

CAN General Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2018

Mac starts the meeting at 7:03

Board members present: Jake, Stephanie, Josh, Annette, Rich

Approval of the agenda: Josh Moves to begin the meeting, Jake seconds. motion passes.

Announcements:

Suzanne – Columbia Slough Watershed Council introduction. Lot's of classes and events many free to attend.

Marilee – Reminds us that CAN voted to support the Portland Clean Energy Fund, and shares with us how we can support the effort to get the initiative on the ballot. Need over 40,000 signatures by July 1.

Laura Molton – Friday, June 1st Rigler Spring Carnival, looking for volunteers to support the event. From 4 until 8pm

Greg Sotir – Cully Air Action Team – Owens Brockway, glass factory, air pollution permit up for renewal this year so we have an opportunity to leverage changes like we achieved at asphalt plant. Opportunities to make change this summer with the Cully Air Action Team, come to the next meeting to learn how to engage.

Kermes festival at Scott School coming up, food and mocktails Friday May 11 5-8pm. Plus Tuesday, June 5th fundraiser at Kennedy school, from 5pm to closing.

Community Activity – We discussed our favorite Cully restaurants or food-related memories

Presentations:

Steven Conklin – Oregon Air National Guard – Opens the floor to questions. Irwin is grateful the F15s are all deployed overseas. Question from Andrew: Will ORANG plan on committing to CNAC proposal in writing? Steven will investigate. Kathy asks if it is possible to put a cap on the number of overhead approaches. Steven will investigate. Many concerns from community members that ORANG has been told many many times that they are flying over our neighborhood and that it is a problem and violating their agreement with the neighborhood and airport. People are frustrated that we've had this conversation so many times with no clear indication ORANG responds to concerns.

Micah – Audobon society of Oregon – Backyard Habitat certification offered across the region, it is meant to encourage the planting of native plants to encourage healthy habitat for insects, animals, and Humans too. Another goal is to create habitat corridors between open spaces and across the region. A main focus is on the Columbia River Slough, but additional funding is also for the watershed, and there is a new program to support residents enhancing habitat.

Program supports: Planting natives, removing invasives, reducing hazards like cats (by building cat-ios!), taking care of rain-water onsite, or keeping plant mass like dead-trees onsite, and reducing use of pesticides & herbicides. They will be waiving the fee to participate for a number of families and providing free native plant starts for many others. Additionally, they are seeking folks willing to site large trees on their property. Wanting to engage with renters as well as owners. Single-family, and multi-family homes as well. If a catio does not make sense, Audubon has other tips for cat owners that want to limit the number of birds their cats eat.

Affordable Housing Policy – Tom Armstrong, City of Portland Planner – new zoning proposal to create a new base zone for mobile home parks. 56 manufactured dwelling parks across the city that allows mobile home parks. Strategy is to make it more difficult, though it won't be impossible, to remove a mobile home park and displace residents. Protecting over 3,000 units of affordable housing. Notices went out yesterday to owners and renters of houses in the parks, and owners of the parks themselves. June 12th Planning and sustainability commission meeting at 6:30pm at PCC SE on 82nd Street. Laura asks if there has been any talk about the zoning affecting the legal status of the parks. 25 parks are non-conforming and this will legalize them. Most zoning is dense residential and this proposal would often add density, or allow owners to transfer density to neighbors so that they maintain the value of their purchase. Q: Why can't they make the zoning change permanent, not difficult to change? A: Because all zoning everywhere can be changed, but has to meet a strict criteria and public hearings, and would require a vote of city council, which would require a big push.

Cameron Herrington and Brenna Bailey work with residents of the mobile home parks. Reminds us about the potential closure of the Oak Leaf MHP two years ago. This prompted Living Cully to investigate ways to protect the parks. Other cities have special zoning for MHPs. This proposal helps residents plan for the future and have stability. Have common cause with owners of parks and want them to be able to run their business well, but also have common cause with residents. Scott shared that the Cedar Shade is a very supportive community to live in and that he can't imagine living elsewhere. Linda shares that it is so nice to not worry about the stability of her housing. To not worry about being homeless. She shared that Multnomah County Weatherization came in to help her install a heat pump, new windows and a more comfortable life. Luz shares that she lives with Scott at Cedar Shade and enjoys the support of Living Cully and all its leaders and programs. Happy and feels more stable not having to worry so much about price going up so much. Brenna has been working to organize residents and start up a mobile Home Repair program, to seek outside help like from Mult Co Weatherization or to engage neighbors to repair each other's homes.

Cameron presents a letter to the community to vote to support.

Cameron tells the story of residents of single family homes and apartments supporting the mobile home park residents and the benefit from solidarity between all Cully neighbors and organizations

Board Reports:

Jake Secretary: No report

Treasurers Report: income \$15,000 expenses \$14,000 balance \$24,000, April received \$6,400 from Cully Clean-up. More detailed report to come.

Marilee reporting on behalf of Travis for CNN: ONI is changing its mission to be more inclusive of other voices and neighborhood groups. Income from city may be same but new instructions to shift it.

Denny & Rich Solutions to Homelessness Committee: Meeting third Thursday of the Month at CNN, in the education stage learning from experts.

David is away at the Residential Infill Project testimony. A week from today is the final time to give testimony regarding the RIP.

Bruce Nelson: Water your new trees. Working on a bike-ride from downtown to Cully part of pedal-palooza that explores street trees. Portland Parks and Rec will be identifying trees in Fernhill. Unusual trees in Fernhill.

Rich Gunderson - Parks and Open Space: June 30th 11a-4p is Cully Park Grand Opening. Soccer clinic, 30 foot screen to show Timbers game, all kinds of performances from talented neighbors. Tabling opportunity for organizations and non-profits. Khunomokwst park will have Beauty and the Beast showing, English with Spanish subtitles. Matisses Latin Band playing beforehand. Fernhill park has major work, redoing playground and expanding with water-feature. Stay tuned for date.

Marilee reports on a successful Cully Clean-up and thanks everyone that came and in all the different ways they contributed.

New Business:

Irwin brings up that the LID letter was not brought up to the greater CAN community. And he would like us to ensure that for future meetings the letters be sent out to the community at large.

Closing: Denny makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Josh seconds, motion passes.