

Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 7:00-9:00pm

Online meeting via Zoom

Welcome and translation announcement

Land Acknowledgement

- Read by Rosemarie Sweet,
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FqfvzxudeH9uVjucGMmLTJCvv6Ly8-K/view>

Board Introductions and Roles

- Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Josh Heumann, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater Absent: Isha Leinow
- General Members in attendance: Angelique Norman + Kyle Norman, Kathy Fuerstenau, Robert & Julie Granger, Tess Kelly, Iannyafrank, Ahemed Bullo, Mohamed Bullo, Eli Spevak, Yashar Vasef, Judy Heumann

Welcoming new folks

- General Members in attendance: Angelique Norman + Kyle Norman, Kathy Fuerstenau, Robert & Julie Granger, Tess Kelly, Iannyafrank, Ahemed Bullo, Mohamed Bullo, Eli Spevak, Yashar Vasef, Judy Heumann
- Yashar Vasef, FOT
- Micah Bishop
- Sergio Lopez, Verde
- Becca Bowe, Earth Justice
- Ahemed Bullo, student at De La Salle North
- Travis Nelson, running for House District 44 (Tina Kotek)
- Andrea McDaniel

Approval of Agenda* and December General Meeting Minutes*

- **Motion to approve agenda:** Julie Granger motions to meeting agenda. Lanny Afrank seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. Eli Spevak abstained. Motion passes.
- **Motion to approve December minutes:** Vena Rainwater motions to meeting agenda. David Sweet seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. Eli Spevak abstained. Motion passes.

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Commissioner Carmen Rubio: Introduction and Community Interaction/Q&A

- Gregory Sotir introduces City Commissioner Carmen Rubio
- Commissioner in charge of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Community Technology, and liaison to Arts & Culture (<https://www.portland.gov/rubio>)
- Lives in Rose Clty Park, lived in Portland whole life, experience in nonprofit, running Latino Network (more info: <https://www.portland.gov/rubio/meet-commissioner-rubio>)
- Updates:
 - BPS (Bureau of Planning & Sustainability): runs work behind climate emergency declaration, thanks to Cully Air Action Team, PCEF created for racial, Building Communities for Shifting Power (Build Shift) to reduce emissions from homes, writing letters about Owens-Brockway penalties, DEQ
 - Parks & Rec: 2020 had to lay off parks workers, thanks to levy passed in November to continue programming on pay-what-you-can, pop-up performances, free lunch and play, camps and lessons, opening some pools, reopening some community centers, not yet at full capacity
 - Gun Violence & Community Safety: not as fast as we want, but is a priority of what Portland is today, need multiple partners, community partners, need investments commensurate with local community to solve problems, different kinds of officers, street response, PS3's (unarmed), diversify how we respond to calls, evolve 911 system
 - Houselessness: compassionate support while serving immediate needs for housing, long-term work to do, Commissioner Ryan has taken the lead with joint office and county and housing bureau, cornerstone is a series of safest villages, 3 locations announced to open early this year: armory, menlo park and south downtown, hiring more people, more shelter beds, resources for mental health, state extended eviction protection for several more months
- Contact Rubio's office at
 - Our office email: comm.rubio@portlandoregon.gov
 - portland.gov/rubio
 - <http://facebook.com/CommissionerRubio>
 - <http://twitter.com/CommRubio>
- Charlie Nieman: 57th and Killingsworth resident, active in HOA, stressed families, nearby shooting (hit bedroom of 3yo daughter) took 17 hours for officer to respond, 2 weeks later another shooting right outside window, associated with same household, all caught on security camera
 - Unacceptable, need to optimize the tools that we have, taking stories when meeting with office and chief, culmination of perfect storm of disparities, change won't happen overnight, service delivery, community approach like this one coming together, advocating to your elected officials, some of last investments to

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bring back community-centered and retired patrol to come back, need to work with community-based orgs that have relationships, need to work on economic disparities

- ACTION ITEM: Commissioner will follow-up with Bureau and Charlie on this specific incident
- Tess Kelly: Where do you stand on the possibility of changing city charter?
 - Very vocal about support, this is not first time this has been attempted, worked for Tom Potter [where] it failed resoundingly, different times, seeing right now, stress test of commission form of government
 - Commission-form, can do something more swiftly, true but, this [now] is the opposite of these times
- Chris Browne: there's going to be a community-led TIF coming to city council in the next few months, wondering if you are looking into safeguards, so that communities that are being developed have enough amenities, [want to see] safeguards written into the TIF that make sure that as we bring people in that we also spend a lot of money on amenities not just housing, because underserved historically want it spent on housing + services
 - ACTION ITEM: someone contact Rubio's office to explain TIF question

Supplemental Environmental Project grant breakout groups

- Owens-Brockway has not been a good player and now they have to pay, tonight will do some brainstorming as part of proposals to DEQ, part of Cleaner Air Oregon
- Gregory Sotir introduces Sergio Lopez. Energy Climate and Transportation Coordinator, @ Verde

Owens Brockway/DEQ Settlement

- Built in 1956 this massive glass recycling facility has been pumping pollutants like particulate matter or soot, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides into the neighboring Portland communities, such as Cully, for years.
- October 22nd agreement requires Owens-Brockway to address violations in the facility's air permit by either installing pollution controls to reduce those emissions by 95% or shutting down its remaining furnace by June 2022
- Owens-Brockway must also fund \$500,000+ on supplemental environmental projects(SEP) that improve air quality in the area around the facility, benefiting the Cully community.
- Supplemental Environmental Projects fall under several broad categories, including pollution prevention, resource efficiency and environmental restoration and protection.

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SEP Requirements

O-B must contribute \$529,404 or more for SEPs

Deadline 2/19/2022

Can fund one or more projects

Project(s) must “provide air quality benefits in the vicinity of the Facility”

Money has to go to “one or more third party organizations” (project(s) cannot be administered by DEQ or by O-B)

Any project proposal could include accountability mechanisms, like funding for non-industry experts to help design project details and evaluate impact afterwards, but would also have to improve air quality.

O-B not required to consult with community, can put forward an SEP proposal to DEQ any time, DEQ likely to approve it if it meets the requirements

SEP Project Ideas

- School air filtration systems to address exterior pollution
 - Consistent with our comms, which was very focused on schools
 - Complicated bureaucracy, multiple school districts involved
- Air filtration systems for Community Development Corps (CDCs) instead of schools
- Air filters for households
 - Relatively inexpensive – could serve a lot of households
 - Replacement filters are expensive
- Household weatherization to seal windows
 - Requires windows/doors to be closed to reduce exposure to exterior pollution; ineffective in the summer for houses without A/C
- More air monitors around Cully
 - NCA's Purple Air program is installing more air quality monitors
 - Would have to ensure DEQ could rely on data from it
- Electric school buses (cons: very expensive – O-B money would buy like ½ a bus -- and Portland Public Schools has already abandoned diesel buses so school buses are not a major source of pollution near O-B. Also worth keeping in mind this would require a level 2 EVSE)
- A clean diesel grant fund for Cully organizations and businesses to convert diesel-fueled technology to cleaner technology (similar to VW settlement fund). Would need a nonprofit to administer the fund but project budget could include funds to cover administrative costs of program.
- Tree canopies/green barriers in and around Cully to improve air quality. Project proposal could include funds for a study to determine which methods and locations would be most beneficial to air quality and community health.

Conversation copied from chat:

20:01:31 From Vena M to Everyone:

Funding couldn't be use to address adverse health impacts from pollution, correct?

20:02:16 From Gregory Sotir to Everyone:

For mitigation, perhaps, but I suppose there would have to be some kind of epidemiological studies

20:03:35 From Vena M to Everyone:

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Are there examples from previous settlements, etc that have been successful?

20:04:13 From Vena M to Everyone:

Are SEPs happening elsewhere in the country? Or is this an Oregon specific thing?

20:04:19 From Noelle (she/her) to Everyone:

FYI Rigler has a Purple Air monitor that can be tracked live. Traffic along Prescott seems to have an impact:

<https://map.purpleair.com/1/mAQI/a10/p604800/cC0?select=101171#13/45.54363/-122.59633>

20:04:36 From Yashar (he/him) Friends of Trees to Everyone:

Friends of Trees has administered a couple smaller SEP activities in the form of tree planting to improve the canopy and provide all related benefits to the community

20:07:02 From Sergio Lopez (he/him) Verde to Everyone:

For organizations: Current environmental projects that need funding?

For community/ Para Comunidad: Current environmental issues that need attention or financial support? / Problemas ambientales actuales que necesitan atención o soporte financiero?

20:08:54 From Gregory Sotir to Everyone:

Recent examples of SEPs: <https://www.oregon.gov/deg/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx>

20:10:35 From Carol P (she/her/ella) to Everyone:

AND there isn't "the school" because we need to include Scott and the Community Transition School, please.

20:11:06 From Vena M to Everyone:

Columbia Lombard lol

20:11:54 From Carol P (she/her/ella) to Everyone:

Necesitamos incluir las escuelas Scott y Community Transition School tambien

20:13:33 From Carol P (she/her/ella) to Everyone:

Hydro?

20:15:03 From Noelle (she/her) to Everyone:

Are there boundaries for this \$? CTS is technically in Cully and Scott is not. ¿Existen límites claros para este dinero? Scott no está en el vecindario de Cully, pero la Escuela Comunitaria de Transición sí lo está.

20:15:54 From Lou Chain (she,her) to Everyone:

Who or how is it ultimately decided how the funds are spent? Apologies if this has been discussed

20:28:21 From Carol P (she/her/ella) to Everyone:

my room 3 help kids with asthma

loaning out/ giving AC/ air filters

Question re diesel infrastructure — help buy new engines? or ?

improve tree canopy

20:28:46 From Angelique Norman to Everyone:

Where can I see the presentation again for text / think of ideas?

20:29:45 From Michael Heumann to Everyone:

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Concentrate any efforts on the northern residential portion of the neighborhood, for whichever specific solutions are selected.

20:29:47 From Noelle (she/her) to Everyone:

Room 4: Concentrating efforts on the north side of the neighborhood where there's the most pollution from transportation corridors. Evergreen tree planting & maintenance is the most cost-effective use of \$ for air quality, noise attenuation, and stormwater mgmt.

20:30:10 From Judy Heumann to Everyone:

Is there any way to evaluate which ideas make the most difference in reducing air pollution?

20:30:11 From Rosemarie Sweet to Everyone:

Trees, trees, trees. Also convert houses that heat with wood to electric heat.

20:30:11 From Gregory Sotir to Everyone:

5000 trees, (maybe 6000 and maybe matching funds from other Agencies); Fireplace conversion; Air quality survey for developers of new projects

20:30:12 From Vena M to Everyone:

Investing in trees, helping the city/ODT to keep trees that are at risk (sidewalk widening)

20:30:12 From Annette Pronk to Everyone:

Educational workshops for community. Tree canopy enhancements. Solar Panels. Air Filtration systems specically in the mobile homes. Heat pumps. REplace gas/wood heat.

20:30:26 From Michael Heumann to Everyone:

Planting evergreen trees in the areas of greatest impact and ongoing pollution.

20:30:34 From Andrea McDaniel to Everyone:

Keep trees that are already here, plant new ones. Keep the government offices testing and reporting to us. Inform the community of the results and inform them of how to keep safe in their homes with windows sealed and air filters, etc.

20:30:37 From Vena M to Everyone:

+1 to Judy - how can we understand the bang for buck?

20:30:37 From Sergio Lopez (he/him) Verde to Everyone:

Spanish group: Keep allocating funds for safe routes to school, minimize traffic, more trees around schools

20:31:02 From Zoe Moskovitz to Everyone:

Would love to hear from La Clinica Buena Salud about what they need to serve families/children suffering respiratory issues

20:31:05 From Chris Browne to Everyone:

In #5 we talked about financing solar projects, heat pumps, mini splits and helping mobile homes with air quality issues. Also educating the public on recycling and air quality.

20:31:06 From Michael to Everyone:

A lot of support for trees. Ideas to help new developers be even more air quality attuned. Something about auto & truck traffic.

20:31:14 From Noelle (she/her) to Everyone:

Also - some of us have been hoping to leverage some funds with Safe Routes to School to complete the sidewalk route from Killingsworth to Rigler along 52nd with shade trees. This

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would reduce bus demand and improve access to Khunamokwst Park and Rigler for 60 children.

20:31:51 From Chris Browne to Everyone:

electric charging stations in Cully

20:32:18 From David Sweet to Everyone:

1. Replace old dirty heating systems, wood, oil, with heat pumps. 2. Sidewalks from Killingsworth to Rigler could replace school buses. 3. Plant trees in North Cully to remediate air in the part of Cully most impacted.

20:36:38 From Yashar (he/him) Friends of Trees to Everyone:

Hi everyone. I'm the Executive Director at Friends of Trees. As I mentioned to Group 2, Portland is ranked the second most inequitable urban canopy nationally. And Cully (along with adjacent neighborhoods) are low canopy neighborhoods. This is a dynamic opportunity to have community tree planting events (something Friends of Trees does every weekend) with neighbors and friends. At full funding, over 5,000 trees and native shrubs could be planted on streets, private property, and natural areas within and adjacent to Cully. We work with the community to decide what gets planted and where. At maturation, they would suck 200,000 pounds of carbon annually. I'm excited to see the interest in improving the canopy within Group 2 and among other folks here!

Officer and Committee Liaison report out

Gregory Sotir: Cully Air Action Team

will meet again with larger group and update us on proceeds

David Sweet: Transportation & Land Use (TLC)

Shared information about Sunday night fire adjacent to Sabin 12-unit affordable housing development, [named] Charlotte Lewis, damaged construction equipment, contractor will finish demolition of burned house and repair adjacent house, for questions, contact Louie Brown at Sabin Community Development

Next CAN TLC meeting next week, Tues Jan 18, 7pm, watch email for announcement and link, will have David Backes from PBOT, about Cully neighborhood street improvement project, also Pacific Power, in contract to purchase property behind Comcast facility, zoned as industrial, proposing new service center

Vena Rainwater: Treasurer's report

- Operating income: \$2478.12
- Operating expense: \$1540.93

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- \$23,234.19 in the bank
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's report:** Chris Browne motions to approve report. Michael Heumann seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Announcements:

- Zoe Moskovitz: Rigler, removing and replacing playground, wrapping into a new pilot of total grounds vision planning program, evaluating how community projects are implemented in schools, vision master plan for campus, community/business funds being able to plug into existing master plans
- Lanny, Trinity, concert by Michael Harrison, popular pianist, date TBD, live hopefully, at the church

Adjournment*

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** Carol Pinegar motions to adjourn meeting. Julie Granger seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

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