

Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

Welcome and introductions

- Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, Gregory Sotir, Josh Heumann, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater Absent: David Sweet, Isha Leinow
- We are here for people who rent, own, and work in Cully

Public Comment Period

- None

Approval of previous minutes

- **Motion to approve previous minutes:** Gregory Sotir motions to approve December board meeting minutes. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. One abstained. Motion passes.

Clean up votes:

Letter to Prosper Portland requesting ARPA funds for the TIF process (David)

- Chris: Why is this being voted on by the board and not going to the general public?
 - Annette: time-sensitive because Prosper Portland and PHB are working mid-term budgets, this was just asserting an interest in a portion of the ARPA funds if the TIF goes through, just advocating interest
 - Josh: procedural letter, will not have direct material impact on the community, when practical we get 'informational' votes from general public but board is official
 - Chris: we are asking for consideration for \$2.5M?
 - Vena: conversation about voting process did not discuss what boundary does general public needs to review, we are just saying we are supportive of this request, we (CAN) won't get the money, this is very future-focused, this is a good idea and we are in favor of it
 - Chris: Is there a way we can communicate what we are doing? This is 1 of 2 things this month we voted on without getting input from the general community. Could this be put up on the website?
 - Vena: like recent actions on website, or announcement period during meeting like treasurer's report
 - Chris: the more we do without general public's input, the less they care about coming to meetings, if it's just a show no one will come
 - Gregory: SEP letter had a lot of community input, January meeting was almost
- **Motion to approve ARPA letter:** Josh Heumann motions to approve letter. Talia Kahn-Kravis seconds.

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- **Vote:** Annette Pronk, Gregory Sotir, Josh Heumann, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis in favor. Chris Browne opposed. Vena Rainwater abstains. Motion passes.

Letter to Owens-Brockway requesting direct communication on the Supplemental Environmental Projects under consideration (Gregory)

- **Motion to approve SEP letter:** Josh Heumann motions to approve letter. Chris Browne seconds.
- **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Comms working group:

Update on email platform and newsletter

- Will keep Constant Contact as email platform, experimented with Mailchimp, experimented with Smore, can do same thing with Constant Connect, can also use Google Translate widget throughout
- Will use email newsletter format to direct people to a website (cullyneighbors.news, cullyneighbors.org), working out access issues on Squarespace, would like to get newsletter out by end of week ideally, February fine too, 2 articles written, one on Carmen Rubio, one on SEP, bio of Josh Heumann
- **ACTION ITEM:** Josh and Gregory to connect about Squarespace
- **ACTION ITEM:** Maria, Chris, Gregory to discuss website issues at next comms group meeting

Events working group:

February meeting

- Invited Portland Commission for Community Engaged Policing, have not heard back
- Vena: review list from a couple months back, have not had Alder Commons present yet, go back and look at list to stay focused on that
- Talia: have covered most of topics, not yet for PCCEF, connecting with houseless neighbors, new city council members. Friends of Trees, APANO's study on climate and community health
- Chris: would like to hear from city commissioners, maybe Mingus Mapps
- Vena: be thoughtful about prioritizing so we are not going in different directions
- Maria: reminder about 'ghost' working group, think longer-term about forming relationships so we can roll over to next board members
- **ACTION ITEM:** Chris to get in touch with commissioners offices, not for next meeting, but offer dates we have available, copy Talia and Annette (meetings group) for awareness
- Annette: we are all responsible for proposing topics, meeting group will handle logistics, we have running list, also need to balance with current happenings in neighborhood, you can always add to the hopper
- **ACTION ITEM:** Talia to invite Alder Commons to present at February meeting

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Admin working group:

Grievance committee update, Josh (on behalf of Isha)

- Resolution to grievance was accepted, no bylaws violated, but board should define and standardize guidelines and light-weight process for presentations not solicited by us
- Isha has volunteered, Chris, Talia, Josh also volunteers
- Annette: appreciation for community members (Tess Kelly, Carol Pinegar, and Zach Powers) who stepped up to participate on committee, conducted themselves very respectfully, great listeners
- Josh: appreciation for Annette and Isha as well

Translation: what do we want to translate?

- Proposal: agenda and newsletter for now, reference budget available
 - Chris: What do we think about Google translate for Spanish?
 - Talia: can translate complex ideas, but it is literally
 - Vena: one of the reasons we tried Smore was for the translation
 - Gregory: asking people to limit articles to 300 words, 3-4 articles per month, thinking about Google translate for newsletter
 - Maria: have had feedback from Spanish speakers that automatic translation is good, reminder to keep things in plain English for accessible translation
 - Gregory: majority of subscribers are English speakers, and we need to grow subscribers
 - Talia: how do you know?
 - Vena: what is the point of mentioning
 - Gregory: prioritizing getting it going, add on as we go, Google Translate can suffice until we get translation figured out
 - Josh: looking for scale of need and intent, Michael Morrissey did background work

Recruitment efforts

About 3 board roles we will be recruiting for

- Vena: need to have as standing item in our meetings, set aside 15 min at each of next 2 board meetings, go through list
- Chris: can we do at general meeting
- Vena: careful about sharing personal information, could ask people to get into small groups, would like to have some structure, breakout session and ask people to come up with 1-2 names for board to reach out to
- Talia: awkward to put out list, maybe a Q&A, how might we have a strong pool of candidates?
- Annette: board service is a volunteer position, time-consuming, looking for people who want to make commitment, public list might not generate a strong board, ask what is it like to be at a general meeting, what is it like to be a board member, maybe when we do

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the board introductions to share why we are motivated to serve, wouldn't want my name out there publicly

- Chris: breakout session to ask who in the community would you like to see on the board?
- Vena: up to meeting group to decide logistics, could go well with Alder Commons, ask what does it mean to be a good community member, keep it on the agenda
- Annette: key responsibilities, basic qualifications, commitment to time
- **ACTION ITEM:** Maria will put together CAN overview for LCP&A meeting that we can use for 15 min item on next general meeting agenda
- Annette: will be stepping away from board duties [correction] after April's election, pleasure to serve with everybody, 4 years here, will not be stepping away from meeting group duties, and commitment to fundraising initiative with Sparrowhawk and helping find community member to lead, came to board as opportunity to form relationships for community members to know each other and work together, came to bring together diverse voice and topics, proud of work, in this together, we help our neighbors, moral obligation to level playing field, will be a community member who participates rather than a board member
- Josh: appreciation for Annette, has made each of us better leaders
- **ACTION ITEM:** Josh will double-check into bylaws about

Policy proposal on conducting email votes

Vena presented proposal from Chris and Vena to add structure to vote by email process, gives time for people to ask questions and discuss

- Gregory: what is motivation behind this? Letters primarily come from Gregory and David, for Gregory's part issues are well-supported by community
- Chris: the proposed policy follows same procedure we follow in a meeting, current email process
- Josh: per CNN okay to vote by email as long as followed up by cleanup vote by board
- Maria: in summary, proposal on the table, discussion about timeliness vs process
- **ACTION ITEM:** give time for all board members to review [proposal](#) and revisit when full board available

Adjourn

- **Motion to adjourn:** Chris Browne motions to adjourn. Josh Heumann seconds.
- **Vote:** All present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

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
- Parks & Rec Liaison: Michael Morrissey