

**Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Approved Minutes**  
**March 10, 2020 7-9pm 6025 NE Prescott St.**

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

**Meeting comes to order at 7:03 pm** with introductions from Josh Heumann, Chair

→ **Vote: Claire Alyea motions to approve the agenda**, David Sweet seconds. All in favor, none opposed, one abstained. Agenda approved.

**DEQ Air Monitoring in Cully Neighborhood**

- “The Air We Breathe” short video by Verde in Spanish with subtitles. Discusses toxics the air caused by adjacent industry: asphalt regrinding, airport, glass manufacturer, diesel, etc.
- Gregory Sotir: ‘Cully’s Vile ‘Soup’” article by CAAT that mentions the VOC’s present in our air.
- Scott Pierman, air toxics monitoring lab: Statewide Air Monitoring had (6) stations: (4) in Portland, (1) in Dalles, (1) in La Grande.
- Measured four groups of toxics: Metals, VOC’s (e.g. gasoline), Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons(PAH’s) (e.g. tobacco smoke), Carbonyls (e.g. glues, pesticides)
- Air Monitoring Station @ Helensview School on Killingsworth. Sampled air every six days for one year and compared to health-based goals (benchmarks), national urban averages.
  - found no toxics that would pose a short-term health risk, 6 air toxics were above benchmarks: Arsenic 5.4x benchmark, Benzene 2.9x, Carbon tetrachloride 1.8x, Ethylbenzene 2.7x, Naphthalene 1.1x, Acetaldehyde 2.3x, Formaldehyde 7.9x. All are consistent in what we are seeing in urban areas in the US except for arsenic, which could be from volcanic soil here or other sources.
  - DEQ will use this data to determine its programs and learn how to reduce these levels

**DEQ Q&A**

- Oregon standards are based on setting goals that have cancer risk of 1:1,000,000, created by Air Toxics Advisory Committee including toxicologists. There are no federal standards/requirements.
- Plan to reduce these toxics: Permitting (Cleaner Air Oregon industrial air toxics permit-ing based on localized risks), Oregon legislature on diesel PM reduction, Wood smoke reduction - changing to fireplaces that burn more cleanly.
- Helensview was chosen as an ambient monitoring station to find a median air sample, following EPA regulations so heavy pollution areas did not bias the results, choosing a representative site. Air toxics are expected to be found in urban environments. Cleaner Air Oregon is taking care of getting data directly from industrial sites.
- Duration of sample was 24hrs, draw air through a filter and filter is then analyzed.
- Next steps to protect air quality: data can be used by Oregon DEQ programs to evaluate the efficacy of these programs. Helensview station will be used to determine trends.
- Community member has noticed odors, bodily feelings, increase in traffic, especially in the summer and doesn’t agree that the air toxics are not that bad. DEQ: Asphalt plant operates more in the summer and although they have improved the pollution but DEQ wants to know. Feedback can be given through complaint system 1-888-997-7888 and website: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Get-Involved/Pages/File-Pollution-Complaint.aspx>. More specific information is best using online form: note the time, intensity of the odor, particulate leaving their property, this can trigger unannounced site visit on their operations.
- VW settlement funding might help small companies update their trucks although diesel trucks last a very long time but want to help them upgrade their fleets.
- Community member notices air quality seems very different between different parts in the neighborhood, wants fenceline monitors. DEQ: There is a prioritized list of next projects, not a current plan but source testing by 3rd party company to test emissions is best way. State is

conducting inventory of non-road diesel engines (vehicle shredder, construction equipment) to quantify scale of the problem to develop ways to address it. Contact elected representatives.

### **Residential Infill Project Addition**

- (6) proposed amendments & hearing on Thursday 3/12. Deeper Affordability Bonus allows up to 6 homes on a lot, larger sf building if at least half are affordable (60% of area median income or for sale to people earning 80% of area median income). Habitat, Hacienda will use.
  - Community viewpoints: Opposition to density because 4-6 unit building is not appropriate for residential area, 60% of area median income is too high, does not see it as actually affordable, Creates affordable housing for 99 years for more stable communities, more services are needed in this neighborhood not just housing, Subsidies could be reduced to develop affordable housing more easily.
  - Testimony can be added online: <https://beta.portland.gov/bps/rip>
- **Vote: Bruce Nelson moves that we vote to support David in support of testifying for the DAB,** Susan Nelson seconds. 23 in favor, 8 opposed, 4 abstained. **Board vote:** all in favor except Greg opposed, none abstained. Motion passed to let David testify on behalf of CAN.

**Announcements:** Coronavirus should we meet in April (elections)? Email [cully@cullyneighbors.org](mailto:cully@cullyneighbors.org)  
PBOT at Lombard and Columbia meeting, OCCL can give more information about advice on public meetings. Elderly with underlying health risks most vulnerable. Cough, fever, shortness of breath call health care provider, follow doctor protocol. Multnomah County Clinic if no health care provider. Call first before going. Call 211 for help in many languages, free clinics. Movies in Park w/ music August 27.  
**NET (Isha):** Citywide deployment drill May 2, 1-5pm Rigler Elementary field. All volunteers welcome.

- **Vote: Michael Heumann motions to approve February's minutes,** Kathy Fuerstenau seconds. All but one in favor, none opposed, one abstained. Minutes approved as corrected.

**Treasurer Report:** \$3118.18 Income, \$6154.91 Expenses FYTD, \$23,447.61 Balance (all FYTD)

- **Vote: Gregory Sotir motions to accept treasurer's report,** Annette Pronk seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Treasurer's report approved.

**CAN Chair (Josh Heumann):** Cully Clean-Up May 8 9am-3pm volunteers needed go to [cullyneighbors.org](http://cullyneighbors.org) or email [cully@cullyneighbors.org](mailto:cully@cullyneighbors.org). All officer positions open (treasurer, vice chair do not have candidates currently), 1-2 at-large positions

**Tree Team (Bruce Nelson):** Sat April 4 Friends of Trees Planting in Cully. Volunteer day-of or sign up.

**T/LU Update (David Sweet):** change of date: will meet March 31 at 7pm, Cully Grove Common House. Warehouse again proposed next to Comcast on Killingsworth. Rose's Ice Cream parlor will be redeveloped and wants input.

**CNN (Marilee Dea):** Mayoral candidate Fair March 31-April 1, German American Hall Sandy & 57th

### **Delta (What to do different) /Plus (What worked well)**

**Delta:** larger room maybe needed, multiple ways to let people speak up, limit to (1) important topic so plenty of time for discussion, more succinct when asking questions, state name when speaking, ask who is new

**Plus:** Translator worked very hard, attendance great, microphone, speaking appropriate pace, day care, flexible & effective pacing, kept track of whether people agree or are opposed, chair humor, diversity, visual storytelling (multimedia) helpful, good to see people in real life not just on facebook

- **Vote: Carol Emmons moves to adjourn the meeting,** Bruce Nelson seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm. Minutes submitted by Claire Alyea, CAN Secretary.