

March 14, 2017

Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting, Tuesday March 14, 2017, Grace Presbyterian Church, 6025 NE Prescott, Portland, Oregon

Board Members Present: Laura Young, Chris Browne, Tristan Markwell, David Sweet, Alma Velázquez, Oscar Moreno Gilson, Xan Hamilton, Stephanie Neely, and Julie Granger,

Welcome and Introductions: Members and guests were welcomed, board introduced themselves.

Additional Agenda Items: Representative from Barbara Smith Warner's office to give a quick up date. Additional announcements will be made. Motion to approved agenda as amended by David Sweet, second Dennis Karas. Motion carried.

A tribute to board member Xan Hamilton was made as she is moving away from Portland. People gave kudos for all the work she has done in our community – at the schools, clean air issues , for families, on the Cully Board and with the mini grants committee.

Update from Rep Barbara Smith Warner's office: Chole Becker, quality director for Rep. Barbara Smith Warner shared information with us. Committees that she serves on include: Revenue Committee, Joint Ways and Means (Budget), Co chair of Education subcommittee, House Rules Committee, Tax Credits and Transportation Preservation and Modernization. Ms. Smith Warner is a mom of two children who attend Portland Public Schools. She recently traveled the state with Transportation Committee and they heard many of the same issues statewide: congestion in Portland which affects the movement of goods in the state, transit shortfall, and safe sidewalks.

Bills that she is working/focusing on: Oil train safety focusing on the training and availability of first responders, so that they are able to clean up quickly and thoroughly if we did have a spill; child access to guns, additional gun bills this session, air quality and community right to know – what is in the air, clean diesel; and she is a sponsor of the rent control bill. A Coffee for constituents on March 25th 9:30 – 11 am at Russellville Grange.

Acceptance of General Meeting Minutes taken January 10, 2017: David Sweet moved to accept the minutes, second Chris Browne. Motion carried.

Acceptance of General Meeting Minutes taken February 14, 2017: Corrections: Cully Cleanup is the largest in all of Portland. Two misspelling: Rigler, Tristan. David Sweet moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Stephanie Neely. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes taken February 28, 2017: Chris Browne moved to accept minutes, second by Tristan Markwell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Oscar Moreno Gilson, CAN Treasurer reported the following: 7/1/16 to 2/28/17: Income 6,679.72; Expenses \$7,214.51; Bank Balance 29,566.49. David Sweet moved to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Susan Nelson. Motion carried.

Announcements

May 6th Saturday, Oak Leaf Park asking for volunteers, 9 to 5.

March 15th Wednesday, training by Multnomah Co for Living Cully's Mobile Home Repair Program 5:30 tp 8 pm.

March 15, 22, and 29 three workshop opportunities to learn about Hacienda's new car share program. 6700 NEKillingsworth from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Second floor meeting room.

Next CAN Board Meeting (in place of Land Use/Transportation), will be Tuesday March 21st, 7 – 8:30pm at Cully Grove common house.

Planting event for Friends of Trees April 1st. Breakfast and lunch provided. Morning Star Missionary Church parking lot 55th and Alberta 9 to 1.

Saturday March 18th 10 am – 1 pm Housing and Health Resource Fair. Living Cully Plaza

Cully Cleanup: April 22nd, from 9 – 3. Need volunteers for preplanning tasks as well as day of. Signups on the tables. Contact Jessica at cullycleanup@gmail.com to volunteer and for questions.

Guest Speakers: Andrew Aebi, LID Administrator and Zef Wagner, Associate Planner both of Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Andrew Aebi: past accomplishments in Cully: 76th and Alberta – local improvement district, 77th and Alberta - K park sidewalks.

NE 47th from Cornfoot to Columbia: It is a \$6.2 million dollar LID (Local Improvement District) project funded, in part, by the Parks Bureau, Bureau of Environmental Services and private properties along route. 56 trees will be planted. There will be a multi-use path for walkers and bicycles and a two lane concrete street.

28.2% side walk coverage in Cully, city wide 61.4%

NE 47th bridge is high on the city list of needed improvement; a rapid flash beacon at 47th and Whitaker Ponds also needed.

Zef Wagner: He spoke about current and planned projects in Cully:

'Connected Cully Phase2' - x 72nd Ave (Killingsworth to Sandy along 72nd): Pedestrian and bicycle parkway along NE 72nd. A neighborhood greenway with traffic calming and crossing improvements from Sandy to Prescott will be constructed. There will be a physically separated pedestrian and bicycle pathways on the west side of 72nd from Prescott to Sumner and a shared multi-use path on the west side of 72nd from Sumner to Killingsworth. The project will also include lighting, street trees and place-making elements.

57th and Cully Blvd – safety improvements needed particularly at Cully and Mason and at Cully and Skidmore. Protected bike lanes and sidewalks needed and a crossing at Mason. A number of options were discussed: parking protected bike lanes, reflectors, center turn lane, narrowed roadway, pedestrian island at intersection, warning signs. Visibility at corners was also mentioned as an issue.

Funding has been secured for the parking protected bike lane and upgrading 57th by the curve though more money still needs to be secured to complete the project which is scheduled to be done in 2018. He suggested that CAN be in contact with Vision Zero task force because Cully's population is growing and more businesses are opening. The complete project will include re-striping of 57th/Cully Blvd., sidewalk infill, and a pedestrian crossing at Cully/Mason. Construction will happen when funding for the full project has been secured—expected to be summer 2018.

Reports:

CNN: Marilee reported that CNN was asking for support from the neighborhood associations for a letter to TriMet to reinstate the downtown bus along Fremont. Some asked about a downtown bus along Prescott which is in our neighborhood. David Sweet suggested we write a letter stating that both are needed and we want the Prescott bus first. Since there was only a letter from CNN at the meeting a vote was taken on supporting that letter. Vote: Yes 16, Opposed 9, Abstentions 4. Motion carried.

We still need to address the need for a Prescott bus.

Cuisine in Cully: If anyone has information on new restaurants or businesses for raffle please give info to Stephanie.

Schools: On the Day without Immigrants many students stayed home from school. School families participated in the Normandy March for renter's rights. Volunteers needed at Rigler and Harvey Scott.

Newsletter is being printed this week, will be out next week.

Adjournment: Carol Emans moved to adjourn, second Chris Browne. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.