

## **DRAFT**

**Cully Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting March 13, 2018 Grace Presbyterian Church, 6025 NE Prescott, 7 to 9 pm.**

**Board Members Present:** Laura Young, Mac McKinlay, David Sweet, Oscar Moreno Gilson, Rich Gunderson, Jake Antlers Josh Heumann, and Julie Granger

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

**Additional Agenda Items:** none.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mac Mc Kinlay moved to accept the agenda, second by Marilee Dea. Motion carried.

**Participation Guidelines:** Julie Granger went over the guidelines for meetings. Members approved and did not have anything items to add.

### **Announcements:**

**Cully Clean Up:** The clean will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church on NE Killingsworth from 9 am to 3 pm. Laura Hallett, manager at The Arbor Mobile Home Park announced that they will sponsor the cleanup and she gave CAN a check for \$500. She is also recruiting volunteers for the cleanup. Hannah Lewis

from On Point Community Credit Union (in Safeway store on Fremont and 72nd) presented a check for \$100 in support of the cleanup . Two sheets were passed around: requesting 1) volunteers for the cleanup, 2) people willing to made a pot of soup and 3) people willing to put a yard sign advertising the cleanup in their yard.

**Cully Tree Team:** Starr Hogeboom and Bruce Nelson. Starr reported that the tree replacement on Cully Blvd is in progress. She also reported that residents of Cully requested 96 trees for the spring planting which will be happening on March 31st. They are looking for volunteers with trucks/trailers for the tree distribution. They are partnering with NAYA this year and breakfast and lunch will be served to the volunteers. Event goes from 8 am to 2 pm. on March 31st.

Urban Forestry will be giving out native trees in containers at Mt Scott Park See 8natives from 10 am to 3 pm on 4/21.

They are looking for nominations for heritage trees in Cully. Presently there is only one designated heritage tree in Cully. Nominations need to be big, healthy and visible from the street.

**Flyer JET** Andrew Pritchard reported that on 3/8 CNAC made positive recommendations concerning the continuous descent approach of jets but the recommendations are not binding, so our work isn't done. He stated that the Air Force pilots visits would be allowed and he recommend that these need to be denied s or caped at the recent annual average. Community at large still needs to be informed and become engaged. There are 2 billboards in the city (one in Cully near Prescott and 60th).

**Cully Blvd Alliance:** is having a community and business networking event at Beeswing from 6-8 pm on March 21st. All are invited to come and give input as they develop their strategic plan for the next 3 years.

**Board Election:** Elections are held at the April meeting. There are 6 positions open. The four office positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are one year terms. There are two member at large positions also open. If you are interested in running for a board position please contact any board member. Nominations can also be made the night of the election.

**Fire in Cully:** – response discussion. Jake Antles shared a summary of a phone call that Cully Community Leaders had with County, State and Federal agencies:

1) Monitoring - air quality monitoring began at 2 pm. The monitoring only detected particulate matter not toxic emissions. Toxic emissions associated with tire fires include black carbon, soot, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. We will know more about quality and quantity when DEQ is able to assess the volume of the pollution released and the content.

2) Health and Safety: Multnomah County has produced a multilingual set of information sheets telling people how to clean up homes, offices and outdoor spaces. They are available at: <https://multco.us/multnomah-county/northeast-portland-scrap-yard-fire>

3) Evacuation order: Why was the evacuation order for the larger area so late? The response was that the situation changed after sun down with column of air changing from one that was lifting the pollutants away from ground level to one that was depositing at ground level.

4) Facility info: Northwest Metals which held a DMV permit for auto dismantling. There is no DEQ or Metro permit required for these facilities as Schnitzer Steel successfully lobbied for an exemption. Tire storage does require a permit and they did not have a permit. ODOT is investigating the requirements of the DMV permit and if they were violated.

5) What is next: DEQ will reconvene agency personnel to grief Cully Community Leaders again later this week or next week. Once Fire releases the site, DEQ initiates clean protocols to determine responsible party, clean up of hazardous materials and if insured, a claim number for individuals and businesses to file claims against. WE will need to continue to seek answers to questions about fire infrastructure, exposure, land use, permitting and regulatory questions, how to meet the needs of community members who have been left homeless by the fire, local emergency management and how to prevent this from happening again..

People shared their concerns and questions about the fire: lack of good communication; announcements were only in English, what have we been exposed to and effects; contamination of yards, gardens, school playgrounds, land use next to residential areas, access for fire trucks, local emergency management - are we satisfied with their response?, regulations for salvage yards.

**Guest Speaker:** Senator Lew Frederick. He shared his concerns about the short and long term impacts of the fire on Cully residents. He talked about DEQ and how they have not been able to do what the public expects of them due to lack of resources which has been cut over the last 20 years. Oregon does not have not have an adequate air

quality system, we don't know what is in our air. In this recent legislative session they have set up a system to monitor air quality statewide and industry is paying for it. Expensive equipment is needed so it will happen gradually. He has worked over the years on the clean up of brown fields: old gas stations, car repair shops, cleaners, photography - places that possibly discard toxic materials on site.

Laura Young read an email from Cully Community leaders that had just been sent. It was proposing that Cully with the support from Multnomah County as a local jurisdiction call on the Governor to declare a state of emergency for the areas impacted by this fire and the larger Cully neighborhood to address several things.

1) We do not have adequate resources in the community to effectively address both the immediate incident and the follow up work necessary to make sure this does not happen again and to address the human health and evictions caused by the fire. The community needs to remain at the table during this process, including clean up, rule changes, legislative changes, etc.

2) The Fire Infrastructure issues need to be addressed and we need to focus city resources to make sure adequate fire fighting resources are present in the community to prevent

any challenges in the future when fighting these kinds of fires.

3) The health impact issues are unknown and need to be clearly assessed, analyzed and mitigated. This will take dedicated resources for both community and agencies.

4) We need resources for community members and businesses impacted by the fire who speak different languages to be adequately informed of their ability to claim damages. We also need resources to cover displacement, health care costs, lost business costs, etc.

5) An assessment of other facilities in the community and the threats they pose must be developed.

6) Adequacy of ODOT/DMV regulations to prevent additional such fires in the state must be assessed. This can inform state decision makers about the need to prevent additional fires.

7) Adequacy of solid waste regulations to address this tire site will create useful knowledge for preventing such fires at other sites in the state.

All of this takes work and we have no dedicated community organization resources to lead these multiple efforts. An emergency declaration would bring additional state resources and perhaps funds to hire a community team and communications person to lead this effort on

behalf of the community in concert with our organizations and communicate to the community the ongoing analyses, assessments of exposure, clean up and mitigation.

Without these resources, the effort will go away and lose momentum leaving us to see another disaster in the future.

Marilee moved CAN support Cully community leaders work to have a declaration of a state of emergency for the Cully neighborhood that has been impacted by the savage yard fire, seconded by David Sweet. Motion carried.

Letter of Support: NE 55<sup>th</sup> Ave south of Emerson. Trinity has agreed to donate the right-of-way to the City, approximately 139 feet in length, exact width to be determined, to complete this street connection along with the already-planned multiuse path.

Andrew Pritchard moved that CAN support this street connection proposal, second Greg Sotir. Motion carried.

### **Acceptance of General Meeting Minutes Taken**

**February 13, 2018:** Mac McKinlay moved to accept the minutes, second by Rich Gunderson. Motion carried.

CNN committee on Solutions to Homelessness will meet on Wednesday March 21st. Denny Karas and Rich Gunderson will represent CAN on the committee.

Rich Gunderson reported that K Park will be participating in the m movies in the park. Beauty and the Beast will be shown on July 11, 2018.

Thomas Cully Park will have an open house on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

David Sweet thanked all those that have put up ' 20 is plenty' signs. He reminded everyone that the way we each drive creates the culture in our city so watch your speed limit. He also said the recommendations for the Residential Infill Project will be presented for our consideration at the next General Meeting.

Next CAN Board Meeting Tuesday, March 27th 6 pm at Cully Grove Common House.

Next CAN General Meeting Tuesday April 10th

**Adjournment:** Carol Emens moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Travis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Granger