

# Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, 7:00-9:00pm

*In-person at Grace Presbyterian Church + Online via Zoom*

## Welcome

- Land Acknowledgement
  - Read by Michael Morrissey
- Board Members in attendance
  - Michael Morrissey, Tess Kelly, Carol Pinegar, Zach Powers, Vena Rainwater, Kara Chanasyk
- Absent Board Members: Maria Grzanka, Oscar Gilson
- General Members in attendance: In person + online via Zoom
- Welcoming new folks

## Approval of Agenda\*

- Proposed Agenda:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YzIQKB\\_5Q\\_HO7y5k4V4g62D40VzjNLzyPjPwAUkmyO4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YzIQKB_5Q_HO7y5k4V4g62D40VzjNLzyPjPwAUkmyO4/edit)
- **Motion to approve meeting agenda:** Julie Granger motions to approve the agenda. Michael Heumann seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.

## Approval of previous minutes\*

- **Motion to approve meeting minutes:** Zach Powers motions to approve the meeting minutes. Tess Kelly seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.

## Approval of Treasurer's report

- Report:
  - Operating income/mo = \$0
  - Operating expense = \$2444.57
  - Bank Balance \$18666.33
- **Motion to approve meeting treasurer's report:** There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and a second to the motion.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.

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### **Susheela Jayapal, Multnomah County Commissioner, Presentation**

Susheela is the District 2 County Commissioner, started in Jan 2019 and re-elected this May 2022. Two main topics she was asked to speak on: air quality and homelessness.

#### **Air Quality -**

- For decades, we have made housing, transit, and zoning decisions that have burdened low income, BIPOC communities.
- Tool created to visualize hot spots of diesel emissions tool, and there is a lot of overlap with these areas
- Wood Smoke
  - When people come to us and raise issues (eg. around wood smoke) we will look into it and research these topics. Created a designation for yellow+red days for not to burn wood. Wood smoke is profoundly toxic.
  - Multco.us - to find these designations or call the fire dept
- Diesel
  - Working as a State Legislative Task Force to transition away from Diesel. They published a report, but the legislature has not acted on it yet, although there is a placeholder bill.
  - Argay Terrace - new distribution facility. Diesel emissions and pollution has become an enormous issue specifically in shipping/distribution centers. However there is no regulatory scheme for this. Working with Neighbors for Clean Air.
  - \$500k Grant for Wood burning stove exchange- piloting this program in Cully
- CEI Hub
  - There is a collection of aging oil tanks in the Linnton Neighborhood, when Cascadia hits, those tanks will likely rupture, and there will be large scale implications.
  - Collaborated with Commissioner Myron to generate a report about potential implications, up to \$2B. Exploring how to ensure oil tank owners will be held accountable. The State Legislature adopted a bill to require tank owners to do a risk assessment and create a mitigation plan.

#### **Homelessness -**

- There is progress being made, although it doesn't look like it. Here are a few accomplishments:
  - Over the last year, the City Council Joint Office of Homeless Services moved 4,500 from the streets into housing.
  - 35,000 people served by helping them stay in their homes, through rent assistance and other supportive services
  - 6,000 people served in shelters, including congregate shelters, alternative villages, pods, etc

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- 450 beds added to shelter inventory, will add 550 beds additional by June 2023
- (Not including Safe Rest Villages not included), totaling 2,400 shelter beds by June 2023
- Opened Behavioral Health Resource Center in downtown Portland (333 NW Park), including support services and some shelter beds. It was designed and is staffed by peers.
- Tax break for those living in manufactured housing.
- Ongoing challenges exist:
  - Housing prices have continued to go up and eviction rates have increased
  - 5,131 people have been evicted in Multnomah County since Jan 2022, this is an ongoing issue
- There is no magic answer:
  - We don't solve homelessness until people are housed. Yes, there are overlapping problems.
  - "Housing First" doesn't mean "housing only". If someone isn't housed, it is very difficult to address other issues of mental health and addiction.
- 2022 Data
  - Feb 2022 count: 5222 houseless
  - 24% of those said the pandemic contributed in large part to their houselessness
  - Are people coming to Multnomah County for their services? Yes. 10% came to Multnomah County already experiencing homelessness, and 40% of these people came from neighboring districts.
  - 60% of this homeless population are experiencing mental health or addiction issues.
- Local rental assistance is newly available
- Diversion - low level offenses often caused by people with unmet needs, working to connect these folks to social services
- Progress:
  - Today, New Affordable housing with the Center for Native Life opened, and was built by NAYA. Located at Prescott + 57th, across from Albertsons.
  - We are working to take full advantage of the Supportive Housing Services Measure that was passed in May 2022. This provides local funding for long term rent assistance.
  - Working to centralize a process for recruiting and retaining landlords and provide incentives, eg. damage allowance, 1 year rent guaranteed. In 2 months, we housed 300 people using Landlord incentives

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Working groups welcome you to participate!

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- Denny: Updates about Cully Farmers Market- Our 42nd Avenue will no longer take on the Farmers Market as their program. The Farmers Market has been passed on to NAYA to determine its fate. Contact Denny 503-528-6898 for updates.
- Tess: Meeting Start Times Survey - Results show that people prefer to start at 6:30pm, and we will implement this starting Jan 10. Social mixer 6-6:30pm, Meeting to start at 6:30pm
- Upcoming Transportation and Land Use Meeting - Next Tuesday 12/20 6:30pm (virtual meeting) to discuss the US Market proposed site plan at 47th and Columbia Blvd.
- PEMO - Public Environment Management Office - they are helping to clean up the city. Please report garbage, graffiti, abandoned cars to help clean up Cully. There is a survey to take feedback on the placement of Trash Cans in Cully.

## Meeting Evaluation

### Liked

- Speaker was great
- Raffle!
- Great to see so many people

### Learned

- A lot from the commissioners talk
- Meeting a representative in person is great
- PEMO + trashcan learning

### Longed for:

- More people in the room
- Cully Clean up - Denny!
- Seasonal type of events, outside meetings, or BBQ and cooking.
- Cookies!

## Adjournment\*

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Kara motions to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconds.
- **Vote:** majority present in favor. None opposed. None abstain. Motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

*Meeting Minutes recorded by Kara Chanasyk, CAN Secretary. All CAN Board Meetings 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: Tess Kelly, Vena Rainwater, Isha Leinow, Josh Heumann
- CAN website: Chris Browne
- CAN email list-serv: Oscar Gilson
- Tree Team: Bruce Nelson
- Parks & Rec Liaison: Michael Morrissey