

# Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 28, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

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## Welcome and introductions

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

## Approval of previous minutes\*

- **Motion to approve meeting agenda:** David Sweet motions to approve previous minutes. Gregory Sotir seconds.
- **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

## Comms working group:

Update on email platform

- Mailchimp requires people to resubscribe, 111 so far

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- Constant Contact still functioning
- ASK: encourage board members to remind people to respond to email or send email address to manually add
- Chris: need to get Mailchimp put into website so people can sign up
  - ACTION ITEM: Maria look for embed code for Chris to add to website
- Gregory: consolidate to one mailing list rather than multiple lists for different purposes
  - ACTION ITEM: Chris draft post for instructions to resubscribe to mailing list

### Newsletter

Gregory shares vision for Cully Newsletter. Email digest format. Sent mockup to board about one month ago. Short with clickable links to more info on item. Gregory would like to commit to publish, target first edition for Jan 15, target 5 items for content: interview with commissioner Rubio, summary of what she said if they weren't able to attend meeting, at least 3 items from board members, would like to have written as less than 150 words, maybe attach picture, if you want a longer piece, suggest Chris adding to CAN website, bio snapshot, for this issue Josh or newest member Chris.

### Pilot process:

- Gregory forwards content to Chris to add to website
- Gregory puts together email digest with links

Michael: how is this different than past newsletter? Who's being reached differently?

- Started as small print newsletter (4 pages with translation and business advertisement as revenue), chief editor/volunteer transitioned to other opportunities
- Transitioned to webpage, chief editor/volunteer transitioned to other opportunities
- This is an attempt to revive that in a simple format

Josh: happy to write an article, will translation be part of next effort?

- Have to think critically about balancing inclusion and existing audience
- Do not believe we have a lot of monolingual people on current mailing list

David: energy crisis, no volunteers, no money, in paying people we were running a \$3K-\$4k deficit annually, are we creating another situation where we are relying on a talented volunteer

- Gregory volunteering for at least one year, but also wants to offer sharing of power, ability for others to step in more easily
- Create simple process that doesn't require a traditional copy editor

Isha: Andy officially resigned as newsletter editor, open items to solve later, used to have ads that brought in revenue, assuming this would not be the case, Michael has taken on process for translation in general

- Maria: continue to pursue translation, but don't let it hold up January email digest, also consider other translation options (i.e. standard translated bits and/or upon request)
- ACTION ITEM: admin working group taking up translation issue at next session
- Vena: because our group is not representative of entire neighborhood, don't want to send wrong message if we send English only, wonder if we can hold until Admin group figures out process
- Gregory: can hold till after Admin group, sees newsletter as legitimizing organization

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- ACTION ITEM: Gregory prepare Commissioner Rubio interview for later publishing
- Chris: can we send something out to test for viability without translation

### Events working group:

January meeting is clean air, (Owens-Brockway grants + Portland Clean Energy Fund)

Gregory: Rubio committed to coming to meeting for 30 minutes, SEP (Supplemental Environmental Project grant) would like 45 minutes for breakout groups (Spanish + English), combined meetings for Verde, Living Cully, and CAN

- Josh: will one of the other groups provide a translator or do we need to book
- Chris: Fernhill Park / former Adams Park, we've known since October about potential city plans for houseless village and sports complex, why haven't we put this on a general meeting agenda, school board and city are meeting on Jan 19
- Gregory: this was already decided months ago as the January agenda, could board, hoping this is a big meeting, successful, come up with good ways to spend \$560K
- ACTION ITEM: Gregory reach out to Talia and Annette about Courtney for January meeting
- Maria: CBA may have funds available for translation
- ACTION ITEM: Josh reach out to Erron Riddle (CBA) about newsletter update

### Admin working group:

Committee sent out recommendation for resolution on grievanceChris, grievance heard, delivered unanimous recommendation for resolution

- Board formulate intake process for presentations
- To do that within 60 days

Next step: Chris accepts or rejects resolution

### 42nd/Killingsworth spot future

City wants to put low-entry camping site

Cully resident pushing for sports center in area

City negotiating with school district to get the land

If we want to inform people about that and their options, seems like an important site for our neighborhood, don't know why we haven't had as topic for our general meetings, we've known since October

David: not sure what topic is, city currently vetting site, don't know if they will go forward, will meet, not really a proposal to discuss, no one who knows about it is willing to talk with us yet, if

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we brought up topic in meeting it would be without information, misinformation would be happy to move into that void, if we don't know what's going on, and can't answer any questions

Maria: is this suitable for the announcement portion of the agenda?

Vena: will want to have a future conversation, but not until some of the decision-making happening

Chris: can I put this on the website?

David: Commissioner Ryan's office has put a little information about safe-rest villages, you could link to that, ok with a simple statement, with no editorial comment, city likes to keep quiet to reduce fear and misinformation

Vena: Suggests you may have heard, here are links where more information exists, silence is not the answer

Michael: important property, potential to be all sorts of things, 2 big organizations already talking about

Gregory: should be no advocacy for any proposal at all, board may be divided on issue

Josh: how do we feel about announcement as part of TLC update part of meeting

David: okay but with the caveat that no one here has the questions that are on your mind, site owned by school district, city proposing 3-year lease, other proposals on the table that may or may not happen

Isha: request to include educational update about what fear mongering is and why we should avoid it

David: okay and also want to give preview of upcoming topics

Isha: can help or delegate the fear-mongering piece

## TIF community engagement

Looking for additional community members to support ongoing community engagement conversations in new year

David: Roger Gonzales stepped into project manager role from Prosper Portland and a Cully resident

Chris: will people be able to give input

David: feedback meeting, not decision-making meeting

Michael: critical that people know where we are in the plan

## Adjournment\*

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** Josh Heumann motions to adjourn meeting. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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*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.*

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### **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