

Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome and introductions

- Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Josh Heumann, Isha Leinow, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater Absent: Gregory Sotir
- General Members in attendance: Mandy Kruger, Michael Morrissey (CAN CNN Representative)

Public Comment Period

Mandy Kruger: noticed people measuring trees on 70th between Prescott and Alberta, concern that there will be a road built through, will drastically change landscape

ACTION ITEM: David Sweet will follow up with Mandy by email

Approval of previous minutes*

- **Motion to approve previous minutes:** David Sweet motions to approve minutes. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. Annette abstains. Motion passes.

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Clean up votes:

- **Motion to approve letter in support of grant for bike shelter and tool shed at Alder Commons:** Isha Leinow motions to approve. Josh Heumann seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Donate funds from community member to Renter Relief Fund (Josh) Josh 5 minutes
- **Motion to donate funds from community member to Cully Renter Relief Fund:** Josh Heumann motions to approve. Talia Kahn-Kravis seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Update from each working group

Administrative group

Josh: Isha, Josh, and Chris met, talked about a group charter, grievance committee, and elections - who is planning on running and which roles will we need to recruit for

ACTION ITEM: Josh will survey board members up for election for intent to run

Vena: ranked topics to address, not focusing on general membership in workgroups YET because want to have a charter first, things that need to be done to get grievance committee off the ground, how to move forward with recruitment to the board, outreach, posting on facebook page, and on website, refresh candidate list from a couple years ago, who will need to be replaced, who would we want to recruit, possibly collect offline (rather than in this meeting)

Annette: What does it mean to have a charter? What are we tasked with and what are we not?

Josh: Annette has offered to run for open spot on grievance committee

Isha: 2 community members confirmed, 1 person expressed interest for grievance committee

Josh: budget/financials, policies/procedures, on-boarding new members, in parking lot - newsletter ambassador

Communications

Chris: Gregory, Maria, Chris, Josh met, talked about how to communicate when the meetings would be, decide when notices would be sent (1 week before meeting even if no agenda + on Sunday before with as much of an agenda as we can), notice via e-blast and on website, talked about how to send information to Gregory for e-blast to reduce additional formatting, Chris will do the same for website and for facebook

Michael: how many does e-blast reach?

ACTION ITEM: Maria ask Gregory to inform us of email subscription numbers

Maria: newsletter is on list, was not highest priority, first take care of recurring communications

ACTION ITEM: Maria to propose date/time for group to meet next

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Events

Talia: Talia, Annette, Josh, Roxy met, talked about scheduling out meeting topics way in advance, [so that] events have capacity to be planned for, inclusivity, plan for year, balance topics [throughout year], shared community agreement, interpretation, maybe report back on one topic from one meeting to the next, how do we incentivise people to be at the meetings
Annette: group will be responsible for creating agenda, specifically timing of workgroup meeting to match up with meeting announcements so they could go out timely
Josh: acknowledge community member participation in this group

Partner relationships

Michael: Michael, David, Josh, Maria met, tried to get people to fill in spreadsheet about what they're doing, maybe how to draw on each other for help, anything else about connecting up between meetings, what goes on in those meetings might not be getting where they need to go
Maria: Michael suggested to create a quarterly report out, like this idea
Michael: quarterly or annual report out

Workgroup feedback:

What are the challenges?

Chris: charter for each group, like administrative group, easy to share out so others can join

Talia: charter feels formal, [consider] quick vision and goals

Annette: concern about testing that this is in fact an easy way to bring in other members, concern about working in silos, moving away from action based activities, retention of participants in workgroups

What is going well?

Chris: fabulous

Isha: added google doc for anyone to add to

Annette: creating additional opportunity for membership to participate,

ACTION ITEM: each group manages their own next steps and share out in next board meeting

Josh: would love to see agenda items come from working group meetings [for board meeting]

Annette: How will groups be announced? Will there be an agenda created before or at work group? Questions focused on events and ideas

Josh: get groups off the ground a bit first then bring new folks in, goes into the the thing we are not calling a charter

Maria and Chris: agree, get functional first

Isha: let groups report out next month

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Talia: lead from Roxy were unsuccessful, can check on a few others

Isha: interested to hear from Gregory about next steps with Owens-Brockway

Talia: could go back to other groups about mutual aid, PFTP, IRCO

Isha: could reach out to Nora from Cully Grove, support for Afghani family moving to the area, maybe more of an announcement

Annette: thought of Afghani welcome organizers too, could do popcorn thing, series of 5 min presentations about things that are going well in Cully, retrospective look-back, harvest [theme], what are we grateful for in Cully neighborhood, [share] photos, open up meeting attendees to share a story, [keep it] positive, gratitude [theme], such as Street Lending Library, Afghani welcoming, Renter Relief Fund, Killingsworth Cleanup (shared last month)

Isha: could do open space

Vena: could do winterization, city programs to fund tools for winterizing, Indow folks, job fair

Isha: knows someone from Indow

Annette: DIY workshops and city/county groups/programs aimed at 50% income-level groups, is that our audience?

Vena: we have seen different audience when topic is relevant to Latina neighborhood, it is possible

Talia: Community Energy project, a way for them to extend their outreach

Isha: 1) don't get a presenter, invite members through e-blast to bring a topic for open space 2) present what we're doing with the working groups and people could learn what they're about, see if they want to participate

Chris: a combination of both

Maria: also need to do grievance committee election

Vena: worth asking if [people we are already in contact with] can present, just a couple of emails, if we get a response in next day or 2 go forward, else we call for other business, problem is we won't get many people to attend without any content

Talia: can do a combo harvest/winterizing, end early, don't need to be long conversations

ACTION ITEM: Talia to reach out to Portland Fruit Tree project as potential presenter and inform Josh

ACTION ITEM: Vena to reach out to Alder Commons as potential presenter and inform Josh

ACTION ITEM: Vena to reach out to weatherization contact as potential presenter and inform Josh

ACTION ITEM: Josh to compile agenda for November meeting, meeting workgroup will be responsible for December agenda

Isha: [concern that we did not] look back at list from September meetings, pull more of these topics into meeting workgroup list

Annette: identifies a misalignment with membership, [disappointed that] we don't even look at list, recent SOLVE event, buzz around more cleanups, get SOLVE to present, encourage CAN members, you can do your own, or Adopt a Block, play off of successes and energy in

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neighborhood, make it relevant and timely, connect CAN to what is going on in neighborhood, cleaning up, holiday season, support local businesses, CBA, 42nd, home-based businesses
Vena: conversation that events team needs to have for December and onward, had a plan for November, presenter dropped out, need a quick replacement

Maria: suggested presenters are not on the list

Josh: suggest that we proceed with 3 topics and go from there

Maria: confirm do presentations take up the whole meeting or [are we still considering] 1) working groups and 2) open space presenters [as part of agenda]?

Vena: don't want to bring groups to general meeting yet until we are more sorted

Talia: [would like a] standing agenda item in board meeting to brainstorm with whole group

ACTION ITEM: events working group [Talia] will bring process for deciding on meeting topics

Talia: on off-chance all 3 presenters say yes we move 1 to December

Connected Cully Walkways proposal

- **Motion to sign on to letter requesting PBOT to study and create 2 walking pathways on 47th and 52nd:** Isha Leinow motions to approve. Annette seconds.
 - Isha: 40 other groups have signed on
 - Vena: wish that someone else had a better proposal, do think that something else has to happen
 - Chris: like the idea, would rather have a sidewalk, but like the idea, don't live there, was there anyone at TLC, that had issues? like parking? did anyone not like it
 - David: no one spoke against it, good questions asked and answered, not an ideal solution, know what rest of city has that Cully doesn't, if sidewalks were feasible, no one would be pressing for paint instead, if creates greater safety, slows down traffic, frequently walks on both streets, would like to see it
 - Chris: are there speed bumps [already] there?
 - David: yes
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

David: call from school board, city has proposal out to lease Whitaker site for purposes of houseless village, disappointed city went to get lease before contacting neighborhoods, [Whitaker] is on 42nd next to the park, south end of Fernhill Park

Vena: caution us about fear mongering, rumors start opportunity to rile people up ahead of people understanding the situation

Adjournment*

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** Maria Grzanka motions to adjourn meeting. Isha Leinow seconds.

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- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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Active Committees & Other CAN Roles

- 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