

Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, 7:00-9:00pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome

- Land Acknowledgement by Annette Pronk
- Board Introductions and Roles
- Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Isha Leinow, Josh Heumann, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater
- Welcoming new folks
- General Members in attendance: Mandy Kruger, Michael Morrissey (CAN CNN Representative), Cesar, Peach (Humboldt Neighborhood Association, Jasper Christensen, Stacy (Falcon Collective), Heather (Falcon Collective), Angel Gonzalez (Humboldt Neighborhood Association), Ecole, Kathy Fuerstenau, Trang Ho, Oscar Moreno Gilson, Marilee Dea, Doug Decker

Approval of Agenda*

- **Motion to approve meeting agenda:** Talia Kahn-Kravis motions to approve. Vena Rainwater seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

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October General Meeting Minutes*

- **Motion to approve meeting minutes:** Vena Rainwater motions to approve. David Sweet seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. Falcon Collective members abstain. Motion passes.

Portland Fruit Tree Project


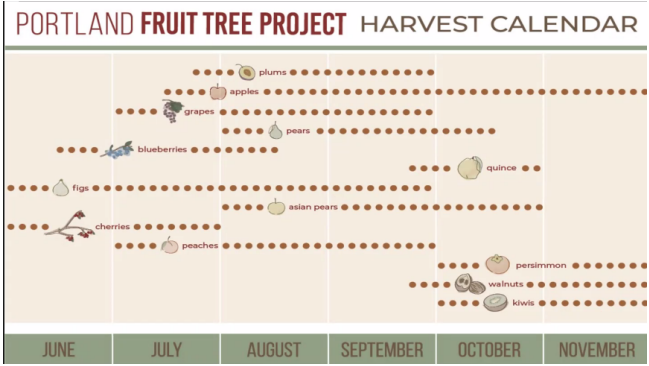
Tara and Kenja Bettis presents about fall fruit harvest, winter tree care and initiatives based in Cully

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| <p>Portland Fruit Tree Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promotes food and environmental justice- Prevent food waste- Strengthen community |  <p>The graphic features the Portland Fruit Tree Project logo on the left, which includes a stylized tree and the text 'PORTLAND FRUIT TREE PROJECT'. To the right, a maroon box contains the project name, and below it, a list of goals: 'Promote Food & Env. Justice', 'Prevent Food Waste', and 'Strengthen Community'.</p> |
| <p>Our mission is to increase equitable access to healthful food and strengthen communities by empowering neighbors to share in the harvest care of city-grown produce.</p> |  <p>The graphic displays the mission statement in white text on a dark teal background: 'Our mission is to increase equitable access to healthful food and strengthen communities by empowering neighbors to share in the harvest and care of city-grown produce.'</p> |
| <p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Backyard harvests- Tree care service- Equity centered pilot projects |  <p>The graphic is divided into three horizontal sections. The first section, 'Backyard Harvests', lists '11,000lbs in 2020', 'Over 300 volunteers', and '50 Harvests!'. The second section, 'Tree Care Services', lists 'Fee-for-service', 'DIY track', and 'NEW! Workforce Development'. The third section, 'Equity Centered Pilot Projects', lists 'Research Projects/Pilots', 'Comm. Outreach', and 'Advocacy'.</p> |
| | <p>Partner with other organizations to distribute harvest</p> |

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| <div data-bbox="207 625 527 976" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="581 630 847 976" data-label="Image"> </div> | <p>New fruit fridge to store harvest and other donations</p> |
|  | <p>Harvest calendar: June through November</p> |
| <div data-bbox="235 1423 462 1480" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Harvests</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="576 1449 836 1501" data-label="Text"> <p>WHAT TO EXPECT A 5-STEP PROCESS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="207 1522 860 1774" data-label="Diagram"> <p>1. FILL OUT THE HARVEST INQUIRY FORM</p> <p>2. SCHEDULE TO HAVE YOUR TREE SCOUTED</p> <p>3. GET A HARVEST DATE OR AN ALTERNATE PLAN</p> <p>4. COMPLETE WAIVER AND PAYMENT</p> <p>5. HARVEST DAY!</p> </div> | <p>5-step harvest process Sign up here: https://www.portlandfruit.org/volunteer-1</p> |

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The Fruit Walk is a walking event that focuses on:

- Access to local fruit
- Reclaiming Spaces &
- Connection to nature and each other



Fruit Walk



Pilot projects - trying new ways to be more inviting and inclusive

- Fruit walk
- Healing harvest
- Tree planting with Taking Ownership PDX



Healing Harvest

Harvesting fruit with healing intentions. The purpose is to strengthen connection between volunteers, harvest leads, tree owners, and nature.



Their Mission:

- Serving Black homeowners
- Renovate and revive Black owned homes
- Enabling Black homeowners to stay in place and generate wealth



TAKING OWNERSHIP PDX

Our Partnership:

- Serving Black homeowners
- Plant trees to help Black homeowners feel connected to their space
- Create more access to fresh fruit
- Generate food wealth

Cully Connection Event - Fruit Walk - K^hunamokwst Park, Nov 20 at noon, in partnership with Living Cully and Verde at noon, contact kenja@portlandfruit.org for more information

Questions

Do you prefer fruit sprayed or not?

- Not sprayed

What's the best time of year for fruit walks? How do I contact you if I want to plan a fruit walk with you and a community I'm a part of?

- Summer to now, email kenja@portlandfruit.org, can incorporate discussion around accessibility, food justice

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Do you do anything with nuts?

- Yes, we would love to, contact tara@portlandfruit.org

Do you do any processing of fruit, like jamming?

- No, harvest is sorted in to A, B, C grade, A is perfect and distributed, B has cosmetic issues and offered to volunteers or passed to a may process it, C is compost

How would someone who helps with a food pantry access fruit?

- Email tara@portlandfruit.org, try to keep group kind of small so they can rely on weekly fruit from us

Since Cully was the home of many early orchards, would be interesting to add in a history component into the work you do. Where have these trees come from? Would be interesting to know how many of these are heritage trees...

Grievance Committee Elections

Grievance Committee handles grievances filed against CAN, made up of 2 board members + 3 members of community, electing 1 board member and 3 community members to fill the committee, open to all CAN members, those who live (own or rent) or own a business in Cully. Election held via Google form.

Meeting topic poll

Those in attendance invited to express interest in meeting topics for future meetings via Google form (<https://forms.gle/W6rwmQYvnr2gwpa57>).

Falcon Collective discusses anti-displacement efforts and tenant action in the Humboldt neighborhood

Tenants union in Humboldt, thank ALder COMmons for making connection, taste of city meeting on August 18th, abridged presentation, discussion about development, grass roots for artist Albina and Killingsworth, 47 households,

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Who We Are

Falcon Collective Tenants Union

Our residential building houses 47 households

Over 500 people stand in solidarity with us

Our home, the
Falcon Art Building
on the NW Corner
of N Albina Ave &
N Killingsworth Ct



Falcon Collective is a Tenants Union, residential building houses 47 households, over 500 people stand in solidarity with is

Our house, the Falcon Art Building is on the NW corner of N Albina Ave and N Killingsworth Ct

Abridged version of presentation from Aug 18th city meeting



History of the Falcon and the Land in Question

- The Falcon Building was gentrified in the late 1990's
- According to the Black elders in our building, there was once a tenant-cultivated garden and farm
- In the following decade, newer tenants cultivated a garden that has existed to this day as a community green space, gathering space and garden.
- Safe space during the COVID pandemic
- In May, 2021 tenants offered to purchase the land and were ignored
- No residents were contacted about the sale of the land or the development until a notice was taped to our doors giving us 10 days to vacate the premises


History and story of the Falcon and land in question

- Preserve neighborhood as place welcoming to all economic backgrounds
- development threatens imminent displacement, Development won't demolish building, but will demolish garden
- talking with neighbors to understand story, garden has been long-standing community space, building housed people that worked in shipyards, grows things that cannot be grown anywhere else, 90-year-old Rose still lives here, yard is significant part of history for neighborhood
- Building gentrified in late 90s, direct displacement of black residents
- Building was in disrepair in late 90's, newer residents replanted garden in late 2010's
- Found out in April, owner consolidated property and sold to Homma, multi-national corp. in Japan
- Offered to purchase, no response from owner or management

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| <h2>Impacts of Development</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion/Noise of construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Lack of parking: ADA accessibility issue ◦ Noise especially impactful to neurodivergent residents • Environmental Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ "Urban heat islands" ◦ Demolition of large trees that provide shade & homes ◦ Natural light obstruction for residents • Cultural/Social Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This land has been & continues to be cultivated as a food source ◦ Poor & working class residents deprived of green community gathering space while wealthy white residents move in next door  | <h2>Impacts of Development</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion/ Noise of construction - Environmental impacts - Cultural/ Social impacts |
| <h2>Homma's Development Within the Scope of Portland's 2021 Anti-Displacement Action Plan</h2> <p>Portland City Council's Anti-Displacement Framework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Empower community 2) Support inclusive economic opportunity 3) Support affordable housing and tenant protections 4) Advance environmental justice 5) Leverage private investment for public benefit 6) Analyze impacts, advance equity, mitigate harm | <p>Homma's development does not align with Portland's 2021 Anti-Displacement Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development prioritizes private interests - Supports wealthy residents |
| <h2>Possible Futures</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Land Trust that is mixed use and designated a safer rest area for unhoused people. • Community garden organized by the Black and Indigenous community. • Affordable housing that is spatially minded so as to facilitate collaborative cultivation on the land. <h2>Next Steps</h2> <p>Homma/ Green Hammer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halt development until community consensus is reached centering Black and Indigenous voices. <p>Cully Association of Neighbors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open/Ongoing Discussion: Advice and experience halting or influencing development • Seeking to build solidarity with aligned organizations and neighbors | <p>Want to start a conversation for a regenerative solution, a community solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community land trust - Community garden - Affordable housing <p>We are not anti-housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No specifics offered around possibility of affordable units - History of broken trust <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halt development until community consensus reached center Black and Indigenous voices <p>Seeking to build solidarity with aligned organizations and neighbors</p> |

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Albina one of most gentrified neighborhoods in the nation, how does this development tie to displacement?

- Falcon is one of the last poor and working person buildings in the neighborhood, as this and other development continues, already seeing direct displacement by rents increasing exponentially, people have moved out because of garden space, low-income people move out, rent goes up to \$1450 for 1-bedroom that is falling apart

Offered to purchase property, did you have a loan and money?

- Offered to match assessed value as shown in public records, ending up selling for double the value, was looking to access Metro grants, ended up selling for \$1.5m

What distinguishes your list from the standard NIMBY list of arguments?

- This is really about continued gentrification in neighborhood, see history of Albina
- NIMBY predicated on property ownership, legally property owners can do whatever they want, but it's not right, tenants don't own land, this is about culture not just the building
- Resisting economic and cultural impacts of poor people: housing, stores, outdoor spaces
- Humboldt Neighborhood Association reformed, Humboldt is Skidmore to Ainsworth, not Mississippi District, [Humboldt] described as underutilized, as more units sell, prices go up, advocating for tenants, development for profit is not development for community, intentionally done behind closed doors

How can we support you?

- Email: falconcollectivetenants@gmail.com, Instagram: @falconcollectivee, building relationships and solidarity, we offer solidarity for other tenants rights groups

Upcoming events and public announcements

Michael Morrissey - Central NE Neighbors coalition 2022 grants

- CAN is part of CNN (Central NE Neighborhoods), annually they get money from city to hand out in grants, \$20k total, largest allowed is \$3k, in the past Cully has several projects funded,
- due Dec 30, distributed in January,
- looking for people to serve on grant review committee, Oscar interested in committee
- Contact information if you are interested in knowing more: Michael Morrissey, e-mail is macmorres1@comcast.net, phone 503-975-4004

Rachel & Kiki - Alder Commons

- Abolition Learning Group at Alder Commons & on Zoom, every Thursday 5-6pm: <https://app.aldercommons.org/program/abolition-learning-group>

Zoe - Padres Unidos - things are going great at Rigler so far this year, COVID precautions are working, wearing masks, excited about school

- Looking for a lot of ukuleles for 4th and 5th graders
- Fun fact there is a PDX Ukulele Group: <http://pdxuke.com/>

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Annette Pronk - Cully Restoration Planting and Clean Up

- Sat Nov 20th 10-12
- Sign up: <https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C8W00000V8RihUAF>
- Let's brighten up our Green Streets - these spaces capture stormwater runoff and the plants filter pollutants. FAMILY FRIENDLY

Officer report out

Gregory - Cully Air Action Team

- Recent media attention
- Catalytic ceramic filters cost around \$900k, Owens-Brockway fined \$1.4m in penalties, they are contesting, likely that fine money would be applied to filters
- Applying for additional action through Cleaner Air Oregon grant for environmental work in Cully

David Sweet - next Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting

- 11/16 7pm
- Zeph Wagner bicycle 57 and Cully Prescott street south, long-term project, city applying for grant, could take some years, wants to run ideas past us,
- replacing a portion of Killingsworth street and other enhancements get, RIP2, residential infill project part 2 should go to council in spring

Vena Rainwater - Treasurer's report

- Operating income: \$2478
- Operating expense: \$890
- \$23,900.18 in the bank
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's report:** Josh Heumann motions to approve report. Michael Morrissey seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. Falcon Collective abstains. Motion passes.

Grievance Committee Election results

- Board member: Annette Pronk
- Community members:
 - Carol Pinegar
 - Tess Kelly
 - Zach Powers

Isha will reach out and get that running

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Adjournment*

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** Zach Powers motions to adjourn meeting. Carol Pinegar seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

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, Annette Pronk, Carol Pinegar, Tess Kelly, Zach Powers
- 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