

Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, 7:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome and introductions

Attendance: Talia Kahn-Kravis, Annette Pronk, Josh Heumann, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Vena Rainwater, Maria Grzanka

Public Comment Period

None

Approval of previous minutes - Josh

Annette - clarification on confirmation vote for rent relief in Cully, request from community member was to use funds for rent relief in Cully

- VOTE: Approval of May CAN board meeting minutes

- Annette motions to approve, David seconds
 - In favor: all
 - Opposed: none
 - Abstained: none

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Cleanup votes - Josh

Discussion and unofficial board vote happened over email to approve CAN sponsorship of event opposing Zenith

- VOTE: Official approval for CAN sponsorship of event opposing Zenith

- Josh motions to approve, Gregory seconds
 - In favor: all
 - Opposed: none
 - Abstained: none

Grievance committee

Process (Maria)

- Article IX of CAN bylaws outline grievance procedure, key points: Submit complaint in writing containing an alleged violation of CAN bylaws or ONI standards, Anyone serving on the grievance that is subject to the complaint should excuse themselves, Must be submitted within 45 days of alleged incident, Within 14 days of receipt committee shall arrange with petitioner mutually acceptable place, day, and time to review complaint, Within 60 days committee should recommend a resolution, If committee and petitioner cannot reach an agreement, final resolution determined by board vote, Process should be open to the public, Deliberations can be held in executive session, Decision should be in writing, Appeal can be made with 14 days

Current makeup (Maria for Isha)

- Isha is the only official member of the grievance committee, Committee should be made up of 2 board members and 3 community members, no one on the ballot for committee in April elections, 2 board members were written in, 0 community members written in, no decisions made on board members to serve on committee

Next steps (Maria)

- Need to stand up 5-member grievance committee, Arrange a time to review complaint with petitioner, 14 day time limit is on Monday 6/28, complaint submitted by Chris Browne on Monday 6/14

- MOTION: Postpone process until general meetings resume in September

- Gregory motions to postpone processing grievance until September, concerns about time limits in process (14 days, 60 days) and standing up full grievance committee
- Chris called Allison Stoll at CNN for advice, has not yet heard back
- Josh, need to do our best to follow process
- Talia, key part of committee is to have 3 community members, no one jumping in to volunteer, worry about ability to fulfill that

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- Chris, willing to wait till September if we could get community voices in there, issue is very important
- Annette, would the complainant (Chris) be withdrawing and resubmitting complaint in September, possibility to have conversations with board in the meantime
- Chris, not willing to withdraw, [alleging] breaking bylaws, okay to wait but don't want to, issue is lack of any opposing voices in conversations
- Josh, 2 options, 1 withdraw and resubmit or 2, follow process do as written
- Gregory, board can make governance decisions, [regarding] the process of standing up a grievance committee, have not had sufficient people step forward, expect that at the next general meeting we can, motion still on the floor to postpone to next general meeting
- Chris seconds
- Annette considering abstaining
- Gregory, another option is to follow up with city
- Annette, there were no community members stepped up, board doesn't have grievance committee [currently], when community doesn't show up there is no committee
- **VOTE: delay election of grievance committee until September general meeting and restarting clock on grievance process at that time**
 - In favor: Gregory, Vena, Talia, Josh, Chris
 - Opposed: none
 - Abstained: David, Maria, Annette

When to have in-person meetings again - Josh

- Vena, never
- Gregory, [supports] occasional in-person, like annual retreat, as for general meetings, schools planned to open fully in September, should follow school schedule, regain continuity of participation
- Maria, agrees with Gregory, special occasion, not on the regular
- Josh, in-person board meetings used to be held in community room at 49th and Going
- Annette, value of being in shared space, suggests avenue for hybrid meeting
- Chris favors virtual meeting rather than having to go
- Josh, limited/mixed enthusiasm for unofficial board meeting, support for staying virtual
- David, community has decided to reopen common house, room available with [appropriate] notice for booking
- Vena offers to help make hybrid solution work
- Josh, open to other locations

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- Vena, we have not approved budget for 2021/2022, don't know what we need to do next, starting 6/30 we don't have an approved budget
- Maria, quick search no "budget" in bylaws
- **ACTION ITEM: Vena send questions over email, continue conversation over email, vote over email, confirmation vote in July board meeting**
- Vena, concern about 2 philosophical questions: 1) will we spend down some funds for a mini grant program 2) what is vision for newsletter moving forward?
- Josh, if email conversation goes nowhere, will hold special meeting to discuss

Delta/plus

- **MOTION: Annette, skip for today**
 - Vena seconds
- **VOTE: skip for today**
 - In favor: all
 - Opposed: none
 - Abstained: none

Adjourn

- **MOTION: Annette, adjourn meeting**
 - Vena seconds
- **VOTE: adjourn meeting**
 - In favor: all
 - Opposed: none
 - Abstained: none

Meeting Minutes recorded by Maria Grzanka, CAN Secretary. All CAN Board Meeting and General Meetings are open to the public to attend. Please reach out to a board member for more detailed information about discussion points.

Active Committees & Other CAN Roles

- CNN Representative: Michael Morrissey
- Grievance Committee: Isha Leinow + 1 board member vacancy + 3 community member vacancy

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- CAN website: Chris Browne
- CAN email list-serv: Gregory Sotir
- Cully Air Action Team: Gregory Sotir
- Transportation and Land Use: David Sweet
- Tree Team: Bruce Nelson