

Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, 7:00-9:00pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Board Introductions and Roles

Board members in attendance: Chris Browne, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Josh Heumann, Isha Leinow, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater
Absent: Annette Pronk

Welcoming new folks

General Members in attendance: Oscar Gilson, Roxy Nayar, Julie & Bob Granger, Blair Vallie, Kathy Fuerstenau, Rachel & Kiki (Alder Commons)

Approval of Agenda* and June General Meeting Minutes*

Motion to approve agenda: Maria Grzanka motions to approve agenda. Chris Browne requests addition of call for grievance committee community members. Josh Heumann confirms item for public announcement section. Vena Rainwater seconds (with amendment to add grievance committee to public announcement section).

Vote: All present in favor. None opposed. Chris Browne abstains. Motion passes.

Motion to approve June 2020 minutes: Gregory Sotir motions to approve minutes. Talie Khan-Kravis seconds.

Vote: All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

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Who we are and what we do

Isha Leinow spoke about [Inclusive Cully Policy](#) and CAN work over the last year in three categories:

- Operational: held two virtual board member elections, added a CNN representative, created an on-boarding process for board members, added meeting standards like land acknowledgement, new member welcome, plus/delta, stood up Cully e-news with new editor
- Advocacy: water bureau meter changes, Zenith permit denial, Owens-Brockway, Cully community-led TIF project
- Public engagement: Jayapal, new attendees, welcome new people, community resources, funded Rigler reading program
 - (see prior topics)
- Questions:
 - Kathy: what was the water bureau issue?
 - David: opposition to expensive water meter requirement changes

General discussion: what topics (issues, concerns, interests) would you like to hear about this year?

Vena Rainwater facilitated discussion with all present.

- What stuck out to you last year? What worked really well?
 - Isha: delta/plus
- What didn't work well?
 - Vena: trying to fit too much in meeting, not enough time to discuss
- What would you be interested in the upcoming year?
 - Oscar: partner with Solve to cleanup neighborhood, trained as SOLVE lead would like to volunteer, prior CAN board member
 - Vena: would we want to have SOLVE present
 - Oscar: how do we cleanup our own neighborhood without going too far away
 - Bob: Cully used to have a monthly litter patrol run by Sean(?), manager at Albertsons, idea: adopt a block, individuals can sign up for an area, CAN could map areas and promote people signing up, issues from past: disposing of litter and garbage, always a road block, businesses let me use dumpsters, has to be organized
 - Blair via chat: SOLVE education/training, such as sharps training, is one big piece they can help with.
 - Chris: a couple neighbors are already doing pickers, can find out more about adopting a block
 - Rachel & Kiki: The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services is a great resource for clean-up projects as well

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- Talia: Roxy has done a lot of research about who collects what types of materials
- Roxy: pesticide collection event, Metro collection events, neighborhood events paused, at no cost for drop off, rules about containment, check first
- Gregory: environmental topics, CAAT working with other organizations locally and nationally on this issue, typically provide overview in November as well as spring, thinking about [inviting] commissioner Rubio to introduce herself, environmental issues fall under her purview
- Josh: highlight new businesses
- Rachel: overview of Alder Commons, several businesses run out from Alder Commons community
- Kathy: a business section on e-news
- Maria: jobs bulletin [in partnership with Living Cully Partners & Allies]
- Vena: host a jobs fair
- David: neighborhood prosperity districts have had no businesses closed on 42nd or Cully, bring Erron and Edy in
- Rachel: anti-displacement, helping houseless folks, big city actions + individuals, eager to learn more about all topics in this area
- Rachel: de-escalation and community safety if we have less law enforcement, training, learning, bystander intervention training, de-escalation training, have to train ourselves to respond differently, see [Portland United Against Hate](#) (PUAH) and <https://www.reporthatpdx.com/>, [reporthatpdx.com](https://www.reporthatpdx.com/), PUA,
- Rachel: mutual aid community, difference between charity and solidarity, white saviorism, distinction seems gray
- Kathy: does neighborhood watch still exist, way to have neighbors connect within their block, my street knows each other
- Isha: [WeShine](#) will present at next general meeting, builds tiny house villages, needs help finding space, and volunteers
- Chris: schools, involved with basketball at Scott school, maybe have principals from Scott and Rigler come in
- Vena: also Beaumont middle school (path from Scott and Rigler)
- Chris: more discussion on TIF, a different viewpoint discussed about TIF,
- Vena: is CAN the venue or is it the city
- Maria: an open discussion at CAN about TIF
- Isha: wants firm commitment to be welcoming
- Chris: layout ground rules so all voices can be heard, have been quieted

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- **Clean-up event: Saturday October 2, 2021 10AM-12PM**

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- Help needed: Volunteers to pick up litter (supplies provided by SOLVE), Cargo bikes to follow for bag pickup (organized by Community Cycling Center)
- **Cully Community Event: (tentative) Saturday, October 16**, Maria introduces Alagia Conwell-Felix and Blair Vallie
 - Alagia: event organized as response to gun violence in neighborhood, plan to have food, music, [potential] vaccination clinic,
 - Help needed: Volunteers day of, accessibility, people to help with art installation,
 - Blair Vallie: planning club, building relationships, instead of individual, show kids who they can work for, a lot of kids at PSU, being able to know what's going on, good way to show what's
- **Alder Commons quarterly workshop week of October 11th**, <https://app.aldercommons.org/program/fall-workshop-week>, Rachel & Kiki will have workshops about decolonizing parenting, abolishing, repair cafe, cooking classes, origami pumpkins, cider pressing, [and more...](#)

Public Announcements

- Chris: grievance committee needs 3 community members, if interested email cully@cullyneighbors.org
- Isha: [WeShine](#) will present at next general meeting, builds tiny house villages, needs help finding space, and volunteers
- Maria: jobs I heard about through Living Cully Partners & Allies
 - Hannex General Store
 - Indow: production workers, accountant, front-end designer
 - EQC: healthcare 20+
 - DeLaSalle kitchen manager

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- ABC looking for new program coordinator: Andando en Bici y Caminando (ABC) “riding bikes and walking”
- Also talk about creating a FB page for jobs in Cully
- Josh: newsletter always looking for input

Officer report out

- Gregory, CAAT: set up meeting with Owens-BRockway, scaled back to virtual, pushed back, then others wanted to attend, Kotek, Rubio, a lot of focus to get them to install filters, negotiating with DEQ about Cleaner Air Oregon legislation about regional haze affects in Columbia Gorge, DEQ extended comment period, if anyone would like to comment, contact gsotir@cullycleanair.org, any issues about air quality
- Gregory: Zenith has decided to sue until matter is settled, still a great victory because we got the city council to do something progressive about a community health issue, leaning on commissioners to do something, grassroots effort, including Mosquito Fleet
- Vena: Treasurer’s report, new fiscal year since last presented
 - Operating income \$2328.12 (grant from CNN to support newsletter)
 - Operating expense \$240
 - \$24,385.12 in the bank
 - **Motion to approve Treasurer’s report:** Maria Grzanka motions to approve report. Bob Granger seconds.
 - **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Delta/Plus Meeting Evaluation

- Delta: couldn’t find link, send reminder day of, had to dig in email to find, call for breakout groups
- Plus: enjoyed hearing people’s inputs, Vena’s facilitation, facilitation style, enough time for each topic, simple explanation easy-to-follow meeting structure and be a part of, introductions of new members, notes and dates of events coming up, ending early, thanks to design

ADJOURNMENT*

- **Motion to adjourn:** Maria Grzanka motions to adjourn meeting. Julie Granger seconds.
- **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

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

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