

Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

Introductions and Roles

Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, , Gregory Sotir, Isha Leinow, Josh Heumann, Maria Grzanka, Talia Kahn-Kravis, Vena Rainwater
Absent: David Sweet,
General Members in attendance: Kara Chanasyk

Public Comment Period

None

Approval of previous minutes

- **Motion to approve previous minutes:** Annette Pronk motions to approve minutes. Vena Rainwater seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. Isha Leinow abstains. Motion passes.

Events working group:

Sparrowhawk Native Plant Sale (Annette Pronk)

- Fundraising opportunities with Sparrowhawk Native Plants, event would take place in month of October, well-crafted, well-respected, highly known event in Portland, 2 owners previously connected with Audubon and Backyard Habitat program (now run by Columbia Land Trust)
- Community partners interested and engaged, beginning working group started
- **Motion to support plant sale:** Annette Pronk motions to support pursuit of engaging with Sparrowhawk Native Plant for the Oct 2022 fundraiser; and if successful to align with CNN to be the fiscal sponsor
 - Isha: how does your role in CAN impact this work?
 - Annette stepping down from board, but continuing to support plant sale as a community member, CAN general members also interested in leading, presently working with community members to support
 - Maria: how does the fiscal portion work?
 - Would fall in next budget cycle for newly elected board to approve, previous fundraising event was Cully Cleanup
 - CAN sponsors Sparrowhawk with promotion and volunteers, we receive some proceeds from sale as fundraising, would like board to align on setting aside those funds for environmental justice and community building, like interpretation, emergency preparedness (Cully NET Latina NET teams, Resilience Trials), etc.
 - Isha: do we fiscally sponsor it as well, do we provide dollars?
 - Technically no, but we may want to support volunteers with refreshment, etc.

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- **Motion to support pursuing Sparrowhawk event:** Isha Leinow motions to approve minutes. Josh Heumann seconds.
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Summer Fun Free for All (Michael Morrissey)

- Tentative date: Thursday Aug 25th
- Location: K^hunamokwst Park
- Cost: \$1000 to sponsor
- Parks & Rec does all of the arranging food, identifying music, we help promote the event, maybe some volunteers, help other orgs be able to participate as well
- Would like commitment from events committee to help shepard this along
- Gregory: what do we get for \$1000? Table space?
 - Annette: traditionally (not sure of current policy), city-wide event, they did provide a table for CAN, other tabling and vendors prearranged city-wide
- Vena: let's agree on support, and then talk about logistics
- Chris: does Parks want Michael to do a bunch of stuff
- Isha: in the past, Parks did most of the heavy lifting

Upcoming general meeting speakers (Talia Kahn-Kravis)

- Speakers lined up for next 3 meetings!
 - March: Joann Hardesty
 - April: DEQ food waste, recommended by community member, PLUS elections
 - May: Alder Commons
 - Maria: is May our last meeting? This could be a summer theme.
 - Gregory: could we combine DEQ update on Owens-Brockway in April
 - Josh: Annette and Talia: some feedback from the Carmen Rubio meeting was that it would be good for Joann to focus on one specific area if possible.
 - Chris: reached out to Dan Ryan, had him down for April, pushed out due to elections
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Chris talk to Talia and Annette to coordinate Dan Ryan
 - Annette (from chat): Could the April election month, also be a time to acknowledge/celebrate the accomplishments of CAN. Presentation of an Annual Report?
 - Annette: Do we want to incorporate time for conversation and listening we want to incorporate in each meeting
 - Vena: yes
 - Talia: we can be creative about how we integrate that

Comms working group:

Updates (Gregory Sotir)

- New newsletter went out, compiling content for next version

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Admin working group:

Presenter intake form proposal (Isha Leinow)

- As a resolution to Chris's grievance, purpose is to create process to create standard for presenter topics, Chris participated in creation of intake form
- Chris: who will this be sent to or where? Do we keep a record?
- Isha: we could, wasn't stated in the process but will be in email record
- Gregory: how is decision going to be made for speakers board does not pre-identify?
 - Josh: one of the duties of the chair to make the decision
 - Isha: CAN board will review and respond to request to present, would go to chair only if contested, create fair reliable and efficient process
- Talia (in chat): Maybe we should add how much time they are requesting to speak for so we can fit them into the agenda accordingly.
- **Motion to approve intake form:** Chris Browne motions to approve form. Talia Kahn-Kravis seconds
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.

Soliciting ideas on onboarding (Josh Heumann)

ACTION ITEM: Josh will follow-up over email for what worked and what didn't (for on-boarding and off-boarding)

Feedback from the Living Cully Partners and Allies [presentation](#)

- Provide a more welcoming space for people to attend
- Make the meetings more fun for people to attend
- Could be more personal but events and other things to bring people in
- More accessible community meetings
- Providing space for people to attend who may not have any experience with neighborhood associations
- New to Portland, renters, MHP residents
- Have an introduction to CAN meeting
- Host them in specific languages for community members
- Go to other events to show support for them to help bring them into CAN

Annette: share more photos, maybe we should hire a photographer for events, share them

ACTION ITEM: comms team explore ways to share photos easily

Annette: CAN could show up at events already happening, could partner with organizer at other events, we could bring CAN to others' meetings rather than asking them to come to us

ACTION ITEM: Vena will write a first draft to share at beginnings of meetings, Josh will refine it

Recruitment efforts update/brainstorm

- 3 folks reached out for interest in board
 - Molly interested in vice-chair position

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- Vena will stay if no one else is interested

Policy proposal on conducting email votes

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qVOj49dvHs4EBkyMhjSdOVmcmL-8eVsd9Swshli3lsk/edit>
- **ACTION ITEM:** try it on next time we need to email vote and then adjust or make a transition, Josh will make a note on agenda list so that when this topic comes up again we will immediately put it on the board agenda

Delta/plus

not lose people to break Sticking to agenda times welcoming, introducing new people Reposition start time to end at 8pm Feeling rushed, process in the moment	Guests Representative of work outside of board meeting Felt productive Evidence that working groups are working
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Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn meeting:** Chris Browne motions to adjourn meeting. Talia Kahn-Kravis seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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
- Parks & Rec Liaison: Michael Morrissey