

Cully Association of Neighbors Approved Board Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting 7/28/20 6-8pm

Attendance:

CAN Board Members Present: David Sweet, Josh Heumann, Gregory Sotir, Claire Alyea, Isha Leinow, Stephanie Neely, Annette Pronk, Mac McKinlay (6:30+) *Absent:* Rich Gunderson
Community Members: Chris Browne, Maria Grzanka (7:00+), Alma Velazquez (7:30+)

Board Meeting Minutes

- Annette changed some phrasing, added details to June board meeting minutes. David moves to approve the minutes as edited. Annette seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. May board meeting minutes approved.

Public Comments

Chris Browne: Questioned the community chat from the e-blast, will discuss later in the meeting.

Board Reflections

- What can be done differently? new areas of focus? Annette, Josh and Isha went over data to bring up a plan about racial justice work to bring to general membership, but we need more information from the community, to develop our message, and work more with community-based organizations.
- Create baseline of common terminology for shared understanding of historical background because neighbors have very different backgrounds in understanding of racial inequity.. Idea to welcome NAYA or Habitat to meetings to share the impact of race in Cully. We have invited our community organizations to these conversations. Some are more aware than others and have more understanding of these topics.
- Upcoming general meeting describing insights we have come across.
- Annette is interested in non-typical voices from CAN, and wants to invite individual community members to participate, encouraging people to mind potentially harmful language in meetings.
- What should the next conversation deal with?
 - Harmful language: involves assumptions, lack of engagement, body language
 - August 11th (Tuesday), 7-9pm on Zoom. Maria will work with Annette, Isha, and Josh

City Charter Commission

- Every 10 years 20 residents are chosen for an advisory board to update the city charter. <https://www.portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission/about-charter-commission>
People can apply at: <https://www.portland.gov/civic/advisorygroups/events/2020/7/15/apply-charter-review-commission> Deadline is August 30, Many essays in application.
- What does Cully feel about racial justice? It is systemic, will take a long time to overcome. What is our action to make long term impact? Reach out to other allies, work together to find the right voices to raise up, bring in new perspectives. Who can we push forward and endorse as a neighborhood association? Potential applicants to approach:

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Tony DeFalco , Annette Pronk , Vivianne Satterfield. David is willing/able to apply for the City Charter Commission if CAN doesn't find an alternative endorsement. Continue conversation in email.

September General meeting

- Commissioner Joann Hardesty confirmed for September meeting. Originally asked her to speak on her vision of future of policing in Portland
- Another speaker/complimentary presentation could be a report about community conversations on racial justice that we are having.
- Greg proposes speaker discussing COVID-19 and schools, etc. from OHA, etc
- In previous Delta/Plus reviews people didn't want to have just speakers, more interactive
- Segway from Joann to another related topic? Gun violence: Evelin Navarro shooting, police interactions?
- Invite Joann to understand Cully's stories through community members more before her presentation. Alder Commons conversations on Thursdays: Being Wrong Club
- First general meeting over zoom, zoom-bombing prevention: password, waiting room, register for event (link only shared with people who sign up for it), assign people roles: different people monitor participants, monitor chat, remove people, etc.

Future Meetings

- *Vote:* Isha proposes to Invite Red Cross/Earthquake Preparedness 1hr presentation in October. Josh seconds. Six in favor, David abstained, none opposed. Topic approved. October is great shakeout/earthquake awareness month.
- Idea to have the theme through the entire season of racial justice for all meetings.

Newsletter

- Alma proposal on digital newsletter: an exploration and more specifics needed. Works with Andy Wheeler in PPS. More links, videos, etc, platform more like Instagram e.g., constant flow of stories versus e
- Continue to reach out to the bilingual community. Want to offer multiple languages.
- It will be all volunteer, but will need it to take much less time. Alma will not be running it as the organizer, but Andy/Alma can edit stories, hoping to have contributing editors as well. Have many volunteer writers.
- CBA partnership with earmarked funding, but can't be involved editorially to avoid conflict of interest. Potential to pay for articles written.
- Josh has contacted businesses that pre-paid for the summer issue which did not run, most willing to forward payment, also refundable. Will contact with future concrete plan.

Adjournment

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