

December 13, 2016

Cully Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting Grace Presbyterian Church 6025 NE Prescott, Portland, Oregon

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Young, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Oscar Moreno Gilson, Xan Hamilton, Alma Velazquez, Stephanie Neely, Tristan Markwell and Julie Granger.

Welcome and Introductions: Members were welcomed and board members introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda: David Sweet moved to approve agenda as presented, second by Barb Fritz. Motion approved.

Acceptance of General Minutes from October 11, 2016: It was noted Community Commons to be changed to Kitchen Commons on second page of minutes. Bob Granger moved to accept the amended minutes, second by Dennis Karas. Motion approved.

Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2016: It was noted 'restripping' needed to be changed to 'restriping' and an 'and' needed to be put together. David Sweet moved to accept the minutes as amended, second by Dennis Karas. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Oscar presented the report: Fiscal year-to-date (11/30/2016) expenses totaled \$4160.47. Income for same period was \$5464.72. Bank balance as of the end of November was \$30,441.53. Bob Granger moved to accept the treasurer's report, second by Alma Velazquez. Motion approved.

Guest Speakers: Vincent Johnson, Assistant Director of Portland Parks and Recreation Golf Program, presented about their program. There are six public courses in Portland with Colwood being the most recent. The Golf Program is working on making golf more approachable, casual and inclusionary for Portland residents. Colwood with its shorter course (9 holes) is cheaper. Rental clubs are available, as well as group and individual lessons. Colwood also has a nice event space and a good restaurant. It was suggested that Colwood institute a Cully Residents day with cheaper or free green fees since Cully worked so hard to protect the green space of Colwood.

Anthony Congi, Director of Development and Community Relations for The First Tee of Greater Portland also presented about this program. This 20 year old nonprofit organization teaches life skills, healthy habits and golf to kids 7 to 17. They are involved in 27 elementary schools and added Rigler and Faubion this year. Two years ago 18 children from Cully were involved in their program, this year there are 123 children. They also offer these children one on one weekly mentoring. They are looking for sponsors and encourage CAN members to come out to Colwood and see what they are doing. Website: The First Tee.

Discussion: Laura asked CAN members to give input about who they would like to have come speak at the General Membership Meetings. Ideas generated:

Someone from Portland Parks and Recreation: regarding a pool in Cully

Infill Project Panel: representatives of all sides of the issue

Representatives from the various diverse ethnic groups of Cully; one per meeting to share with us

Local politicians: Mayor Ted Wheeler and Council Member Chloe Eudaly - in spring after they have been in office for awhile.

Tawna Sanchez, newly elected state representative for Cully

Yearly presentation by our two prosperity initiatives: Our 42nd Ave and Cully Blvd Alliance

Someone from the city about Renters' Rights; landlord tenant issues

Overview of what is happening with property values in Cully

Aging and Disabilities presenter: Elder Abuse

Cully Phase 1 and Phase 2 update

Presentation from Mini Grant awardees

Announcements:

January 12th presentation at Rigler by an Immigration attorney on the rights of immigrants. There will be a subsequent opportunity to learn how to be an ally to immigrants.

January 5th: Tree teams from Concordia and Cully are having a meeting at the Kennedy School in conjunction with Friends of Trees.

Albertsons and Rigler are partnering to provide Turkeys for 30 families in the neighborhood. Can donate at Albertsons.

NE Emergency Food Program is one of the recipients of the Willamette Gift Guide. You can also drop off clothing to them. Men's clothing is especially needed. 72nd and NE Wygant.

CAN Mini Grant Applications (4th annual) are available in English and Spanish. They are due January 30, 2017. \$3000 will be awarded in \$50 to \$500 increments to local neighborhood improvement and enhancement projects. \$1000 of the \$3000 comes from Cully Boulevard Alliance. Applications are on CAN website or can be obtained from Xan Hamilton at susiesomeone@gmail.com (English) or Oscar Moreno Gilson at oscargilson@comcast.net.

December 15th Trinity Lutheran School will be holding their Christmas Program. Paul Gossman was introduced. He is the new pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church.

Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park: Dennis Karas reported that despite the fact that the park is not going to be a resident owned mobile home park, a very good arrangement has been made. As of December 1st St Vincent dePaul of Eugene will be managing the park. They specialize in mobile home park management. There will be affordable rent, a social worker available to residents, a resident's association, and a playground will be built. Health, safety and utility upgrades will be undertaken by the manager. The City of Portland lent money to achieve this arrangement and a Block Grant coming available in February/March will be used to pay the city back.

Reports:

CNN: Travis reported: Communication grants for banners to announce meeting were approved; there have been several arson fires in Hollywood recently; a homeless report was issued and he will get an electronic copy so it can be sent out to CAN members. CNN grants will be more competitive this year.

Newsletter: Alma stated that the current issue should be sent out this week and apologized that it is late. It is on the website.

Website update: Chris reported that we have a new website hosting company. He is working on shifting our website over. Will be another month or so before the new website is operational. He asked for help from anyone interested in website development.

Schools: Xan reported on a partnership with Alameda Elementary School after parents from Alameda realized the great disparity in resources that exists between the schools. They are sharing profits from their book sales,

sharing student teachers and working on a student art/writing exchange. Rigler PTA participated in the Oregonian Give and received \$1200. They are in need of volunteers at lunch and recess.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: Barb Fritz moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Allan Day. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next CAN Board Meeting: December 20, 2016, 7 pm, Cully Grove Common House, 4779 NE Going St.

Next CAN General Members Meeting: January 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Julie Granger