

CULLY ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS BOARD MEETING 4/23/19

Meeting begins at 6:24pm.

- Members present: David, Laura, Jonathan, Stephanie, Annette, Greg, Claire, Josh, Mac,
- Public Comments - none
- Onboarding to new members
 - Isha absent - Laura volunteers to provide some guidance to our procedures.
 - How the board operates: generally on consensus; sometimes majority rules per our voting structure. The board favors honest/open discourse.
 - Bylaws are the standards to which we are held.
 - Bylaws can be rewritten at any time, but have to be approved by general membership with 2/3 majority vote: possible interest in renewing/amending bylaws.
 - New members to receive orientation.
 - (6) members can vote as a quorum based on current size of board.
 - Meeting minutes approval: Minutes were not brought to the meeting, will be sent by email to the board.
 - ONI is becoming OCCL, considering abolishing the neighborhood system.
 - Outgoing chair can serve (1) year term on board as advisory role.
 - General meetings do not happen in July and August; board does not meet in July and potentially August historically, depending on board or current issues. Officially the board meets quarterly but currently it is monthly.
- Retreat
 - Last year had first retreat. Full day at Columbia Ecovillage Farmhouse. Addressed topics we want to cover as the board. Isha facilitated last year. Current members are interested in another retreat this summer.
- Purchase approval - Stephanie
 - Bylaws do not address rules for purchases.
 - Stephanie proposes “any purchases for expenditures that would be coming out of CAN account or charged to our credit card and does not exceed \$50 should be approved by treasurer....”
 - Child care at meeting does not follow the proposal.
 - Donations/grants/discounts awarded to CAN are presented to treasurer and approved by board. Process should be formalized in the bylaws. Allows treasurer to be able to handle process before bringing the spending plans to the board.
 - Proposing child care payment would be \$12/hr for 3 kids; \$15/hr for 4+ kids.

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- If yearly expense, would count as yearly expense (i.e. \$10/month would be considered as \$120/year, and would need to be approved by board.)
- Board agrees that we think this would be a good addition to codify.
- \$10.75 is minimum wage; \$12 is being proposed. Greg: this seems too low.
 - Laura: we are paying for translation that is not being utilized; can we find money to pay for babysitting
 - Starting in September it will be upon request; this decision was already made. Currently \$100 an hour.
 - Child care services are being provided by volunteers that we pay minimally;
- Board agrees that donations grants or any discounts that can be awarded by CAN should be brought to treasurer before being brought to the board
 - David: if we are already donating to Trinity, additional free ads are not necessary. Denny has been giving free ads to Grace Presbyterian and we already give donations. These new procedures will provide more transparency.
- Motion to approve Stephanie's purchase proposal as written. Seconded by David. Passes with Mac voting no.
- Josh: people outside the board do things for the board. People who run website, manage child care, ad manager, email list, etc. Proposing a review of those folks and of those positions. Website went down less than a week ago. Stephanie noticed it and notified Chris Browne and Josh. Josh fixed it. The website expired in April; Chris noted this in an email about passwords but it was overlooked.
 - Jonathan: communication should be responsibility of board. Proposing reassign the responsibility to the board. Laura seconds. Josh is willing to take the website to the short term and document common things we need to do. Is willing to communicate this to Chris.
 - Laura: ownership of the domain is under chris' personal account. It would be appropriate to transfer administrative permission.
 - Greg: will abstain from any votes about this since he has past involvement with the website. Thinks the website is not as useful. Jonathan agrees there isn't content that is as useful: should have more up to date info about what the board is working on or how to contact us.
 - Website requests that the board has: Josh wants to be in charge of doing th.em.
 - Website needs to include minutes and *Inclusive Cully* policy
- Cully Cleanup: ~1 month out; overall status: need to be prepared for this to be a low turnout, low fundraising cleanup.
 - Dumpster loaders, runners/sorters needed currently.

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- Do we have an outreach team? Did outreach to publications that we normally contact. Schools have new rules for publicizing these types of things: previously there was a school announcement thing and it is no longer available to space outside the schools. We do not have a social media team.
- Cleanup in the Summer Issue
 - Mac: Lynette is the new volunteer editor. We want to support her as much as we can. Regarding the cleanup, remembering that it is the major funding source, hope we can agree a need for the summer issue to include a story/ photos/statement of gratitude to the sponsors. Would change publication date to early June.
 - Josh: Marilee suggested a resolution that we put the article in a later issue.
 - Talked to her about facilitating those conversations earlier on, but it doesn't solve past issues.
 - We do not have a list of the sponsors yet.
 - Show her past issues with cleanup summaries and thanks to sponsors.
- May and June General Topics
 - At meeting, raise topic to people about what topics we want to have for upcoming meetings: provide a list of topic generators.
 - May: Eudaly/Hardesty will be at next meeting
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 - June: Suk Re is confirmed for the June meeting to present on Commission 396 (Code revision for neighborhood)
 - Wants neighborhood associations to look more like Cully
- Tar Sands
 - Mac: making a request to the board to approve a proposal to present a document opposing the Tar Sands Train to the neighborhood association at the May meeting.
 - Jonathan: there is no language how this affects communities of color (frontline communities). Whereas that addresses the historical impact.
 - People of color has always been impacted by things like this.
 - David suggests to have a first paragraph that includes a description of the Cully community. Jonathan will write an edit.
 - Board will bring the updated letter to the general meeting to vote on sending this to the city and the county.
 - If approved unanimously by general assembly AND board has quorum of support at the general meeting it can be approved.
- Oak Leaf Moving Back

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- In the summer there will be a party to celebrate the reopening of the park. Want someone from CAN to speak as a way to thank us for our support.
- TIF Updates
 - David: explaining for new people what has been done to make TIF happen.
 - Many community organizations in Cully came together and CAN adopted the *Inclusive Cully Policy*: was unique at the time of its making, it has been used as a model of how to address these issues.
 - Joining other organizations we are creating a Tax Increment Financing method that is usually used on projects termed Urban Renewal. This usually negatively affects low-income people and POC; want to see if instead of using money to raise property values, can we use it instead to benefit people of color and low-income people
 - Prosper Portland (previously PDC) is trying to move forward and change their image. They came to us to try to make this happen: want a community controlled project. They are dedicating staff time to this.
 - We asked for \$200k to fund our exploration (seed money; not TIF-based) to hold meetings, pay people to go door to door. They are not giving us money; there is a revolving loan fund that they are proposing we borrow from to do this. Difficult because we are not sure that this is something we want to explore so we are not sure we will have a way to pay this back without it. Sent a letter saying these (7) organizations are interested in making this happen.
 - Annette: the idea explored is about turning it upside down; for community engagement (not outreach) community engagement will lead what the organizations are pursuing.
 - Metro does not pay for community engagement; will have to get this money through Prosper Portland
 - Wording in the letter raised a number of questions. We are going to engage the community about this as we develop a plan and figure out how we are going to do this if we are going to do this. Problem we want to solve is not on the table. Low-income people and POC are being displaced from Cully and we want to stop this and make it a place where these people can thrive.
 - There was objection on wording about saying we won't spend money on infrastructure or things that might raise property values. We expect the city of Portland to continue to develop our infrastructure and believe that all residents will be able to have it. The question is where we will spend the money (potentially ~\$100 million in the next 20 years). It is not that much money for affordable housing or for business incubators.
 - General meeting discussed all of this information and we got feedback from the neighborhood about possibilities for this project.

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- Mostly there is support for this project and the statement it makes.
- Working to onboard a consultant to help facilitate an interim leadership group to move this effort forward. Group should have some decision making ability to make it to the next step.
- NPI system sunsets in 2021 (it is a 10 year grant). Funds not used by this time go away.
 - Proposal is saying we take our 2 NPIs. Not a good idea to alienate our partners in the city. NPIs cannot use funds on affordable housing. ~\$1 million that hasn't been spent on Cully, need to find a way to use this money before it goes away.
 - Take a loan from prosper Portland to fund this new venture?
 - TIF requires an increase in property values to fund itself.
- Movies in Park: we are making a sponsorship of \$700 for this event.
- Draft Proposal of Budget
 - Have to talk about it in May. Send clarifications to Stephanie so she has time to research them and provide answers
- Portland Clean Air: bring someone in to give a presentation on diesel in the Cully neighborhood to the board; letter has been presented to 20-30 neighborhood organizations.

Move to approve minutes of last board meeting. Laura abstains

Laura moves to end meeting. Stephanie seconds. Meeting ends at 8:05.

Action Items

- ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Review budget draft so Stephanie can research any concerns and it can be approved in May
- UNASSIGNED: Ask neighborhood association to present at their meetings about the cleanup: If you missed your neighborhood cleanup, can come to ours
- David: send announcement to principal about the cleanup
- David: provide information from Cameron about Oak Leaf party this summer
- Claire: post cleanup on Facebook

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- Claire: send minutes from last general meeting and this board meeting
- Greg will e-blast the cleanup to any social media outlet mediums he can
 - Needs information what is needed in what capacity
- Greg: send email to Josh about Portland Clean Air
- Mac: Talk to Lynette about how we normally have an article about the cleanup in the Summer Issue
- Laura: arrange presentation with Suk for June meeting (Laura will be copresenting)
- Jonathan: Send Mac an edit for the Tar Sands letter that includes language about historical impact to frontline communities of color.

Future Board Topics

- Provide waivers for child care? Explore in future. Background check possibly required. Standards and practices to avoid liability would be a good idea. Paying more should be considered.

Potential Retreat Topics

- Website goals
- Reviewing work of folks who do work on behalf of CAN who are not the board.