**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

Mellon Park Action Plan April 24, 2022

Shady Side Academy DAM June 22, 2022

Fern Hollow Bridge DAM September 6, 2022

Meet the Candidates April 25, 2023

Phipps Garden Center DAM October 19, 2023

PPC Mellon Park DAM January 4, 2024

Audubon Backyard Habitat February 7, 2024

**AGENDAS**

**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Agenda**

**6946 Reynolds Street**

**June 15, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**Approve Minutes from 4/15 Meeting**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Friends of Mellon Park**

**Public Safety Overview**

**Board Member Recruitment**

**RCO**

**Marshall Building**

**Fern Hollow Bridge**

**Reynolds Street Stormwater Management**

**Hello Neighbor Drive**

**Programming** –

* **Community Meeting** – Shady Side School, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
* **Wine and Cheese Night -** 7/15
* **Yard Sale** - 9/17
* **Perennial Swap** - 9/18
* **Fall Festival/ Bonfire** - 10/1
* **LUPB** - 12/3
* **Communications Overview**

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Agenda**

**August 17, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**Approve Minutes from 6/15 Meeting**

**Finance and Fundraising Overview**

**Communications Overview**

**Mellon Park**

**Marshall Building**

**Fern Hollow Bridge**

**Reynolds Street Stormwater Management**

**New Business**

**Old Business**

**Programming** –

* **Wine and Cheese Night** - 7/15
* **Yard Sale** - 9/17
* **Perennial Swap** - 9/18
* **Fall Festival/ Bonfire** - 10/1
* **LUPB** – 12/3
* **Community meeting**

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Agenda**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**October 11, 2022, 6:30 pm**

**Approve Minutes from 8/17 Meetings**

**Presentation on Mobility Hub Installations**

**Yard Sale**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications Overview**

**Mellon Park**

**Board Member Recruitment**

**Fern Hollow Bridge**

**New Business**

**The Frick Letter of Support**

**Programming** –

* **Wine and Cheese Night** - 7/15
* **Yard Sale** - 9/17
* **Perennial Swap** - 9/18
* **Fall Festival/ Bonfire** - 10/1
* **LUPB** – 12/3
* **Community meeting**

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**ANNUAL RETREAT**

**Point Breezeway**

**January 14, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Approve Minutes from October 11, 2022**

**Election of Officers**

**President** – Regina Kakadelis

**Vice President –** Larry Gerson

**Secretary –** Whitney Finnstrom

**Treasurer –** Jennifer Burgher-Seaman

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications Overview**

**Board Member Recruitment**

**Books & Records**

**New Business** –

**Programming** – Set dates so they can be put on website

**2023 Events**

* **Walking Tours w/PH&LF**
* **Marathon Cheer Station** – May 7
* **Wine and Cheese Night** –
* **Porch Crawl/National Night Out/Garden Tour** – 8/1
* **Yard Sale** - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor? – 9/16
* **Perennial Swap** – Jennifer Burgher Seaman – 9/17 (later date?)
* **Fall Festival** – Need chair; no bonfire – Early October
* **LUPB** – Need chair - December 2
* **Print flyers** for events with laser printer on 40lb. paper, no plastic

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**Point Breeze Veterinary Office**

**March 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Approve Minutes from January 14, 2023**

**Board Member & Committee Chair Recruitment**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications Overview**

**Northwest University Civics Research Interview**

**Westinghouse Park**

**Planters**

**Dog Waste Station**

**Community Meetings**

**Meet the Candidates**

**Native Planting/Composting**

**2023 Events**

**Walking Tours w/PH&LF**

**Marathon Cheer Station** – Marie King — May 7

**Wine and Cheese Night** – May/June? Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event — Need chair**

**Porch Crawl/National Night Out/Garden Tour** – August 1 **Need chair**

**Yard Sale —** Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 16, 9 - 3

**Perennial Swap** — October 14, 10 - 1

**Fall Festival** — Diane Eshelman – October 7, 4 - 7

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7 **Need chair**

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**Point Breeze Veterinary Clinic**

**May 11, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Approve Minutes from March 9, 2023**

**Leslie McAllister, Ceremonial**

**Jennifer Adibi**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications Overview**

**Phipps Garden Center**

**Planters**

**VANN**

**Community Meetings**

**Meet the Candidates**

**Native Planting/Composting**

**New Business** –

**2023 Events**

**Marathon Cheer Station** – Marie King — May 7

**Wine and Cheese Night** – June 9, 6 - 9 Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event —** June 9, 6 - 7

**Porch Crawl/National Night Out/Garden Tour** – August 1 **Need chair**

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**Fall Festival** — Diane Eshelman – October 7, 4 - 7

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7 James Snow

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**July 13, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Irish Centre Development**

**Approve minutes from May 11, 2023**

**Event Reports**

**Sharing Neighborhood Information**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications overview**

**Phipps Garden Center**

**Planters**

**Community Meeting**

**Stickers**

**Posting Flyers**

**Terraced Garden**

**Pruning Business District Trees**

**Someone to take care of sandwich boards for fall events**

**2023 Events**

**Wine and Cheese Night** – June 9, 6 - 9 Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event** — June 9, 6 – 7

**Yard Sale** — Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 30, 9 - 3

**Fall Festival** — Diane Eshelman – October 7, 4 – 7

**Perennial Swap** — October 15, 10 - 1

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7 James Snow

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**6742 Reynolds Street ???**

**September 14, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Approve minutes from July 13, 2023**

**Event Reports**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications overview**

**Phipps Garden Center**

**Community Meeting**

**Mellon Park Homeless**

**Westinghouse Park City Historic Designation Letter of Support**

**Terraced Garden**

**Larimer Station East Busway**

**Frick Park City Historic Designation**

**Someone to attend Marshall Mansion Community Meeting, Friday, September 22, from 2:00 – 4:00**

**2023 Events**

**Wine and Cheese Night** – June 9, 6 - 9 Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event** — June 9, 6 – 7

**Yard Sale** — Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 30, 9 - 3

**Fall Festival** — Katie Bulova, Maryann Bacharach, Erik Orange – October 7, 4 – 7

**Perennial Swap** — October 15, 10 - 1

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7 James Snow

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**November 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Approve minutes from September 14, 2023**

**Event Reports**

**Community Meeting**

**Finance and fundraising overview**

**Communications overview**

**Frick Park**

**Phipps Garden Center**

**Terraced Garden**

**DAM PPC Signage & Entrances**

**Board Membership**

**Officers for 2024**

President – Regina Kakadelis

Vice President – Larry Gerson

Secretary – Whitney Finnstrom

Treasurer – Darlene Smith

**2024 Retreat**

**2023 Events**

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7 James Snow

**2024 Events**

**Wine and Cheese Night** –Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event** —

**Yard Sale** — Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor

**Fall Festival** — Katie Bulova, Maryann Bacharach, Erik Orange?

**Perennial Swap** —

**LUPB** — December 7, James Snow

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**MINUTES**

POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION

May 5, 2021 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Attendees: Regina Kakadelis, Larry Gerson, Jennifer Burgher, Seaman, Kathy Farrington, Ed Wrenn, Omoye Aikhuele

Approve Minutes from Board Meeting March - Minutes were not available.

Guests were introduced:

• Ed Wrenn - Sustainable Gardening Event: - is involved in several environmental initiatives, including sustainable gardening and would like to come to one of our board meetings to talk about an event on the

topic. The Board Agreed to look into this activity.

• Omoye Aikhuele, New to Point Breeze, interested in PBO after recently joining our email list.

Community Meeting:- Topic: Fair Districts Will be held on May 12

Finance and fundraising overview - Regina Kakadelis – financial statement was presented showing total fund of $6,863.65 in the PBO bank account.

• “Love Your Block” grant - the Grant has been finalized. The Herb Society will be holding a tour on September 20.

Westinghouse Park Master Plan Design Overview - Kathy, Regina, Don, Larry - Board members met with the Gavin White of the Pittsburgh Parks Department about ideas to improve Westinghouse Park. The survey put out by the City was discussed. Further meetings with Community stakeholders will be held. The focus was on building a sense of community that encompasses all park users. We've also been calling it "community engagement." The relationship between Westinghouse Park and Homewood Park, directly across the busway, is enormously significant. Environmental Stewardship: Being responsive to the role of nature in human health and happiness, and recognizing the importance of the Park's location in the Negley Run Watershed.

• Recreation: This is broadly defined as everything from organized sports such as basketball to bird watching, and everything in between.

• Historic and Cultural Significance: Not only the home and workshop of George Westinghouse, but also the cultural significance of activities like the Westinghouse High School promenade.

We hope to have a Summer Community Meeting about the Action Plan

Public Safety Overview - Regina has been attending these on line meetings monthly. There is a strong emphasis by the Bureau of Police that we should be careful to lock our cars and houses to help avoid theft.

Programming -

Summer Food Drive - July 4th - we are preparing another collection of food, diapers and hygiene products and pet supplies for July 4

Community Meeting - Summer - Mellon Park Action Plan - Regina

Wine and Cheese Night - Whitney Finnstrom - June?

Volunteer Appreciation - Jennifer Burgher Seaman - possibly picnic in

the park? In Summer?

Yard Sale - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor - September 18

Perennial Swap - Jennifer Burgher Seaman - September 19

Fall Festival/ Bonfire - Bea Doheny - October 2

LUPB - Regina, Kathy - December 4

Communications Overview - website, Facebook (Lisa Valentino), NextDoor.

Next Meeting: July 13th.

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**Point Breeze Organization**

**Board Meeting – July 13, 2021**

**Larry’s Gerson’s office**

**Present**: Kathy Farrington, Don Gross, Jen Burgher Seaman, Larry Gerson

**Meeting Called to Order**: at 6:30pm by Kathy.

Names in **Bold** and **Underlined** are action needed by person.

**Guest Speaker:** Barbara Villanova from Frick Park Lawn Bowling cancelled.

Kathy would like to have a PBO board meeting August 24, 2021. Lots to discuss with events happening. Hopefully by then new recruits from the Wine and Cheese and Volunteer Appreciation night will join us.

**Frick Park Market**: PBO will talk with Dave and Katie, new owners of FPM, about being involved with their opening sometime in October.

Larry brought up if PBO will promote the FPM opening then PBO should promote all Pt. Breeze business openings. Board thought this was a good idea and will discuss this in the August meeting.

**Ed Wrenn’s sustainable garden**: Regina and Kathy toured Ed’s home garden last week. ***Kathy*** will ask Ed if he would like to speak at our next community meeting. Ed is a member of the Wild Ones organization which has local chapters around the country.  Ed would like to start a Wild Ones local chapter in Pittsburgh, but needs a certain number paying members to be certified.

***Jen*** will ask Ed if PBO could be a member, $40, and would help promote Wild Ones on PBO’s social medias and PBO would allow Ed to have a table at events.

**Roundabout at Murtland and Reynolds**: Is a giant weed pit. ***Don*** will ask Howard Aiken on advice on what should be planted, preferably perennials. PBO will discuss paying for plants. Larry offer plants and maybe the plant swap will have perennials.

**Finances**: Regina submitted as of 6/30/21, PBO has $6,767.12

**Mellon Park**: Phipps moving ahead with getting a new 25-year lease. PBO and FOMP would like to review this lease before it is signed and hoping Erika Strassburger can arrange this.  Mellon Park is having 2 action planning meetings on 7/21 and 7/22. Gavin White, community projects manager for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy would be a speaker at our next community meeting.

**Community Meeting**: ***Don*** will call the Frick to see if PBO can hold their next community meeting sometime late September. Gavin White, Park conservancy and Ed Wrenn, sustainable gardens, would be speakers. Will discuss community meeting at PBO’s next meeting in August.

**Wine and Cheese Event**:  Friday July 23rd 6-9:00pm at the Stephen Hankin Gallery. Whitney and Don met with Stephen and Janice to plan the event. Board suggested that the cheese and grapes, etc. should be prepared with creative single servings on plates due to Covid. Flyers are posted and the event has been placed on Next Door and sent to PBO emails. Guitar player will be present and paid for by Stephen and Janice.

**Volunteer Appreciation event**: Jen reported event is August 5th at the Point Breezeway.  Jen will produce door hangers to place on homes of new PB homeowners in the past 2 years. Don will bring a CD player with speakers for music unless the Point Breezeway can supply music. Kathy will bring Jazz and other cds. Leftovers from the W & C event will be saved for this event. Board members should send Jen names of neighbors that should be invited, especially neighbors that would love to join the board!

**Yard Sale**:  Saturday 9/18. ***Kathy*** will contact Louise Taylor to see if another co-chair will be needed in the event Lisa Valentino is unable to chair.

**Perennial Plant Swap**: Sunday 9/19 on Lyndhurst Green lot. Jen will be coordinating event.

**Fall Festival**: Saturday 10/2, Sterrett Field. PBO is waiting to see if the “Love Your Block” grant will come through with money. If not, PBO will discuss at the next board meeting ways to cut Bonfire costs. Bea Doheny and Maggie Cook will be hosts hopefully.

**LUPB**: Saturday 12/4 on Reynolds Street. Regina and Kathy will co-chair event

**Communications Overview**: Facebook Administrator - ***Don*** will contact Swain for instructions on how to make Kathy an administrator.

Meeting ended around 7:30pm.

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**Point Breeze Organization Minutes**

**Board Meeting – October 7, 2021**

**Location: Larry Gerson’s Office, 6740 Reynolds**

**Present**: Kathy Farrington, Don Gross, Jen Burgher Seaman, Larry Gerson, Regina Kakadelis, Whitney Finnstrom, and Swain Uber

**Meeting Called to Order**: at 6:30pm by Kathy.

Names in **Bold** and **Underlined** are action needed by person.

**Frick Park Market**: Market hasn’t yet opened. Event at the market will occur on December 4 simultaneously with the LUPB event.

**Finances**: Regina submitted as of 9/30/21, PBO has $6,304.43.  A PayPal connection will be established on PBO’s website.

**Public Safety Overview** - Regina reported out.  Zone 4 meetings are every 3rd Thursday at the JCC at 6:30.

**Programming** -

* **Mellon Park Action Plan** - Regina, Kathy

Next meeting will be October 16 @ 10:00 AM. Gavin White has left.  There is an RK Mellon grant of $250,000 and an extension was requested.

* **Yard Sale** - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor - September 18. Big success.  127 participants-a record.
* **Perennial Swap** - Jennifer Burgher Seaman - September 19. Also a big success.  Lots of participation.
* **Fall Festival/ Bonfire** - Bea Doheny - wait until next year

• **LUPB** - Regina, Kathy - December 4. Need volunteers to assist with lights and setup.

**Communications Overview** - website, Facebook - need to be added as Admin., NextDoor.

Meeting ended around 7:30pm.

**Next Meeting**: December 7, 2021.  Location TBD.

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**PBO Tuesday, November 10, 2021**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**6:30 PM – Zoom**

**Attendees: Regina Kakadelis, Larry Gerson, Wil Sanders, Jennifer Burgher Seaman, Kathy Farrington, Swain Uber, Whitney Finnstrom**

Approve Minutes: the Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**Finance and fundraising Overview** - Regina Kakadelis - we have $6334 in funds with $1200 needed from insurance and electric bills next year.

**Donations to PBO this year**: Instead of requesting donations this year, we should have a drive for charitable contributions. We will be considering the following:

* ask people to donate for food, diaper supplies and animal supplies to PBO
* combine with a holiday lights contest along with donations
* decisions on what form of donations — food, etc. or gift cards

**Friends of Mellon Park Overview -** Larry Gerson and Regina Kakadelis **-** Mellon Park has received a recommendation for City historic status which will now go to City Council for approval.

“Neighborway” on Reynolds St.- since the Neighborway is already underway, it was regarded as PBO having no concern about this as it seems to be more popular than not.

**RCO - Kathy -** RCO documentation has been submitted and we are still waiting for a response. Submitted additional documents last week and was promised 2 week turnaround.

**Recruit New Board Members —** it was agreed that we should ask likely people if they would be interested in joining our Board and having a Virtual cocktail party (?) as a “Meet and Greet”

**Programming -**

* Holiday Lights - will be lit up on Reynolds St. on the Sunday after Thanksgiving**.**
* **Holiday Lights Drive** - many be combined with donations. To be decided.
* **Community meeting ideas -** Swain suggested we have a Zoom Community Meeting in late November early December over the worsening air quality in Pittsburgh. He will contact the appropriate agencies to see their availability as well as Council.
* **Volunteer Appreciation** -Jenn wishes to send out cards to volunteers. Will may be able to assist her with the addresses. Jenn to send Will the list.
* **Perennial swap -** Jenn - was a success and we rec’d $78 in donations.

**Next Meeting Date: we will have our annual Retreat on January 16.**

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**Point Breeze Organization Minutes**

**Board Retreat – January 16, 2022**

**9 am - 12 pm**

**Location: 602 South Lang Ave.**

**Present**: Kathy Farrington, Don Gross, Jen Burgher Seaman, Larry Gerson, Swain Uber, Regina Kakadelis, and Whitney Finnstrom

9 AM **–** Breakfast

10-10:05 Approved Minutes from October 2021 and December 2021

10:05 - 11 - Discussed the future of PBO:

* Need to recruit additional Board Members and getting more engagement and volunteers so that we can continue to have the events and activities that we will have had previously in 2022 and to also add additional activities and events if possible.
* Suggestions for Additional Board Members and/or volunteers - “Meet and Greet”
* One theme could be to strengthen ties with the North Point Breeze Organization and other neighborhood organizations
* Additional food and clothing drives?
* more Community Meetings?

11:00 - 11:15 Finance and fundraising overview - Regina Kakadelis

As of 12/31/21: Roughly $4,300 in revenue (including a $2,500 grant) and $4,700 in expenses

11:15 - 11:45 Friends of Mellon Park - Regina Kakadelis, Larry Gerson

• Arbor Day in Mellon Park – Saturday, April 30 from 11-2 (official Arbor Day is Friday, April 29); we have committed to a table - 11:45 - 12:00 - Streetscape and Green Stormwater Infrastructure

12:00 - 12:30 - Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 - Programming - Dates, Volunteer Recruiting, Budgets

* Marathon Cheering Station May 1- Marie King
* Wine and Cheese Night - Whitney Finnstrom – likely in July
* Volunteer Appreciation May 5- Jennifer Burgher Seaman – need volunteers
* Porch Crawl - need chair - should we still have this event?
* Yard Sale - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor
* Perennial Swap - Jennifer Burgher Seaman
* Fall Festival/ Bonfire -Bea Doheny
* LUPB – December 3 - Regina, Kathy

1:30 - 2:00 pm - Communications Overview - Kelsey Branch - website, Facebook (Lisa Valentino), NextDoor, social media

Equipment Storage: Possibility of having one central storage space.

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POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION

March 10, 2022 Board Meeting

Larry Gerson’s Office

6742 Reynolds St., 6:30 pm

Attendees: Larry Gerson, Regina Kakadelis, Swain Uber, Kathy Farrington, Guests: Barbara Vilanova, David Gancy, David Bear, Viv Shaffer

Frick Park Market is open: David Gancy, the owner, outlined his impressive background as a chef. The Market has opened to favorable reviews.

Sustainable Gardens - Ed Wrenn - Ed has planned a tour of native plant gardens in June or July.

“Good Neighbor” Postings - we will hear from the Parks Conservancy about the important of keeping dogs leashed and good neighbor dog car.

Finance and fundraising overview – Regina presented the Financial reports for January and February showing a

balance of $6,499.56.

Festival Grant for 2022 - Kathy has corresponded with Erika Strassburger about possible funds for community festivals this year.

Friends of Mellon Park - Regina Kakadelis, Larry Gerson Arbor Day Celebration - PBO will participate in the Arbor Day event on April 30. We will have a content which will have a reward of “The Magic and Mystery of Trees” book.

Public Safety Overview - Regina - residents are again warned to keep their cars locked and also to call 911 when a car is blocking their driveway.

Hello Neighbor - Regina has been volunteering at this organization which assists immigrants. She suggested that PBO organize a backpack donation for the organization.

Reynolds St. Stormwater Management - Kathy Farrington - still hoping for a meeting on this

Programming -

• Community Meeting - Mellon Park Action Plan - March 24 , Regina, Kathy

• Marathon Cheering Station - Chair: Marie King - April 30

• Wine and Cheese Night - Whitney Finnstrom -date is undecided as yet

• Volunteer Appreciation - Jennifer Burgher Seaman - May 5

• Sustainable Garden Tour - Ed Wrenn - June 25

• Yard Sale - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor - September 17

• Perennial Swap - Jennifer Burgher Seaman - September 18

• Fall Festival/ Bonfire - Bea Doheny - October 8

• LUPB - Regina, Kathy - December 3

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Minutes of Point Breeze Organization meeting April 14, 2022.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of March 10 meeting were approved.

Attending—Kathleen Farrington, Larry Gerson, Jennifer Seaman, Kelsey Branch, Regina Kakadelis, Ed Wrenn.

Regina reported that the PBO bank account balance is $6,499.56.

Arbor Day event in Mellon Park was discussed. Kathleen and Jennifer can be at the table. PBO will give out seeds and hold a drawing for a children’s book about trees.

Board member recruitment was discussed. It was agreed that it is important to encourage more residents to become involved. This will be done at the VANN event and at the Arbor Day event. Larry is going to speak with some Reynolds Street merchants.

Fern Hollow Bridge Collective has asked neighborhood organizations to share information about the bridge plan with their email lists, as well as to place their logo on the UpstreamPgh page. The board agreed to do this. Swain will take over as contact with the collective.

Larry and Regina met with Tony Igwe and Rebecca Zito (PWSA), Lisa Ceoffe (City of Pittsburgh), Jeff Bergman (Western Pennsylvania Conservancy), and Emily Yonan and DaVonn Brown (Strassburger). It was determined at that meeting that there is interest by all parties in moving forward with studying the need for stormwater management on Reynolds and perhaps making this project a model for neighborhood-scale stormwater projects. Possibilities include new trees, lighting, and sidewalks, as well as stormwater mitigation. Erika’s staff will confirm with her that she will be the  City official who will champion the project. PBO would have the task of hosting community meetings and getting information about the project, if there is one, to the public.

The board agreed that PBO would support some type of neighborhood litter cleanup through Allegheny Greenways.

The board agreed that PBO would hold a backpack drive for Hello Neighbor. Regina will contact them to get specifics.

Phipps has received a $250,000 grant from DCNR for Garden Center renovation. The renovations listed in the grant application include “replacement of roof and mechanical upgrades, restoration of greenhouse roof glass, installation of solar panels and shade structures, ADA access, landscaping, project sign, and other related site improvements.” These activities will most likely trigger Historic Review Commission and Art Commission hearings, which would trigger a Development Activities Meeting (DAM) with PBO before any public hearings are held.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**6946 Reynolds Street (Don Gross)**

**June 15, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

Present: Don Gross, Jen Burgher Seaman, Larry Gerson, Regina Kakadelis, and Whitney Finnstrom

Minutes from 4/15 Meeting were approved.

Finance and fundraising overview – Jennifer

Balance of $6,376.96 as of 05.31.22

Discussion: past bonfires raise around $1,000 (with sponsors)

Friends of Mellon Park – Regina, Larry  - The Marshall Building is being upgraded using $1.1 M of ARPA funds. The City had a stage that has been decommissioned. Currently renting a stage for $17K for the concerts. The Parks Conservancy is heading up the plan for the park.  The final plan will ID projects broken down by category. Endorsement of the framework: Larry proposed it and Jennifer seconded.  Unanimous agreement.

Public Safety Overview – Regina  - Meetings are back in the JCC (in person).

Board Member Recruitment – Don: Need a community meeting to get new members; fundraising

RCO – Shady Side Academy Addition Zoom meeting scheduled for June 22, 6:00 p.m.

Fern Hollow Bridge – Swain  - No report.

Reynolds Street Stormwater Management – Larry - There was a meeting in April.  No obvious lead in the process.  Erika (Councilwoman Strassburger) needs to take the lead. There are watershed issues at Linden and Hastings.  Edgerton grates are being installed.

Programming –

•      Community Meeting – Shady Side School, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

•      Wine and Cheese Night - Whitney

•      Yard Sale - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor - 9/17

•      Perennial Swap - Jennifer Burgher Seaman – 9/18

•      Fall Festival/ Bonfire – 10/1; Bea Doheny has applied for the Community Festival Grant

•      LUPB - Regina, Kathy - December 4

•      Communications Overview - Kelsey Branch

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 17, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

Present: Don Gross, Jen Burgher Seaman, Larry Gerson, Regina Kakadelis, Swain Uber, and Whitney Finnstrom

Approve Minutes from 6/15 Meeting: approved

Finance and fundraising overview – Jennifer - Balance as of 07.01.22: $6,381.43; the Wine and Cheese event raised over $800

Communications Overview - Kelsey Branch - No report.  Kelsey was unable to attend.

Mellon Park – Larry & Regina

Over $30,000 has been raised for new trees. A few older trees will be removed (six will be saved)

Board Member Recruitment  –  Darlene Lercher

Christine Honan, Saint Bede, will do Instagram, Facebook, & Nextdoor

Need someone to keep an eye on PBO activities to update Kelsey & social media volunteers

Fern Hollow Bridge – Swain - There will be a public art component to the project.  Stayed tuned for updates.

New Business Discussion–

* Advertise all businesses? Lauren from Point Breezeway asked us to send an email about the coffee window reopening.
* Add page to website about City/other programs? Example is posting information about the Housing Opportunity Fund or Citizens Police Academy
* Saint Bede has offered us their campus and community room and is interested in some sort of community collaboration with PBO.  Swain and Don will work on this.
* PBO has been invited to have a table at the What’s the Point .5K?  October 1, Westinghouse Park
* Facebook account passwords/admin

Programming –

* Wine and Cheese Night - Whitney – event took place on 7/15.  Great attendance and fundraising.
* Yard Sale - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor - 9/17
* Perennial Swap - Jennifer Burgher Seaman – 9/18
* Fall Festival/ Bonfire – 10/1; Bea Doheny received $1,000 Community Festival Grant; bonfire costs about $2,000; between City grant and sponsors, they don’t expect to ask PBO for funds
* LUPB - Regina, Kathy - December 4
* Community meeting – Discuss topics for fall meeting or wait until spring?
* 2023 event dates so we can include on handouts
  + Wine and Cheese Night – July
  + Yard Sale – September 16
  + Perennial Swap – September 17
  + Fall Festival – October
  + Light up Point Breeze – December 2

Next Meeting:  October 11, 2022

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**October 11, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**Present**: Don Gross, Larry Gerson, Swain Uber, Kelsey Branch, and Whitney Finnstrom

**Approve Minutes from 6/15 and 8/17 Meetings:** approved (Swain made an motion; Kelsey seconded)

**Finance and fundraising overview** – Jennifer was absent but had sent the income and expenses in advance of the meeting; Balance as of 09.30.22: $8,933.88; Bonfire donations over $2,400

**Mellon Park** – no report

**Board Member Recruitment** –Meet & Greet event will be on October 25 @ 6:30 @ the East End Brewery

**New Business** –

* Spring art contest for planters (March?)
* Purchase additional table (approx. $70 at Costco)
* Community meetings 2023 (redistricting/election?)

**The Frick Letter of Support** – PBO provided a letter of support on September 19 for The Frick’s efforts to procure a $3 million PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant to restore, repaint, and illuminate the exterior of Clayton.

**Programming** –

**2022**

* **LUPB** – Regina, Kathleen – December 3, 5:00 – 7:00; need board volunteers

**2023**

* **Wine and Cheese Night** - Whitney and Don? – July
* **Yard Sale** - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor? – 9/16
* **Perennial Swap** - Jennifer Burgher Seaman – 9/17 (later date?)
* **Fall Festival** – Need volunteer; no bonfire – Early October
* **LUPB** - Regina, Kathleen? - December 2

**Next Meeting**:  January 14 (retreat)

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**ANNUAL RETREAT MINUTES**

**Point Breezeway**

**January 14, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Approve Minutes from October 11, 2022

Larry moved to approve the minutes; Don seconded.  All approved.

Election of Officers

President – Regina Kakadelis

Vice President – Larry Gerson

Secretary – Whitney Finnstrom

Treasurer – Jennifer Burgher-Seaman

Larry made a motion to accept the slate. Kelsey seconded. Full board approved.

Discussion about inviting former board members back into PBO.

**Finance and fundraising overview** – Jennifer; discussed Zelle as a donation option

**Report:**

* Review of 2022 Year End summary. Final ending balance will be reported soon.  Most costs related to activities and events.
* Costs for basic maintenance: insurance, etc. PBO is under $25,000, but still must complete IRS form 990-N. Zoom account will be cancelled and moved to an “as-needed” basis.
* Could put out a fundraising letter/notice in advance of events during the second quarter
* Need to announce at each gathering that PBO is sponsoring the event and would welcome donations.
* Update the website to highlight donors (businesses). Jen will work on a sticker that businesses can place in their windows. Jen will contact Clockwise about the stickers/logos. Kelsey will ask Tina about designing a logo.

**Communications Overview** – Kelsey Branch

Facebook access – Swain & Don

Website review to update pages – Don agreed to review website and send needed updates to Kelsey

**Report:**

* Need to consider a Square account. Kelsey will get the log in for the account.  Kelsey opened a Next Door account (25 followers).
* PBO has an Instagram account. 217 followers at this time.
* Jen will take care of Instagram.  Could have a PBO “dog of the day” set of pictures.  Would generate interest.
* Webpage is outdated. Has old Lang address on the website.  Will now be 510 Gettysburg street. Donors will be placed on the site. Remove old businesses.  Need to list more activities. Don will let Kelsey know about needed updates.

**Board Member Recruitment** –  List tasks we need people to do and areas of expertise needed.

**Books & Records** – Begin keeping all financial records and minutes in Drive. (Secretary and Treasurer)

**New Business** –

* Spring art contest for planters?
  + Ask art teachers at St. Bede and Sterret.  The City would have to approve via the art commission. Seven planters.
  + Kelsey and Jen will work on plantings for the seven planters.
  + Whitney will check with City on painting the planters.
* Purchase banner for table?
  + Yes-we should get one.
* Community meetings 2023? (District 9 meet the candidates-March 7 is registration deadline, other topics)
  + Meet the candidates community meeting (after March 7).  Sterrett or the Marshall building could be sites (as well as Frick). Will check on the Marshall building (Swain will check on availability).  March 20-24 is a possible timeframe for the meeting.
  + Invite the Point Breeze North DC to the meeting

Possible early May community meeting:

* Composting could be the focus of the next community meeting; Recycling could be part of the discussion; could have the police; invite Penn State ext. (Larry will ask); Whitney will check on a master gardener (Leslie Kaplan); Shadyside Worms-Kelsey will check.
* Participate in Arbor Day? April 29, 11 – 1
  + PBO participated last year with a table
  + PBO will have a table this year; Friends of Mellon Park is the organizer
  + Whitney and Kelsey will help at the table; Jen will also assist
  + Tree tending course is being offered March 18 (Tree PGH)

**Programming** – Set dates so they can be put on website

**2023 Events**

* **Walking Tours w/PH&LF**
  + Regina will check with PH&LF
* **Marathon Cheer Station** – May 7
  + Marie King is an organizer
* **Wine and Cheese Night** – Whitney and Don? – July
  + Whitney and Don will organize; Don will check with Steven and Janice Hankin for a date in May/June
* **Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event**
  + Not an advertised event; date will be determined based on the date of the Wine and Cheese event
* **Porch Crawl/National Night Out/Garden Tour** – 8/1
  + National Night Out: Five block parties consecutively
  + Discuss at the May community meeting
  + Block party concept: “Circle to Circle”
* **Yard Sale** - Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor? – 9/16
  + Undetermined
* **Perennial Swap** – Jennifer Burgher Seaman – 9/17 (later date?)
  + Calls to have it later in the season; Saturday, October 14, 10-1 @ Lyndhurst Green
* **Fall Festival** – Need chair; no bonfire – Early October
  + October 7, 4-7 PM
  + Don is meeting with Mary Beth-she is finished with the project
  + No one yet identified for this project
* **LUPB** – Need chair - December 2, 5-7 PM
  + Need to determine
* **Print flyers** for events with laser printer on 40lb. paper, no plastic

**Luncheon** – Board and potential volunteers

**Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.**

6:30 p.m. March 9 September 14

May 11 November 9

July 13

**Phipps:**

Larry spoke with the new director. Richard sent an email.  Would like PBO’s engagement.  PBO will go to Phipps at 2. Friends of Mellon Park (Larry and Regina). Goal: redo the current building and the Scaife garage. The City owns the land-leased to the Phipps.

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION**

**Meeting minutes**

**Point Breeze Veterinary Office**

**March 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Regina Kakadelis, Jennifer Burgher-Seaman, Larry Gerson, Whitney Finnstrom, Diane Eshelman, Darlene Smith, James Snow

**Minutes from January 14, 2023**

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes; Larry seconded.  All approved.

**Finance and fundraising overview** – Jennifer; Zoom has charged PBO for a year of service, but this was canceled last year. Jennifer will follow up with Kathleen Farrington to get this straightened out.

PNC balance: $7,141.35 (as of 2/23)

**Communications Overview**

Jennifer will investigate making a sticker for donors and/or merchants. Instagram (no update); talked about doing a summary information email blast (every month?) on upcoming events.

James will work on updating the social media sites; Regina will provide the log in information for updates.

**Westinghouse Park**

Earth Month Event April 1, 12:00 – 3:00; PBO will participate: Jennifer and Darlene will assist. Parks Conservancy is sponsoring the event (James Snow)

**Planters**

Kelsey & Jennifer—plants/seeds for planters; when to plant

Whitney— Will follow-up on City approval for painting the planters; James will check with Erica Strassburger’s office

**Dog Waste Station**—PBO won’t pursue this at this time

**Community Meetings**

**Meet the Candidates**

Likely mid-April event; Regina will check with Kathryn Vargas on the Marshall Building; Larry will check with Khari Mosely and Khadijah Harris

Structure of meeting: Presentation and a Q&A session; 5-10 minute presentation from each candidate

**Native Planting/Composting**

Possibly in early May

Larry—Penn State Extension Speaker

Whitney--will try again to ask Master Gardener Leslie Kaplan

**Sharing Community Information** — Do we want to share via email or on website? Examples: Morningside Softball, PCA events. At this point, will only email public safety and PBO information.

**Arbor Day**— April 29, 11 AM-2 PM; Whitney and Kelsey will attend the PBO table (Jen will provide seeds to distribute)

**2023 Events**

**Walking Tours w/PH&LF**

Regina — PH&LF (They aren’t doing one in 2023 because of the seminary 100th anniversary celebration.

                  We may be able to collaborate with discount or early ticket purchase in 2024.)

**Marathon Cheer Station** – Marie King — May 7; has applied for permit

**Wine and Cheese Night** – May/June? Not sure (yet)

Whitney and Don will meet with Steven and Janice week of March 14 to set the date

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event -**

Jennifer — need assistance with door hangers, etc. event will likely be at Speak Breezy; date to be set (will set once the Wine and Cheese event date is set)

**Porch Crawl/National Night Out/Garden Tour** – August 1: garden tour might be the best option (but combine the three into one event)

**Yard Sale  —** Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 16, 9 - 3

**Perennial Swap** – October 14, 10 – 1 (Jen)

**Fall Festival** – Diane Eshelman will work on this project: October 7, 4 – 7; April 14 is the deadline for the city’s permit; other PBO members will assist

**LUPB** – December 2, 5-7

James Snow will chair; Larry and Regina will assist

**Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.**

6:30 p.m. March 9 September 14

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**Point Breeze Veterinary Clinic**

**May 11, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

In attendance were Jennifer Adibi, James Snow, Darlene Smith, Diane Eshelman, Don Gross, Swain Uber, Larry Gerson, Kelsey Branch, Regina Kakadelis

Minutes from March 9, 2023, were approved.

Jennifer Adibi was a guest and suggested that there may be a way to bring the various neighborhood groups in District 9 together, at least to get to know one another. Possible participants would be the Point Breeze Organization, Point Breeze North Development Corporation, Larimer Consensus Group, District 9 City Councilperson, and others. The initial goal would be to get to know each other and discuss issues that are important to all of District 9. Also perhaps the District 9 councilperson would create a quarterly newsletter. Jennifer will speak with other organizations and report to the board.

Finance and fundraising overview

The current balance in the PNC checking account is $6,643.22. Liability insurance premium was paid in March.

Communications Overview

James has begun a review and update of the website.

Jennifer was not present. Instagram will be addressed at the July meeting.

Phipps Garden Center

Larry reported that PBO was invited to a meeting on May 1 in which Phipps presented its current plan to refurbish the Garden Center and the Scaife Garage. The plan was received well by all in attendance: there will be no increase in the buildings’ footprints, roof solar panels will not be visible from the park, it will not be an event space, the building will be open to the public when Phipps is participating in park events. Phipps will now move ahead with detailed plans. There will be community meetings in the future.

Planters

Jennifer would like to plant nasturtium and purple flowered oregano. She has seeds. The board is in agreement.

VANN

Board members who will be able to assist are Diane, Larry, and Regina.

Community Meetings

Native Planting/Composting – Kelsey will ask Shadyside Worms if they would participate. Larry will ask Penn State Extension once we have a couple of dates to offer. Perhaps ask Shiloh Farms and Jerome at Operation Better Block (see if he can get his Junior Green Corps involved). Discuss dates at next meeting.

Fern Hollow Bridge

Swain reported that there will be community meetings to discuss what will be done to preserve the ecosystem beneath the bridge, as well as the artwork.

Stickers

A small order of PBO stickers was approved. The updated logo will be used.

Terraced Garden

Friends of Mellon Park requested that PBO share a  letter to raise funds for the Terraced Garden. The board agreed to this, but will wait for information from Friends of Mellon Park.

2023 Events

Marathon Cheer Station – Marie King — May 7

Marie reported that the site had changed from Penn Avenue to Fifth and Beechwood. This wasn’t good in terms of neighborhood participation. The old site allowed for residents from both sides of Penn Avenue to participate and cheer. It was also a quieter area, so the cheers and signs were more noticeable by the runners. Fifth & Beechwood was a relay exchange point, and many runners and observers thought the PBO tent was an official race station with information and times. Marie also reported that the Neighborhood Festival grant (which the Cheer Station has received in the past) wasn’t offered this year and will not be offered in the future. She has usually spent about $800 because those funds were available. The board agreed to continue to support the Cheer Station, but not at that level. Regina will ask her to propose a budget. The Cheer Station received $90 in donations.

Wine and Cheese Night – June 9, 6 - 9  Whitney and Don

Don reported that he and Whitney are working on the event and have arranged for live music.

Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event — June 9, 6 – 7

Door hangers to new neighbors have been delivered and an email has been sent to volunteers. Jennifer, Darlene, Larry, and Regina will be at this event and encourage attendees to go to the Hankin Gallery afterwards.

Fall Festival

Diane reported that a grant has been applied for.  Katie Bulova will assist her in planning the event. There will be no bonfire this year. Don mentioned that he knows several people who would like to plan the bonfire portion of the event in 2024.

Yard Sale  — Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 16, 9 - 3

Perennial Swap  — October 14, 10 - 1

Fall Festival — Diane Eshelman – October 7, 4 - 7

LUPB — December 2, 5 - 7  James Snow

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.        July 13   September 14         November 9

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**July 13, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

In attendance were Larry Gerson, Darlene Smith, Diane Eshelman, Jennifer Burgher Seaman, Regina Kakadelis, Vicki Yann, and Rebecca Kulp.

Minutes from the May 11, 2023, meeting were approved.

Vicki and Rebecca spoke about the proposed development at the Irish Centre. They stated that the site is zoned Park and is meant to be a buffer between Frick Park and more dense development. It is surrounded by park on three sides. The developer is requesting four variances: 1. to multi-unit residential for 162 units with 182 parking spaces; 2. increase maximum height from 40 feet to 87 feet; 3. increase density from 1.33-1 (sq ft of floor space to square feet of land); 4. install a retaining wall greater than 10 feet. There is no public transportation near the site. No decision has been made about whether the units will be rentals or condos. No provision will be made for affordable housing. Many organizations have concerns about traffic, the safety of trail users, parking, water/sediment runoff into Nine Mile Run. One parking garage would be on the hairpin turn, the other across from the park exit. Walnut Towers is not zoned Park and is only 87 units. The next Zoning Board meeting will be on August 3 at 9:30 a.m. PBO was asked to write a letter of support for stopping the development. If that’s not possible, they asked that we share information about the development with our email list.

Larry moved that PBO may share information and/or take a position on issues that affect shared neighborhood resources, and will address future issues on a case-by-case basis. Darlene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Event Reports** – Fall Festival (Diane) we received a grant and have a band; waiting to confirm date(s) with Sterrett; October 14 was selected as a rain date.

VANN (Jennifer) was a success; better attendance than last year; better food purchases

Wine & Cheese was very well-attended and netted $554.37 for PBO

Yard Sale date change & date selection process – Larry agreed to make sure holidays aren’t chosen

Perennial Swap – Jennifer will take house plants to sell

It was agreed that sharing neighborhood information about situations like the anti-semitic fliers last month would be shared with our email list, but that the board would make decisions on a case-by-case basis. Regina will create a group text and use that rather than email to encourage participation in making these decisions.

PNC balance as of June 30 is $7,034.44. See attached for detail.

James (website); Jennifer (Instagram) weren’t able to make reports. Will continue to September meeting.

A summary of the Phipps Garden Center plan is attached.

Jennifer is going to maintain the planters. Larry mentioned wrapping them as an alternative to paint.

Kelsey was not present but she has a company that may come to a community meeting for composting; will carry the discussion over to the September meeting. Larry made several calls to Penn State Extension to get composting information, but received no response.

Wine & Cheese fliers that were printed on heavier paper on a laser printer and fliers that were in a plastic sleeve were compared. Both held up well. It was agreed that PBO will not use plastic on fliers. Larry pointed out that staples and tacks are dangerous for linemen and shouldn’t be used on telephone poles. We did some research and this is accurate. Even the staples can pose a risk. We should use tape or string. Regina moved to stop using plastic sleeves when posting fliers. Jennifer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends of Mellon Park is raising funds to pay for a study to determine whether the Terraced Garden can be saved. It is currently dangerous. The goal is to stabilize and possibly restore some areas, but not to the Gilded Age standard of the Mellons. FOMP has asked PBO to share their fundraising letter. Jennifer moved that PBO share the FOMP Terraced Garden fundraising letter with our email list. Darlene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry will contact the City to see if the business district trees can be pruned.

Regina & Stratis expect to be out of town for the Yard Sale, Fall Festival, and Perennial Swap. They will prepare the sandwich board signs, but someone will need to be responsible for setting them up, taking them down, and changing the signs for the various events. We will address this at the September meeting.

**2023 Events**

**Wine and Cheese Night** – June 9, 6 - 9  Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event** — June 9, 6 – 7

**Yard Sale**  — Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor – September 30, 9 - 3

**Fall Festival** — Diane Eshelman – October 7, 4 – 7 (rain date October 14)

**Perennial Swap**  — October 15, 10 - 1

**LUPB** — December 2, 5 - 7  James Snow

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

 September 14         November 9

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**September 14, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Regina Kakadelis, Larry Gerson**,** Whitney Finnstrom**,** Jennifer Burgher-Seaman, James Snow, Don Gross, Darlene Smith, Swain Uber (by phone)

Minutes from the July 13, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

**Finance and fundraising overview** – Jennifer

No new donations were received. Zelle is an option and easy to use. There was discussion of phasing out of Paypal because of the transaction fees. Donations could be made by cash, check, or Zelle. Whitney made a motion and Larry seconded to begin the phaseout after 12/31/23. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Communications overview** – James is reformatting the website. He is going through it and updating all of the pages. Jennifer will take over Instagram. She is trying to get the login from Kelsey.

**Mellon Park** – Larry shared that there is a new plan to  square off the front are of the Phipps Garden Center. The new plan has checked boxes of most of the community’s  concerns. Phipps is being respectful of existing trees. They have asked Friends of Mellon Park about the daughter’s gate near the parking lot. That wall needs to be restored due to adjoining wall issues. No bathrooms will be available to the public, except when there are large events in the park. They are currently available in the Marshall Building, but those are not currently ADA accessible. Whitney is to ask for a copy of the lease from city law. City needs to deal with the parking lots, sidewalks, etc.

FOMP raised over $24K for a study of the Terraced Garden to determine the condition of the walls, walkways, etc. Once the study is completed, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy will determine whether they can raise funds to restore or stabilize it.

There was discussion of holding a community meeting early in 2024. Possible topics included the City’s parks tax and native gardens.

Larry reported that two people are living in a tent near the sculptures on the north side of the park. He was spoken with Lisa Franks at the city, who is trying to find a solution to this issue.

There was discussion of providing a letter of support for the Westinghouse Park City Historic Designation. We have done this for Mellon and Frick parks. Larry moved and Darlene seconded that we do this. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regina reported that there was a stakeholder meeting to discuss the Larimer Station East Busway project by Walnut Capital. At this point, nothing has begun because Walnut learned that the area they want to develop is not large enough for a busway stop.

Darlene, Don, and Jennifer will help move  the sandwich boards and change signs for upcoming events. They were highly visible for the Fair in the Park event.

Dennis has made a request to change the zoning of his space (Point Breezeway?) to “Community Space.”

The next meeting will be November 9 at 6:30.

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**POINT BREEZE ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**6742 Reynolds Street**

**November 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**In attendance were** – Larry Gerson, Regina Kakadelis, Swain Uber, James Snow, Jennifer Burgher Seaman, Lisa Valentino, Louise Taylor, Katie Bulova, Jennifer McCleery.

**Approve minutes from September 14, 2023** – Swain moved and Larry seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

**Event Reports** – Fall Festival (Katie Bulova), Yard Sale (Louise Taylor, Lisa Valentino), Perennial Swap (Jennifer Burgher Seaman). All events were deemed a success. There was discussion about what could have been done differently and what worked well. Katie will not chair the Fall Festival next year. She reported that the Festival Organizer Grant paperwork has not been completed and submitted. She will send information to Regina. Lisa and Louise will manage the Yard Sale again. Jennifer Burgher Seaman will manage the Perennial Swap and Jennifer McCleery will help her.

**Community Meeting** – Jennifer McCleery spoke about her experience with creating a certified Audubon Backyard Habitat. She is very enthusiastic about helping PBO get the word out to encourage neighbors to participate in this program. There are currently 16 certified yards in Point Breeze. If neighbors don’t want to go to this length, they can still be encouraged to plant native plants and reduce grass area. Jennifer will speak with Nick Stahlman at Audubon to see if we can hold a community meeting on this subject in late February.

**Finance and fundraising overview** – The Paypal button doesn’t work anymore. It was decided to delete it and convert to Zelle, cash, or check. The closing balance as of 10/31/2023 was $6,515.40.

**Communications overview** – The Homepage needs an overhaul. It is currently just a list of events. The Paypal button doesn’t work. We need someone to take photos at events to be used on the website. Swain will investigate how to make Facebook more usable. Jennifer is still trying to get information from Kelsey about Instagram.

**Frick Park** – On November 1, Frick Park finished the first step of the nomination process and got a positive recommendation to City Council from the Historic Review Commission. There was a tremendous amount of public support, primarily through all of the letters and emails submitted to the Commission. The Planning Commission will review the nomination at their meeting on November 14.

**Phipps Garden Center** – Larry reported that Phipps presented an outline of what they’d like to do with the Garden Center and the Scaife Garage in Mellon Park. The Development Activities Meeting  was generally favorable, although many people questioned why there would be no accessible restrooms. It was suggested that councilpersons Erika Strassberger and Khari Mosley be contacted about public restrooms in the park. There were no architectural drawings presented, so the public still hasn’t seen the final plans.

**Terraced Garden** – James stated that Angelique Bamberg has completed a historic paper on the Terraced Garden, and that there will be a meeting of the structural assessment team next week. An estimated date for the full report is January.

**DAM PPC Signage & Entrances** – The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has received a grant to make improvements to the signs and entrances on both sides of Mellon Park. There will be a Development Activities Meeting on January 4 at 6:30.  Because of the time of year and the proximity to the holiday season, it will be held virtually.

**Board Membership** – Kelsey and Don have stepped down. We will discuss recruitment at the January retreat.

**Officer Nominations for 2024**

President – Regina Kakadelis

Vice President – Larry Gerson

Secretary – Whitney Finnstrom

Treasurer – Darlene Smith

**2024 Retreat –** The retreat will be held on January 20, from 10:00 – 1:00. Jennifer will coordinate the venue and light snacks. She will contact Dennis Inserra to see if Breezeway Home is an option.

**2023 Events**

**LUPB** — James reported that LUPB plans are progressing. He has staff for the PBO table. Lights will be put up on Sunday, November 27. The event is on December 2 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**2024 Events**

**Wine and Cheese Night** –DATE, Whitney and Don

**Volunteer Appreciation/New Neighbor Night (VANN) Event** — DATE,

**Yard Sale** — September 21, 9:00 – 3:00, Lisa Valentino and Louise Taylor

**Fall Festival** — DATE, Katie Bulova, Maryann Bacharach, Erik Orange?

**Perennial Swap** — DATE, Jennifer Burgher Seaman and Jennifer McCleery

**LUPB** — December 7, James Snow

**2024** (Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.)

January 20 March 12 May 14 July 9 September 10 November 12