanup](http://tinyurl.com/squirrelhillcleanup)

Guy Costa also mentioned an apartment building with extra garbage and milk crates. Mardi suggested 311.

Barb Grover asked about a volunteer photographer. Missy our editor might be able to take photos. Ray Baum volunteered as back up.

* 1. Wightman Park Litter Patrol Event on Sunday, May 1st - As the final event and kick off to the Wightman Park Volunteer Events for 2022, SHUC and FOWP are hosting a community litter patrol clean up on Sunday, May 1st 10 am – 12 pm. SHUC sent out in our newsletter, a community event email blast and social media. We also sent a separate email blast to our Wightman Park volunteer group. Please join us if you are able.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/1SMhpWm3gy3i3rPz6>

1. Treasurer’s Report

a. P & L for March - SHUC’s total PNC account’s are at $79, 236.03 which is up $1,961.29 year on year. This increase is mostly due to grants from the FONLH. Our general account balance at the end of March was $25,302.98 this is down year on year -$35,155.99. Part is attributable to $10,000 from a grant reimbursement which was just deposited on April 1st and will be included in the April Board report.

March income was $28,500.38 with a very generous $25,000 contribution from an anonymous donor for the FONLH, merchant calendar sales, donations and magazine ad sales also contributed. Expenses were $12,139.73 with most our typically monthly expenses including professional fees and magazine postage. Net operating income was $16,360.65.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Built Environment – April DAM meeting: Murray Hill Avenue had two properties that were not included in the historical designation. A request was made to include them and was supported by SHUC.
   2. CMU presented an update to the Institutional Master Plan. They are adding several new buildings without additional parking. Mary Shaw questioned the calculation. The affect could be overflow of parking into the neighborhoods.

Update: Northumberland property is in negotiation regarding the height requirement. The property owner thinks that they might be able to move forward with negotiations.

* 1. Litter Patrol – Attached. This week is our litter patrol clean sweep week. We are expecting 70 degree weather!
  2. Ped-Bike – The focus has been on putting together all of the recommendations on the replacement of Fern Hollow Bridge. There were many ideas given. Marshall was a little bit surprised that the letter went to public officials before the bike ped committee’s recommendations were added. Mary has some reservations about the letter but feels that the Bike-Ped committee/SHUC should still endorse it. Example: Curvy sidewalk on the bridge. PennDOT would only talk to the Briarcliff Neighbors and the letter had to go out immediately. Any engineering design changes needed to be requested asap. Bike Ped/Marshall will set up a meeting with Carolyn Hare and Ken Doyno as soon as they are able.
  3. Events – Nothing to add
  4. Trees and Parks – Gary Crouth has been working with Tree Care Pittsburgh to get events set up. Today, KPMG and District 8 volunteers cleaned up litter and mulched in the snow!

1. President’s Report
   1. O’Connor’s Corner Tree Pit Grates – Several have been installed and there are four to go. The frames were made a year after the concrete was poured complicating the installation.
   2. Fern Hollow Bridge Coalition – When there are several groups, it is important that all group send the same language and strength in numbers. This is important for us to all sign off on the same approved letter and resolution. Safety and aesthetics.

Approval of the common resolution: Ray Baum motioned to approve the resolution, Marshall Hershberg seconded the motion, the motion carried

FONLH Update – SHUC is the fiduciary for FONLH. FONLH is waiting to hear about grants and has been waiting for the city to approve the agreement/letter of intent. It has been sitting in legal for several months.

FONLH toured Henry Koerner’s house for a potential donor event. Joseph Koerner (Henry’s son) might come in for the event and it might be a weekend long event. Details will be forthcoming for an event most likely in the Fall.

Chatham history intern will start at the end of April to create an organizational system to catalogue all of the items.

1. Old Business
2. New Business
   1. PWSA Stormwater Survey - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVlvtRxu1B5MD4I9aArTpUW64r7cKZtRsScm9MI49AOthNBA/viewform>
   2. Official Development Activities Meeting: Summerset at Frick Park Extension – Artistic Enhancement/Heron Sculpture presentation was made by Tim Kaulen, artist. The project celebrates the relationship with nature and natural wildlife. The sculpture will be metal. Tim also runs a non-profit teaching students welding and how to use tools. This project will also be a teaching project for his students. The sculpture will be set back free from climbing. There was a community question about the safety of the structure: Tim will ensure that all codes will be followed. The area is a thoroughfare for deer and there is wildlife in the area that needs to be considered. Middle school/high school students might try to climb the artwork which needs to be considered to ensure a safe design. Mary Shaw asked: Is this an active or passive park? It is mostly passive with some area for unstructured play. (The use should be considered when looking at safety of the Sculpture.)
3. Announcements
   1. KPMG Tree Care on Forbes Tuesday, April 19 from 1pm-4pm
   2. Lower Murray Clean Up Event – April 23rd
   3. Mellon Park Arbor Day Celebration Saturday, April 30th

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Ray Baum.

\*Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss Personnel Matters

Adjourn