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Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome & Introductions

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

Public Comment Period

Eecole Copen: Any updates on the land trust?

- See later discussion about TIF

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- **Motion to approve:** Isha Leinow motions to approve previous minutes. Vena Rainwater seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

TIF community engagement

Background info:

- <http://www.livingcully.org/tif/>
- <http://www.livingcully.org/tif/about/> (including overview video in English and en Espanol)

The CEC (community engagement committee) is one of the subcommittees of the Exploration Leadership Committee for the TIF District exploration. We are responsible for community engagement in order to ensure that our TIF District Plan reflects the priorities of people who are vulnerable to displacement: Black and Indigenous people, people of color, renters, mobile home residents, and low-income people.

The Community-led Cully TIF CEC (Community Engagement Committee) will be hosting a series of 4 conversation groups/meetings between January 2022-May 2022. Details to be announced in 2022.

Isha: What's the timeframe?

- David: City council must approve by December 1, 2022 so there are 30 days to appeal

Gregory: confused about land trust, [land trust] should be used for preserving environmental zones

- David: [TIF is] not specifically for land trust, just one option, creating permanently affordable housing, or help nonprofit developers that already exist
- Gregory: Should assign different name so not confused with environmental land trust

Chris: confused about boundaries of CAN board members roles when working for the TIF. When are people on the board working for the TIF and when are they representing the residents of Cully?

Michael: likes idea of CAN-focused event, conversation not just in board meeting, other feedback [to-date] includes only 50%-60% of the Cully Association of Neighbors population, CAN board should take role of representing the entire Cully neighborhood, CAN has best opportunity to mediate between the Cully community and the organizations pushing the TIF.

Vena: White middle-income residents have had over-sized hand in the past and need to have their voice cut back.

Ecole Copen (via chat): I'm appreciating the conversation.. thanks! Here is some info for precedents set where community land trusts are used to both preserve urban ag space and used towards affordable housing:

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<https://cltweb.org/resources/land-tenure-for-urban-farming/land-trusts/community-land-trusts-2/>.

Just so you all know where I am coming from.. I would like to see a land trust that secures land for transitional housing (microvillages) and urban ag as a way for those folks to become more self sufficient. This might not be the right crowd for this conversation.. but if anyone is interested.. please contact me at ecopen@gmail.com. I live in Cully.. and am interested in this conversation regardless!

Gregory Sotir (via chat): I think we should have an ecological preserve with no development land trust in Cully.

Comms working group:

Proposal to switch email platform from Constant Contact to Mailchimp

Benefits: cost, ease of use

Gregory and Maria have time to work together on the conversion later in December

- **Motion:** Isha Leinow motions to accept proposal. Josh Heumann seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Admin working group:

Michael Morrissey: Parks and Rec Liaison, Spanish translation process and reliable translator, cataloging accomplishments

3 suggested opportunities

1. Spanish translation and process
2. Accomplishments to promote Cully to attract volunteers and future board members
3. Parks & Rec liaison: follow-up to anti-violence event, Portland Resilience trials, Whitaker Pond

Michael prefers Parks & Rec

David: underutilized Sacagawea Park, might get budget for master plan to develop park

- **Motion:** Isha Leinow motions to elect Michael Morrissey as Parks & Rec liaison. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Motion amended:** Isha Leinow motions to assign Michael Morrissey as Parks & Rec liaison. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Spanish translation, struggle for reliable, agreement on what to translate, and [acceptable] process, have some leads, Michael willing to add effort, need board to agree to what to translate, what we are willing to pay, locate reliable translator, streamline process, Michale sent table with 4 possible names to some of us, includes what will it cost, working with IRCO, submitted example, Norma was doing \$50/document

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Would like to memorialize CAN accomplishments, promote action

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Possible positions open for election in April 2022

Chair: _____ (Josh Heumann not running)

Vice Chair: Isha Leinow (undecided)

Treasurer: Vena Rainwater (if a replacement can't be found)

Secretary: _____ (Maria Grzanka not running for this position)

Member at Large: Chris Browne (running)

Member at Large: Talia Kahn-Kravis (undecided)

Reminder on including general membership in working groups

Proposed update to the purchase policy

Current policy:

1) Any purchases or expenditures that would be coming out of CAN's bank account or charged to the credit card and do not exceed \$50 should be approved by the Treasurer. Purchases or expenditures that exceed \$50 and are not already accounted for by a line item in our budget, should be approved by the board. Purchases or expenditures that exceed \$500 or exceed the expected budget should be approved by the board.

2) Donations, grants, and any discounts that can be awarded from CAN shall be brought to the Treasurer and approved by the board.

3) Oregon minimum wage is currently \$10.75 - For childcare at the meetings CAN pays \$12/hr for 1-3 kids and \$15/hr for 4+ kids.

Approved by the board at the board meeting on 2019-04-23

Proposed changes:

Proposed adds

Proposed add "Purchases or expenditures that exceed \$500 or exceed the expected budget should be approved by the board."

Proposed add "Purchases over 1000 will be mentioned during the treasurer's report.

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Proposed add " Child care is one of the things that we value in Cully: We should pay \$15 an hour for 1 -3 kids and \$18 an hour for 4+

Isha; could add email revision

Revision: Approvals that cannot wait for the board meeting can be approved by email, and confirmed at the next board meeting.

- **Motion:** Chris Browne moves that we approve these 3 additions to purchase policy as written. Maria Grzanka seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passe

Portland Resiliency Trials request for sponsorship/funds, Q&A

Josh introduces Mike Cobb from Disaster Relief Trials, consistent with CAN inclusive policy, this event will bring people together, Cully NET interested, Verde NET interested, looking for funds for translation, food, kid-sitting, support with outreach, etc.

Mike Cobb

Save the date! June 11, 2022: The Cully Neighborhood of Portland, Oregon will host the 10th Anniversary edition of Disaster Relief Trials Portland. We're currently ironing-out essential partnerships which will be announced soon.

<https://disasterrelieftrials.com/2021/11/09/10th-anniversary-drt-portland-2022-june-11/>

Disaster Relief Trials makes the case [for community and resilience] with exuberance and fun: cargo bikes are powerful tools for community resilience.

More info here: <https://disasterrelieftrials.com/>

Disaster Relief trials launched after the Haiti earthquake, to form decentralized, citizen-led, cargo bike supply runs for post-event simulation. Trials are a competition to test cargo bike ability for neighborhoods, display possibilities. Cully selected as location to highlight assets and vulnerabilities of Cully, vulnerabilities like many languages represented, communications might require translation, assets like Cully Farm where food can be collected for distribution, looking for collaborators, looking for competitors/contestants, what could you do if you had a cargo bike?

Josh: is there an ask? Money?

- Need stage, translation, checkpoint [volunteers], food, breakfast on bridges could feed but don't have budget

Vena: have money set aside for mini-grants, could we combine with rides to pick up stuff for food bank, thinking of holidays, cranksaving, some trials have picked up food ahead of time

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Chris: you should come to general meeting, pitch for volunteers and competitors

ACTION ITEM: Isha put Mike in touch with meeting team

Isha: we could help promote event

Vena: you could partner with other organizations

Chris: you could write something for the newsletter

Maria: in summary, CAN can help by

- CAN endorsement on printed and digital material (with approval from board)
- Email blast for help
- Announcement in general meeting
- Share with Living Cully Partners & Allies
- Share article in Cully newsletter

Revisit the agreement on what minutes cover

Maria: checking in with board, are minutes okay? Too much? Too little?

Josh: there are minimum requirements for CNN, balance that with if you missed the meeting, difficult to record, the more the better

Gregory: names okay

Chris: we could record, if that helps

Adjournment*

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** David Sweet motions to adjourn meeting. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

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, Tess Kelly, Carol Pinegar, 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