

**Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting
6025 NE Prescott, 7-9pm 2/12/19
Approved Minutes**

Board members in attendance: Laura Young, Josh Heumann, Mac McKinlay, Stephanie Neely, Claire Alyea, Isha Leinow, Annette Pronk, David Sweet. **Absent:** Rich Gunderson

1. Introductions by Laura Young at 7:06pm
2. Additional Agenda Items and Approval of Agenda - motion to approve by Denny, seconded, approved.
3. Participation Guidelines

Announcements

- Cully Cleanup
 - May 25, 2019. Looking for volunteers. Biggest fundraiser for CAN of the year.
- March - Mayor will be at CAN meeting
- Andrew Prichard spokesperson - founder of anti-OCDA (Overhead Continuous Descent Approach) NoJetsPortland.com Asking for support following a letter to the governor about the nuisance.

Senator Michael Dembrow, Rep Tawna Sanchez, Barbara Smith Warner Spokesperson

- Introductions and backgrounds:
 - MD: Committee assignments - legislature mostly functions through committees. Environment and Natural Resources and Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, Rules Committee
 - BSW: Went from 5 to 3 committees
 - TS: 3 Committees including Ways and Means Subcommittee, Capital Culture
- Senate/House/Government aligned on priorities
 - MD: Education funding - considering tax reform (Corporate, kicker, perhaps property tax)
- Michael Dembrow - General Priorities of the Legislature
 - Climate Action
 - MD: On the verge of passing a carbon pricing program - would be 2nd state to do this (CA first). Determined to get carbon tax emissions 80% less than what they were in 1990. Individual states need to
 - Housing
 - Stability for renters - passed a bill today creating tenant protections. Cap on rent spikes.
 - Prohibitions on no cause evictions
 - Healthcare
 - Need to properly fund Medicare. First year federal paid all costs, but each biennium state needs to fund more up to 10% of total costs.
 - Increase on cigarette tax - will probably be a voter measure
 - Criminal Justice Reform
 - Juvenile Justice Reform
 - Gun Safety
 - Immigration
 - Refugees/ Immigrants cannot often be recredentialled "brain waste" - looking at faster pathways to recredentialing

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- TS Additional Priorities
 - Early Childhood
 - Education / access to preschool.
- BSW Additional Priorities
 - House Bill 2505 - safe storage bill for guns. If a child got access to a gun, would be a misdemeanor with a fine. Doesn't want to add jail time.
 - Joint Student Success - BSW and committee members toured the state for 9 months to determine the best outcomes for students. Schools need stable, sufficient, reliable funding. Determine revenue avenues to fund schools - resources, facilities, staff
 - Looking at corporate taxes - 16 years ago they funded much more. Want to add to just the property taxes that are funding the school system.

Questions

- Will CC's to be able to provide 4 year degrees?
 - MD: Initiative coming from senate president. Sees it as a duplication, perhaps more expensive - see CCs partnering with 4 year colleges vs. taking on other duties. This may be a solution for rural areas but not urban where opportunities already exist.
- Mac: Portland prohibit the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure, passed a fund for clean energy projects. In the state is cap and trade. Will the Oregon legislature focus on real solutions?
 - MD: We all pay for disaster effects of climate change. What we need to do is internalize the cost of that pollution (carbon pricing)
 - MD: Permits being proposed for new natural gas facility (Jordan Koch)
 - Under carbon pricing program they would be required to pay for all of the emissions they create through the burning of the gas. Once we get these laws passed, it will become unaffordable.
 - Cap and trade in CA is successful - already 2 years ahead of their emissions reduction goals.
 - Money on these emissions could be invested in rural, low income communities, and also to move towards a greener cleaner economy .
 - MD: Oregon grows more trees than it cuts but improvements could exist. Want to design the program for more
 - TS: Bill in legislature for 10-year moratorium against fracking. TS testified against fracking last week. Fracking would occur along the I-5 corridor.
- Diesel - 73 Million from VW. Is diesel covered under green jobs committee?
 - MD: Oregon's share of the federal lawsuit was about \$75M. Took \$20M to clean up all the school buses in the state.
 - MD: This session working on a prohibition of any company adding dirty engines to their fleets. As CA cleans up their fleets, the dirty engines are being dumped in Oregon. Biggest source in metro region is construction equipment. Multnomah County has some of the most diesel pollution of metro regions in the country.
 - Want to create clean contractor standards. Emerging small businesses need the help getting funding to upgrade their equipment. Allow local authorities to adopt clean diesel standards.
 - Ken Helb is chair
- Artie - Struggling elementary schools, some of lowest performing in the state are in this neighborhood. Seems separate but unequal. What can we do for revenue reform?
 - We are trying to pinpoint the problem areas in this schools
 - Some of the biggest concerns are behavioral and mental health
 - Visited Sunrise head start last week - one of the biggest things was that trauma at home is a big problem. Domestic violence, addiction, child care.

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- Oregon ranks 5th in the country for chronic absenteeism
- Recruiting/retaining teachers. Wages are low - there is a heavy turnover.
- Who do we talk to in regards to committees to work on this problem?
 - Tour of the student success committee this last year-
 - TS: brought a revenue bill forward to make corporations pay the same tax rates as individuals. First place this funding would go would be student success committee.
 - Redoing property tax - the system is hugely inequitable.
- Are you including teachers in the planning? Usually it is data driven specialists that lead to overcrowding, changing dynamics of the class.
 - MD: Portland School Board determines dollars that go to individual schools. Legislature is trying to increase funding by \$2B. School districts determine where the money goes - pressure needs to go on the local school districts to make sure dollars go where they need to go.
 - Denny: Parent body of any school can fundraise and this leads to inequity.
 - Noelle: go to All Hands Raised - can see the funding formula.
- PERS Liability - is this in the education fund?
 - MD: most states have problems with their public retirement funds.
 - Paying PERS is putting a strain on schools, local governments. We need more revenue. Hoping to make some improvements this session to bring this funding liability down.
- On the 6th you heard HB 2033 removes minimum degree requirement for DHS caseworkers for investigations involving putting vulnerable children into foster care. Will there be another date for a hearing? What is your position?
 - TS: We have not set a work session. DHS had a lot of people who started 20-30 years ago who had high school diplomas. Was a job that you moved up in and learned about while working up the ladder. Many people in the state will not have access to a 4 year degree but:
 - Education: most people do not learn a lot about racism/oppression until they go to college and learn about disparities. Want people to have that education.
 - TS: Concerned about people who lack a degree working in DHS making crucial decisions around removing a child. HB 4009 would make sure any time we remove a child a judge makes this decision. 30% of kids who are removed are returned within 30-60 days because the situation has been mitigated. We are traumatizing children by current standards.
- Healthcare: What are current funding sources for medicare right now? What has the legislature doing to mitigate rising health care costs?
 - MD: OHP (Medicaid) - Funded by income taxes and federal government.
 - MD: An assessment on hospitals - if they give the state money, it is matched federally. Then the hospitals get more funding. A wash for the hospital but draw down
 - Cigarette/Wine/Beer Taxes fund it.
 - MD: Healthcare is a huge problem. Have a bill proposed for several sessions: universal health care plan. Hoping this or next session to have it ready to send to the voters.
 - MD: Working on making drugs more affordable through bulk purchases.
- Data to support needing a judge to remove a child?
 - TS: Right now we are in violation of our constitution by not doing it. Currently a child is removed by DHS and THEN go to court. It is a long drawn out process. My bill would say that prior to removal unless imminent danger is present, must put this before a judge. Judges are on call 24/7.

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- How will carbon pricing affect oil bill/gas bill? What is the effect on the population?
 - MD: Concerned that pricing carbon is done in a way that is gradual and not going to have huge effects on especially low-income people when this program begins.
 - MD: Impact for gas in 1st year of program will be \$0.14/gallon. Program set to begin in 2021. After that it would go up about \$0.01 a year. All dollars derived would be invested in ways to adapt to climate change - floods- bridges and culverts need strengthening. Cities need to be more pedestrian friendly. Want to change 82nd from being a state road because we can't even pave it. Proposing using carbon revenues for these types of projects: safer crossings/dedicated bus lanes (BRT) etc.
 - Home heating costs will be protected for low-income people, though the changes would be very gradual.
- What is kicker reform?
 - MD: Our system is run by state economists predicting 2 years in advance. If we bring in additional revenue on top of this prediction, all has to go back to the taxpayer. Our economy is very cyclical so this does not provide stable funds. Since then we have built up reserves, but when bringing in more funds than expected
 - In the 90s the kicker was put into the constitution. This will need to be voted on directly by the people that the corporate kicker would go into the school fund.
- HB 2001 - what is current?
 - TS: Hearing recently - would allow for middle housing. Garden apartments have been outlawed, we have too many single family homes, ADUs in some cases. 4 plex, small apartment buildings outlawed. We cut people who can't buy a whole house. Allows areas to be developed. Not about tearing down old houses and building apartment buildings.
 - MD: HB 2001 is trying to eliminate a tendency in cities to segregate single family homes from density. Multi family homes should be dispersed throughout the city. HB 2001 is in its very early stages. The Residential Infill Project may have some implementation issues but we need to deal with people moving to Oregon. In rural areas have problems too - tourist areas are hard for people to find ordinary housing. Lack of livable housing.
- Culture of sexual oppression of interns in the capital is not good - House and Senate Democrats are not paying attention? What is being done?
 - TS: I'm on capital culture committee. The culture is very ingrained. How do we police each other within the law? How do we set up a system where we can manage these changes that need to be made?
 - MD: Last year, had an issue with a 65 year old Republican who acted as an adolescent. Was not accused of sexual violence, but was touchy/space crowding. Was asked to stop and he rebelled. His district could remove him but the legislature could not expel him. Eventually induced to resign. This revealed inadequacies in regards to our complaint procedure and addressing issues more quickly. Legislative aids, interns - need to protect them.
- Cost of cap and trad program - \$26/ton of CO2, about \$0.22 a gallon->\$250/year. Natural gas will increase by 567/year, electricity. \$900/year hit for average American family.
 - MD: These gas figures have been backed off on by Natural Gas and are not accurate. Our estimate would be \$100 for the average family. For low income families it would be a rebate. Recently gas prices were ~\$4/gallon - SUV sales went down. Gas prices went down, SUV sales went back up. We need to pursue more alternative vehicles like electric. Electric vehicles cost much less to run than gas vehicles.

Board Reports

- Comments from the Chair (Laura) - none

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- Secretary's Report and Minutes of Past Meetings (Claire) - none
 - Treasurer's Report (Stephanie)
 - Income \$2,255.00, Expenses \$8,481.76. Current Balance \$22,506.14
 - CNN Report (Claire) - none
 - CAAT Report (Greg)
 - At next meeting - CAAT received a \$3500 grant from Concordia Foundation. Want to open it to general membership as to how we can utilize this the best. I am primarily concerned with industrial polluters. Could be educational, research, air monitor, lawyer for a suit against a point-source polluter, etc. Contact gsotir@cullycleanair.org about ideas.
 - Homelessness Report (Denny)
 - Denny: did a ridealong with PBOT. New policy to not tow a vehicle that is being lived in. Keep going back and connect them to services. ODOT was doing automatic sweeps on their property.
 - Land Use & Transportation (David)
 - RIP: public testimony will be put forth in the summer. Will create more missing middle housing. Indications are it wouldn't worsen displacement in Cully.
 - Tree Team (Bruce)
 - Friends of Trees planting April 6. Last day to order tree is February 24th. Street and yard trees.
 - Volunteer Planting: Meet at NAYA at 8:30 - food donated, assigned to a planting crew. Holes are pre-dug.
 - CAN Website:>Cully Neighborhood>Cully Tree Resources>Booklet on Rigler School Trees, Street Tree Report and more.
 - Newsletter (Marissa/Mac)
 - Needs new volunteers
 - PSAC (Annette)
 - January Meeting: ~ 40 people, NERT officers present for Q&A. Presentation about graffiti. Free removal available for residential properties, small businesses, nonprofits - complaint driven. Pdxreport. Important to report hate graffiti.
 - Rep HB4054 IGA between COP and ODOT for cleanups and sweeps.
 - Lenny: Michael Harris at Trinity School: Concert March 9th at 6:30pm.
 - Aaron Riddle: Dist manager for Cully Blvd Alliance. Mini business mixer on Cully Blvd. Tomorrow evening 6-8pm.
 - Abdul: Workforce Development Programs at PCC - Bond passed on new building. Just hired a community engagement manager and architect. We need to hear from partner agencies and community leaders, businesses, city agencies, community members. Including affordable housing onto this land.
8. Adjournment at 9:04pm

Minutes taken and submitted by Claire Alyea, Secretary, Cully Association of Neighbors