

Cully Association of Neighbors DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting 6/23/20 6-8pm

Attendance:

CAN Board Members Present: David Sweet, Josh Heumann, Mac McKinlay, Gregory Sotir, Claire Alyea, Isha Leinow, Stephanie Neely, Annette Pronk *Absent:* Rich Gunderson, *Community Members:* Maria Grzanka, Chris Browne, Mailee Dea

Board Meeting Minutes

Greg moves to approve May board meeting minutes. David seconds. Seven in favor, Annette abstained, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Budget

- Stephanie proposed FY 20-21 budget. \$5750 deficit (Line 21) - newsletter committee last suggested an online version of the newsletter with a few printed copies available centrally (\$680 is available separately in the budget for digital and print publishing):. If we get the CNN grant (Isha is not sure the city budget is still funding this, but it is on the city council budget meeting tomorrow), make \$1500 from newsletter advertising (\$90x16 advertisements), \$2500 from a fundraising event, can decrease expenditures by \$5750.
- Newsletter feedback: A few written personal feedback statements received, and some people appreciate a printed version. Will update the budget accordingly with their proposal and negotiations with the board.
- Rich moves that we approve this budget and make amendments later as needed. David seconds. Seven in favor, Isha opposed, none abstained. Budget passed.

Newsletter

- New committee: Alma Vasquez and Andy Wheeler are working on a proposal.
- Eron Riddle (Cully Blvd Alliance) interested in possibly funding the newsletter (~\$3000), they are interested in a published and mailed version.
- Chris Browne: Web-based newsletter could have links to stores/websites etc.

TIF District

- Our 42nd Ave. currently has a board of directors (501c3) but is merging with NAYA (Native American Youth and Family Center) and the board will become an advisory committee.
- NPI's (Neighborhood Prosperity Initiatives) are set to expire next year - but Prosper Portland might extend them. Our 42nd/Cully Blvd Alliance might merge and become a Cully Community-Led Development District (TIF District) pending approval.
- Community engagement group is developing strongly, we will be reaching out to the neighborhood by the end of the summer.
- Cannot get in front of city council by end of 2020 so now aiming at July 1, 2022 start date.
- Developed a charter that would drive the motion forward (Cully Central brainstorming event). Looking actively to include voices that might be missing. Keep outside corporate money out.

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Racism: Diversity & Inclusivity

- *David*: We recognize the need to bring diversity/equity/inclusion/systematic racism in our decision making.
- *Annette*: Unwanted persons were the No.1 police complaint in Portland which has led to pilot programs to transfer police role: minority community members might not feel safe with the police due to historic racism. Annette invites David and others who speak up to step down and let others speak up more often.
- Vigil memorial after recent police violence @ Cully Blvd & Killingsworth June 26 4pm-5:30. Partnering with NCAA/Urban League/Hacienda/Verde
- New police chief wants community policing to lead the bureau
- *Greg*: In lieu of general meeting have a digital community conversation to determine our needs/goals/how the issue of community policing evolves.
- *Stephanie*: gather information/listen to what is needed/inspire change/organize an alternative/sense of security that can be had. With police presence at meetings, some people feel more secure (but no longer available to do this, but we are no longer informed about possible crime concerns in the neighborhood), but we need to brainstorm community's understanding of what makes them feel more secure.
- *Maria*: is an online facilitator and is interested in helping facilitate conversations. Breakout sessions, providing space for people to engage/answer questions accessibly/adding post-it notes to the conversation
- *Marilee*: as the most diverse neighborhood in the state (2010 census), we need the police to come to us at least once to hear their plans, what is happening in Cully
- *Josh*: Police could make some people feel alienated, how can we be safe and informed without relying on police.

General Meeting Topics

- CAN needs to have the conversation of reimagining community policing
 - Invite Susheela Jayapal to come to talk (Annette has started talks)
 - Invite Joann Hardesty to talk to us about police plans for the future
- Some in favor for the next second Tuesday of the month next possible date July 14th but might need more time to organize the meeting (August) about police changes/racism. Next big CAN general meeting in September. Committee formed to plan the meeting.

Delta/Plus

- Delta: Josh to keep more on task, Leaning in/ leaning out,
- Plus: Annette spoke up and it changed the process, Community member involvement, Digital format, Richness of depth in talk on racial justice, Maria glad she joined/impressed on respectfulness, felt it kept on track, listened to everyone

Adjournment

- *Vote*: Annette moves to adjourn. Rich seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.