

Cully Association of Neighbors

General Meeting

Draft Minutes

June 11, 2019 7-9pm 6025 NE Prescott St.

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

Introductions and approval of April 2019 meeting minutes

Meeting comes to order at 7:05pm.

Motion to approve agenda: – Julie Grainger motions to approve agenda. Greg Sotir seconds. All in favor. None opposed, none abstain. Motion passes.

Motion to approve minutes: – Marilee Dea motions to approve minutes. Greg Sotir seconds. All in favor. None opposed, none abstain. Motion passes.

Open Comment Period

Greg Sotir: Owens-Brockway will have a Level 4 Assessment because of Cleaner Air Oregon rules passed last year. SAPA: aluminum manufacturer releasing Chromium VI into air, despite saying they weren't. Have been fined due to defrauding NASA and lost all government contracts. Norwegian company Hydroextrusion bought them. Get a fan filter with lowest number on it for upcoming wildfire season.

Chelsea Swanda: Give and Take Resale in Kenton opening a second store in 42nd Ave where Cully Farm Store and Bloem are. Store is called Take It or Leave It. Consignment or credit given for donating old items.

McKayla Ainsbury: Realtor in Cully asking for donations for Join – organization for helping homeless.

Bill Stout: Lion's Club recruiting: largest service organization in the world. Meets at 42nd and Alberta.

Annette Pronk: Portland Parks & Rec Movie in the Park K-Park July 11th with Cuban band and Solo: Star Wars. Cully Park also having a movie. Living Cully: Meet at 10:45 June 18th to deliver postcards at City Hall to commissioners then celebration in Chapman Square with sliced fruit. Return at 2pm. Job announcement: Verde team operations coordinator full or part time. Accepting cover letters and resumes until June 20th. Home dedication and BBQ June 15 11-1pm at Cully Place Killingsworth near Trinity Lutheran Church. Explorando the Cully Slough (bilingual event, mostly Spanish) in Whitaker Ponds June 22nd. Cully NET will work with Listos (Spanish-speaking emergency preparedness program).

Julia Morelo: Physicians for Social Responsibility. Supports resolution against Zenith Oil Trains.

Denny Karas: Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park ribbon cutting party June 17. Free bread and pastries donated from Grand Central.

Suk Rhee – OCCL Director

Code change process: Every bureau has a chapter in the city code that defines its functions. Previously was Office of Neighborhood Involvement. “Community” chosen to appeal to more people over “neighborhood.” Wanted to add “Civic.”

CAN Inclusive Cully Policy’s first 3 paragraphs embody why we are going through this code change. Acknowledge that many people are vulnerable to displacement, want to ensure equity among many groups.

Passed out current and proposed city code for OCCL. There will be a newer version at end of month.

Adding lists of groups or items like neighborhood is not reflected in initial language because of a desire to broadly appeal to many. The committee has heard this many times, though, and the committee is considering adding it back in again.

Mac: Neighborhood associations relate to specific places or locales. New version relates to groups or communities. CAN is a great organization that focuses neighbors to come together and have an effect on their community. Missing a center of power in the locality in the new code.

Kathy: Current code will get updates about things that might update city livability. How will these things continue with the new code? Suk: OCCL is not part of this code: these announcements are part of other bureaus. Want the code to generally signal that everyone is important.

Marilee: New code seems more exciting and engaging. Many other neighborhoods are afraid of code change and that they might go away. Suk: All Portlanders need to be represented and it can be a shock that your organization type isn’t the only type mentioned in city code after 45 years. Item C: Support, develop and connect the infrastructure for community and civic engagement. Bringing different groups together in an intersectional way is important. Bring communities together around shared issues: not separate them.

Lynette: Negative language in old code has been changed into positive language in new code.

Suk: Youth Commission, Disability Program, Immigrant & Refugee program, Neighborhood Associations also help to promote civic involvement from a process of starting small to speak up about what you want to see happen.

Greg: How will self-identified communities join into the conversation? Many don’t know OCCL exists. Suk: Existing programs will not go away. How communities can be more inclusive will be rethought. Want to make services available to everybody even though currently code says only neighborhood associations can be involved in certain tasks. Self-organizing houseless groups do not fit into code even though they are constituents with power. Hiring will be different: bilingual preferred in one of 9 languages. Some programming will be internal with community partnerships and also only external.

Julia: Requiring neighborhood organizations to do more outreach to partner organizations? Suk: not requiring but will be inviting and highlighting where people have already done it. Don’t want to tell

community groups what they need to do, need to be more responsible to community groups. Julia: forced partnerships between different groups can be harmful. Suk: If a grant is given to achieve certain outcomes, important to see what the capacity to deliver the outcomes needed the most. Show people what is possible, and they might want to try new things.

Denny: Connected Dignity Village to CNN: Sunderland Neighborhood Association has been a new addition. Using Neighbors Helping Neighbors model at CNN. Can you do your job if different council members keep changing? Suk: That structure is challenging for every bureau. City has agreed on certain things and are not debatable. Response is generally positive. Portland wants to build a more equitable future.

Kathy: open meeting policy; coalitions that support neighborhoods how would they get funding? Largely NAs are funded through the coalition model: what is the best role for coalitions What should investments do? Do they help us get to a better Portland? Transparency and accountability look different for different groups and want to respect community wisdom.

Isha: Looking at investments and also structure: is it serving the intent behind the policy? Suk: when you engage different people they will ask different questions and challenge the assumptions you assume you are operating on. Civic engagement will require checking assumptions and data on outcomes are stark for outcomes with different communities. If outcomes don't change then we need to change our assumptions on what should be working and why.

Cully Cleanup

Thanking everyone involved in the cleanup. 9 40 Cubic Yard dumpsters, 2 pickup trucks of cardboard, Box truck of styrofoam. 300+ neighbors joined us. Just over \$5,000 in revenue. NE Emergency Food Project took anything leftover and then had a very large free pile at the end of the day. 104 volunteers contributed. Josh Heumann was the organizer. Cannot recycle hard plastic anymore. Neighbors seemed genuinely appreciative of this opportunity; nice opportunity for people to come together.

Board Reports

Newspapers - Need volunteer(s) for Ad manager position(s): Graphic design for ads for businesses without graphics, Managing ads through businesses

Homelessness - Denny: Tomorrow support and monitoring group for 5 points (Cully Blvd/60th/Prescott): growing homelessness there as well as a sweep. Want to interview people who want to be part of our group. Using neighbors helping neighbors guidelines and format. Long-term and ongoing basis try to help connect services to homeless people from this area. Want to work with the city in these efforts.

Treasurer - FY: Income: \$11,122.01 - Budgeted for \$9,700 so well over income. Expenses: \$10,940.13 - Spent less than budgeted. Bank Account: \$28,857.77. Kathy: does this include cleanup and expenses for the cleanup? Stephanie: Yes.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Annette moves to accept report, Marilee seconds. All in favor. None opposed or abstaining. Motion passes.

Other Business

Annette: Reusable cups to be used. At end of meeting put them face up so they will get washed.
Durable goods and plates in the fall.

Denny: Sept. 22nd Neighborhood Parkways. We will have a table at one of the intersections. Can sign up to help Denny.

Isha: Summer schedule: no meeting until September. Board meetings will continue. T/LU also takes off for the summer.

Kathy: Wants more details on budget for the next fiscal year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: by Michael Heumann, seconded by Julie Grainger. All in favor. None opposed or abstaining. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Minutes submitted by Claire Alyea, Secretary of CAN.