

**July 11, 2023**  
**Fineview Citizens & Perry Hilltop Citizens' Council**

**Present PHCC:**

President Dwayne Barker (excused)

Vice President Gia Haley

Treasurer: Lukas Bagshaw

Secretary: Janet Gunter

**Present FCC:**

President: Diondre Johnson

Vice President: Jon Hanrahan

Treasurer: Sarah Axtell

Secretary: Greg Manley (excused)

**PHCC Board Members:**

Sally Stadelman

Kim Harriell

Genefie McKnight

Betty Davis

Donna Ilochi

Micki McDonough

Lance McFadden

**FCC Board Members:**

Marsha Moore-Reed

Jerry Gaines

Matt Indovina

Kimberly Lee

Diann Malcom

Jacob Brown

**Staff Also Present:**

Nancy Noszka, Executive Director

Lisa Vasser, Development Assistant

Rhonda Strozier, Operations Manager

Carla Arnold, Engagement Specialist

Christine Whispell, Communications Specialist

Diondre Johnson calls the meeting to order: 6:12

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

**Consent Agenda:** Kim Lee makes a motion to accept the Consent Agenda for FCC. Marsha Moore-Reed seconds the motion; the motion passes for FCC. Betty Davis makes a motion to accept the Consent Agenda for PHCC. Janet Gunter seconds the motion; the motion passes for PHCC.

**Finance - Treasurers' Report:** Discussion of finances and the schedules of the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Hillman Foundation funding sources follows. The Buhl Foundation awarded a sizable grant.

**Executive Director Search:** The motion 07052023, authorization to execute a contract with Consultant Deborah Holland to employ an Executive Director search on behalf of Fineview and Perry Hilltop Citizens' Councils has been passed. Jon Hanrahan makes a motion for FCC to ratify the e-vote for a contract with Consultant Deborah Holland. Kim Lee seconds the vote; the vote passes for FCC. Micki McDonough makes a motion for PHCC to ratify the e-vote for a contract with Consultant Deborah Holland. Lance McFadden seconds the motion; the motion passes for PHCC.

Much discussion follows concerning a potential salary for a permanent Executive Director (ED). The PHCC and FCC Presidents, Treasurers and the Boards' accountant will confer and respond with feedback for recommendations.

**Committee Reports:** Gia Haley describes consultations with the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG) regarding funding for youth activity. Rhonda Strozier talks about the Learn and Earn initiatives and a Youth Advisory Board.

**Housing and Equity:** 252 Kennedy, 21 Lanark and 21 Carrie Streets are discussed. Jon talks about a potential sale of 21 Carrie. Kim makes a motion to proceed to next steps to sell the house. Diann Malcolm seconds the motion; the motion passes.

**Beautification and Culture:** Unity Corner and the Fineview Garden are discussed. The Community Gathering will be canceled for July but there will be an event at Steelworkers Tower. Diann makes a motion to cancel the July Community Gathering. Betty Davis seconds the motion; the motion passes.

Signage at Fineview Overlook: Diann makes a motion to approve the signage design at the Overlook. Jon seconds the motion; the motion passes.

Letters of Support: Requests have been made for Letters of support for the Keystone Main Streets Program, the Friends of Riverview Park and the Northside Partnership Project. It is agreed by both FCC and PHCC to provide Letters of Support for all of these requests.

**Finances Continued:** Diane makes a motion to cancel a specific unused credit card. Kim seconds the motion; the motion passes for FCC. Betty makes a motion to cancel the specific unused credit card. Sally Stadelman seconds the motion; the motion passes for PHCC.

Discussion follows concerning Rhonda's temporary position as an Interim Financial Decision-Making Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01.

A later e-vote was conducted to resolve a temporary financial responsibility issue:

**Approval of Temporary Expenditures and Bank Account Access Authorization:**

Board E-Vote, 7.13.2023

BOARD RESOLUTION: 07132023

**Authorize Emergency/Interim Financial Decision-Making Authority for Rhonda Strozier, Operations Manager**

WHEREAS the Organization recognizes the need to ensure continuous and efficient financial decision-making in the absence of the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors acknowledges the criticality of maintaining operational and financial stability during the Executive Director's absence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors of the Organization hereby authorizes Rhonda Strozier, Operations Manager, to handle and approve financial decisions in the absence of the Executive Director on an emergency and interim basis.

Rhonda Strozier is authorized to perform the following financial activities during the aforementioned interim period:

- a. Approve expenses, vendor payments, and other disbursements, as necessary.
- b. Review and approve budgetary adjustments and reallocations.
- c. Communicate with the Organization's financial institutions, auditors, and other relevant stakeholders as required.
- d. Perform any other financial duties deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Organization during the Executive Director's absence.

Rhonda Strozier's authority as outlined in this resolution shall remain in effect until the return of the Executive Director or until such time as the Board of Directors determines otherwise.

Rhonda Strozier shall exercise her interim financial decision-making authority in accordance with the Organization's established financial policies, guidelines, and best practices.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to review, amend, or revoke this resolution at any time, in its sole discretion.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall supersede any conflicting resolutions or policies previously enacted.

The Organization's Secretary is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to Rhonda Strozier, the Operations Manager, and to retain a copy in the official records of the Organization.

Both boards voted in favor of this resolution; the resolution passed.