

Cully Association of Neighbors

General Meeting

Draft Minutes

May 14, 2019 7-9pm 6025 NE Prescott St.

Sign in Sheet: Appendix B.

Board members in attendance: Josh Heumann, Mac McKinlay, Claire Alyea, Isha Leinow, Annette Pronk, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Jonathan Cruz **Absent:** Stephanie Neely

Meeting

Introductions and approval of April 2019 meeting minutes

Meeting comes to order at 7:07pm.

Motion to approve April 2019 minutes: Kathy Fuerstenau motions to approve minutes (with amendment to add contact info for Zenith Energy). Lynette Yetter seconds. All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Motion to approve agenda: Julie Granger moves to approve Denny seconds. All in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Notices, Announcements, etc.

Annette Pronk (CHAT: Cully Housing Action Team): May 18 Las Adelitas event needs volunteers.

Monica McAlister (East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District): 10-2 June 1st Open house/open garden to demonstrate naturoscaping and learn about their programs.

Mulu Terefe (PCC): Offering job search help, free Naturopathic clinic at Killingsworth and 42nd.

Sharon Kelly (Cully Farmers Market): Market hours Thursday 4-8pm June-September. Volunteer gathering 6pm this Thursday to organize for the season.

Denny Karas (Committee to welcome back Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park): Party and reopening with ribbon-cutting on Saturday July 20th 11am-2pm.

Presentations

Chloe Eudaly, City Commissioner

Chloe spoke about her role as city commissioner and her interest in equitable housing, PBOT projects, adding 311, OCCL, 12 major capital projects proposed for Cully Neighborhood, the upcoming census, opposing Zenith Energy, followed by a Q&A period.

JoAnn Hardesty, City Commissioner

JoAnn spoke about 911/emergency services management, zip code not determining income, a need to discuss how emergencies/social problems could be handled differently than by calling police, contesting the Mayor's budget, funding of parks, funding of census, followed by a Q&A period.

Zenith Energy Resolution

Reads the Cully Association of Neighbors Resolution: Opposing Zenith Energy Expansion & Tar Sands in Portland. Asks for Edits/suggestions: Susan suggests adding "in the 2010 census" after the "44% of the population being people of color" to the resolution as a clarification.

Motion to approve this resolution: Greg Sotir moves to approve. Lynette Yetter seconds. All in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Cully Cleanup

Josh: Cully Cleanup coming up May 25th, needs volunteers, soup.

Board Reports

Chair Report (Josh Heumann)

Working on the Zenith Resolution and the process of resolving and approving minutes with CNN.

Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Neely - absent presented by Josh Heumann)

Fiscal year 7/1/2018-4/30/2019

Income: \$3155

Expenses: \$10,920.34

Bank account balance as of 4/30/2019; \$20,897.56

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Janice motions to approve report. Jonathan seconds. All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Transportation/Land Use Report (David Sweet)

Will discuss PedPDX plan at next meeting on Tuesday.

Homelessness Report (Denny Karas)

Nothing to report.

Cully Air Action Telemetry Report (Gregory Sotir)

Owens-Brockway has been fined. SAPA is releasing Chromium 6 into environment. HB 2007 (diesel pollution) and SB729(NW Metals) seem to be moving through in Salem.

Parks and Open Space Report (Jonathan Cruz)

Meeting with Annette to co-chair parks committee and plan events, keep community centers open.

Tree Team Report (Bruce Nelson)

It will be a dry summer: water trees.

Cully Neighbor News Report (Lynette Yetter)

Denny stepping down as ad manager. Public hearing coming up about PedPDX early in June.

Website Report (Chris Browne)

Susan Nelson added history to the website with pictures.

CNN Report (Marilee Dea)

CAAT spoke at last meeting. CNN is worried about future city funding.

Secretary Report (Claire Alyea)

Working with CNN on making minutes more legally acceptable; please identify yourself and speak loudly.

Adjournment

Other business

Kathy Fuerstenau: Asked about budget presentation. Josh answered that it is in progress.

Mac: Suk Re (OCCL) will be here next month, also likely a presentation on Oak Leaf Mobile Home park.

Annette: Volunteers needed for Adelitas event.

Meeting Adjournment [Name of individual]

Julie Granger motions to adjourn. Marilee seconds. **Meeting adjourns at 8:50pm.**

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

Appendix A. Extended Meeting Minutes

Notices, Announcements, etc.

Annette Pronk (CHAT: Cully Housing Action Team): aims to stabilize affordable housing in Cully and cultivate unity between all residents in Cully. Organizing volunteers for May 18 Las Adelitas event (future affordable housing complex on the site of the old Sugar Shack).

Monica McAlister (East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District): 10-2 June 1st Open house/open garden to demonstrate naturoscaping and learn about their programs.

Mulu Terefe (PCC): Can help with resumes, applying for jobs, interviewing skills. Free Naturopathic clinic at Killingsworth and 42nd.

Sharon Kelly (Cully Farmers Market): Market will be every Thursday evening 4-8pm June-September. Volunteer gathering at market site at 6pm this Thursday; food provided to sign up for roles you might want to participate in.

Denny Karas (Committee to welcome back Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park): Party and reopening with ribbon-cutting on Saturday July 20th 11am-2pm.

Presentations

Chloe Eudaly

- One of top priorities is tenant protections and affordable housing. Requires landlords to share in the financial burden they are creating when they choose to evict a tenant with no-cause. Significant decrease in no-cause eviction and decrease in significant rent increases in the last few years.
- Fair Access in Renting (FAIR) package coming which helps address barriers to housing. Package of reforms that makes changes to security deposit regulations and screening requirements. Will be at City council on May 23rd. Convictions, low credit scores or rental history are barriers to housing for many people.
- Currently on SW Corridor Steering Committee (PBOT Mass-Transit project); Joist Policy Advisory Committee for Transportation Committee. A record number of transportation projects will be breaking ground this summer.
- 12 Capital Projects planned for Cully (\$49.35 Million)
- Commissioner in charge of OCCL. There has been concern from neighborhood associations that it would be burning down that system. It is instead a different way that community members organize and represent themselves. Chloe supports CAN's involvement in the city.
- City budget: While we seek to engage and involve community, it doesn't feel like we are doing a good enough job at that. How to engage community members in a bigger way? With commissioners overseeing different city bureaus it can be hard to identify redundancies and save money, working to do better at that. The census this year will be working hard on

hard-to-count communities with a coalition of community and philanthropic organizations. Will likely mean a 6th seat in the House of Representatives because of population growth.

- Has secured funding to launch a 311 system. The city can be better at customer service. 50% of calls going to 911 are non-emergency, resulting in longer call wait times and potentially longer waits for legitimate emergencies.
- Getting funding for an anti-displacement initiative. Additional funding for Rental Services Office (making changes to local landlord/tenant law).
- Strongly opposed to any fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland, including Zenith Energy (Oil Trains) that has found a workaround against local law. Working on this as soon as possible. Thanks CAN for our advocacy on this issue. Is against the trains moving across our community.

Question and Answer

- Jim: What are we doing to address our terrible traffic congestion problems?
 - Concerned what congestion does to our environment; we have some of the worst air quality in the nation. Is focusing on bicycling/public transit. People can't keep relying on single-occupant vehicles.
 - Steve Szigethy (PBOT) We have a number of those projects on this list. Some also address freight mobility and getting around. Columbia/Alderwood intersection is adding new turn lanes. Replacement of 42nd Ave. bridge.
- Lynette Yetter: A lot of us are confused about the PedPDX proposal. Page 7 gives definition of neighborhood walkway. We do not want sidewalks on NE Simpson because we like the current environment.
 - Steve: Low budget project that might do some traffic calming but will add a crosswalk at 42nd. It will not add sidewalks.
- Denny Karas: Parking restrictions prevent safe overnight parking spaces for people living in vehicles. Getting them off the street would be great like other cities have done. Where are the restrictions being relaxed?
 - Chloe: the restrictions are being relaxed. We don't want to make anyone's life harder and living in a vehicle is not a real house. This is a serious concern of ours.
- Kathy Fuerstenau: Regarding the budget for coalition offices that support neighborhood associations: will the coalitions continue to be funded? Cully walking/biking parkway: that had been pushed to 2021. This seems like it has already been pushed back. Why was it pushed back? What is a difference between a bicycle and a multipath?
 - Not totally sure why projects have been moved back.
 - Steve: I am part of capital delivery. 60th Ave. walkway has probably been delayed due to design concerns about how to build a low-cost walkway and treat stormwater without spending the same amount of money that we would for a 6' sidewalk and rain garden. Because 72nd is a project that is just kicking off. It is just getting going as far as defining project scope. PBOT will be reaching out to you regarding
- Marilee Dea: I am on the board of CNN. CNN is really afraid that they are going away. I would like to talk to Linda.

- Jonathan Cruz: I understand the Civic Life code change has been rapid. Lynda: You will be hearing more about the code change since we are bringing it to council this summer. We have kept the process at the code level.
 - Thursday there will be an event about participatory budgeting. We are keeping programmatic conversation different from the code change which is at a different level. We are happy to talk to you about this.

Jo Ann Hardesty

- Thank you for the invitation to come back. The most active people show up. I am in charge of Portland Bureau Emergency Management, including NET. Do not have control of the police but have the rest of the first responders.
- Sending the correct first responder would reduce waste sending the wrong vehicle and professionals to a 911 call. In other places, they can send a social worker or community advocate which might be the most appropriate response. We have relied on police as a response to solving social ills: this is not an appropriate use of police.
- It is our responsibility to ensure that income doesn't determine zip code, but this is the path we are headed in Portland.
- After Mayor's budget came out May 1, I came out with alternative proposals on May 2nd. Within 20 minutes we vote on a \$6 billion budget. Have proposed we have taken money from police. I am not anti-police but some of the money we won't use. We hired 35 police officers when wanted to hire 100. We should decide how the community wants to be policed. 21st century policing requires cooperation, communication, and this is what I hope we will move towards. The mayor wants to spend \$1.6 Million on a pilot project on bodycams. Under this proposal, police will get to review bodycam footage that gets released in a report. We cannot afford the system that would require us to collect the data to keep the bodycam footage and the police would have all of the access/ownership/ability to decide what is released to the public. Kristen Johnson, who works in Hardesty's office, understands that Mayor's budget and Joann's recommendations for alternatives to his proposed budget will be evaluated.
- Wants to make sure 56 park employees don't lose their job at the end of this project. This would affect programs offered. Parks compete with general fund for resources. Fire, Police, and Parks all compete for the general fund. Last hired, first fired are women, POC, most connected to their communities.
- Want to fully fund the census because if we lose 25% of population because they are fearful to be counted, we will lose hundreds of millions of federal dollars.

Question and Answer

- Walt Quaid: On the census, what is your ethnicity and you leave the area blank? There are a lot of reasons to answer the question, especially if you don't see yourself represented in the list.
 - We need to hire community members to be census takers. Festivals/education campaign to make census a good process; this is not information that would be shared with police or immigration. We got 855 participation. We want 100% so we get all the federal dollars
- Sue: On nextdoor, there has been talk about increase of lawlessness and feelings of lack of safety. How do your plans to change the way police are funded affect this?

- There has been an increase of crimes of convenience. Visible, easy-to-steal things being taken. Mental Health drop-in center downtown will be a key to part of the renewed public safety system. As neighbors we have to look out for each other. Over the last couple of days there have been people on an aggressive drug. We need more mental health beds, access to drug and alcohol treatment. We have many more people living on streets than after the 1st of 2 mayors declaring a housing crisis. But we have 16,000 luxury rooms available right now that aren't being occupied. We have to acknowledge this is the city we're in and we have to work to make it better.
- Chris Browne: Income shouldn't determine your zip code. Our grade schools are 696 (12 from the bottom of 700+ schools in the state). Concentration of low-income in our neighborhood. Should some of these families that are being moved into our neighborhoods for low-income housing instead be placed in wealthy neighborhoods?
 - Being low-income doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to receive a quality education. The problem is not with the kids performing, the problem is with the adults.
- Jonathan Cruz: Last month you had a Community Budget Forum: what's next?
 - I plan to have a community forum every quarter. That is the commitment I made when running for office. Facebook page has the most updated information.

Zenith Energy Resolution

Reads the Cully Association of Neighbors Resolution: Opposing Zenith Energy Expansion & Tar Sands in Portland. Asks for Edits/suggestions: Susan: Question about 44% of population from 2010 census. Might say that it should be from the 2010 census.

Kathy: 44%, expected to increase in the 2020 census, suggests that the data is from the 2010 census.

Susan: does not agree. Suggests adding "in the 2010 census" after the "44% of the population being people of color" to the resolution.

Motion to approve this resolution: Greg Sotir moves to approve. Lynette Yetter seconds. All in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Cully Cleanup

Josh: Cully Cleanup coming up May 25th, needs volunteers.

Marilee: and crock pots of soup. We have 6 crock pots, we need at least 12. It is one of the biggest garage sales in Portland.

Denny: renting a U-Haul to transfer block styrofoam to Tigard (only place in State that takes it).

Board Reports

Chair Report (Josh Heumann)

I have been working on the zenith resolution and working on the process of getting the minutes resolved and approving minutes.

Kathy F. requests an email blast sent out when minutes have been posted.

Janice: will we get a resolution on the past minutes? Josh: that is a resolution he is currently working on with CNN.

Transportation/Land Use Report (David Sweet)

Committee, which includes anyone who wants to be on our committee next week. Will meet Tuesday the 21st to discuss PedPDX. Please express opinion on sidewalks. Janice: homeless are now sleeping on sidewalks on Albertson's? Denny: Please talk to me about this.

Homelessness Report (Denny Karas)

Nothing to report.

Cully Air Action Telemetry Report (Gregory Sotir)

Owens-Brockway got fined \$13,800 because they presented false data in an opacity test (emissions through their stack, which are heavy metals and other VOCs). DEQ is putting pressure on them to put filters on their stacks.

SAPA on Cornfoot Rd. has changed their name to Hydro-Extrusion. Releasing Chromium 6 into environment. Sold NASA faulty aluminum which led to destruction of satellites. Will become a target for CAAT over the next 4-6 months.

HB 2007 (Diesel pollution) is moving through in Salem.

SB729, dealing with NW Metals and the fire there, moving through in Salem. Tina Kotek seemed to think it was going through.

Parks and Open Space Report (Jonathan Cruz)

Annette will co-chair parks committee. Part of my responsibilities will be to plan events for the parks. Meeting will be after today to talk about a long-term strategy. Want to work that community centers won't be closed.

Tree Team Report (Bruce Nelson)

Bruce Nelson (trees) Dry summer: if not established, trees will suffer. If investing money into a tree, they need extra water

Cully Neighbor News Report (Lynette Yetter)

Thanks Denny for many years of Ad Manager service. He has stepped away as ad manager. We need about 8 people to replace him. The board will discuss how to distribute the 700 copies that go to newsstands and businesses. I am absorbing part of the Ad Manager position. We still need someone to change dates on a letter 4 times a year and when someone emails you or calls you about advertising, you send out the form. Handle payments. Send reminders about renewing ads. Denny will mentor you.

Public hearing coming up about PedPDX early in June.

Website Report (Chris Browne)

Susan Nelson added history to the website with pictures.

CNN Report (Marilee Dea)

Greg came to CNN to share the idea of environmental monitoring with other neighborhoods at the board. CNN is very worried that they will lose funding.

Other business

Kathy Fuerstenau: Do a budget for the fiscal year?

Josh: know that Stephanie is preparing a budget; we are all commenting on it now. I can give you an update after our next board meeting.

Mac: Suk Re (OCCL) will be here next month, also likely a presentation on Oak Leaf Mobile Home park.

Annette: Volunteers needed for Adelitas event.

Appendix B. Sign In Sheets

Appendix C.

Cully Association of Neighbors Resolution Opposing Zenith Energy Expansion & Tar Sands in Portland May 14, 2019

WHEREAS transporting tar sands crude oil by rail poses immense risks to the community and the environment from accidents, potential spills and explosions;

WHEREAS increasing the volume of trains increases the overall amount of diesel pollution adversely impacting the health of people who live and work near the rail line;

WHEREAS the terminal facility site is prone to soil liquefaction that could cause tank failure during a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake or other seismic event;

WHEREAS loading tar sands crude onto marine tankers poses unique risks to the Willamette River from spill or leak;

WHEREAS marine crude oil tankers traveling on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers pose risks to the health of the rivers, salmon, and other marine life;

WHEREAS some tar sands trains have added Hydrogen Sulfide or other hazardous diluents that require special safety equipment in case of spill, leak or other disaster, including use of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, that first responders are ill-prepared for;

WHEREAS the rail line through Cully Neighborhood frequently carries oil trains;

WHEREAS Cully neighborhood has traditionally been one of the least served communities in Portland, with 44% of its population being people of color, a percentage expected to increase in the 2020 census;

WHEREAS the greater pains of environmental pollution fall upon the poor, people of color and marginalized peoples who lack the mobility to escape from pollution, and who lack access to high quality, affordable health care, and whose needs have been traditionally ignored in environmental planning;

WHEREAS the City of Portland's *Climate Action Plan* acknowledges the need to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the effects of climate change and tar sands are the most polluting form of fossil fuel;

Be it Resolved, that the Cully Association of Neighbors

Strongly opposes the Zenith Energy expansion and all projects for new or expanded facilities that will result in an increase in tar sands transport or storage in Portland;

Urges the Portland City Council, Multnomah County Commission, agencies and officials to deny all support and permits for Zenith Energy;

Urges the Portland City Council, Multnomah County Commission, agencies and officials to pass a moratorium on fossil fuels and deny all future permits for new or expanded fossil fuel facilities.