

**Cully Association of Neighbors
General Meeting
Draft Minutes
October 8, 2019 7-9pm 6025 NE Prescott St.**

Board members in attendance: Josh Heumann, Isha Leinow, Mac McKinlay, Annette Pronk, Gregory Sotir, Rich Gunderson, Stephanie Neely **Absent:** David Sweet

Meeting comes to order at: 7:02 pm

- **Vote:** Marilee moves to approve June minutes, Gregory Sotir seconds. All approve, none opposed, none abstain. Minutes approved.
- **Vote: Mac motions to approve September minutes**, Rich Gunderson seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Minutes approved.

Isha will be vibes monitor for the meeting to ensure a constructive environment.

- **Vote: Claire Alyea motions to approve meeting agenda**, seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Agenda approved.

Table Activity: Future Meeting Topics Brainstorm

- **Vote:** Claire Alyea moves to approve agenda, Annette Pronk seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Minutes approved.

Susheela Jayapal, County Commissioner

- Background: Born in India, moved to the US at 16. Came to Portland in 1994, lives in NE Portland. Lawyer, non-profit background, children at Grant High School. Decided to run for politics at county level because it is the social services provider. Started term in January. Represents District 2: St. Johns east to 185th, North of I-84.
- Interested in housing, homelessness, thriving workforce, immigrant and refugee support, public safety, not using jails for people who need other services (mental health, addiction, poverty).
- behavioral health resource center (2021 est. opening) downtown: a place for folks to come off street, do laundry, clinic/wound care, emergency shelter, transitional housing
- PCC Workforce Training Center Revisioning: making connections between existing social services programs
- Street Response program: social workers respond instead of fire bureau/police to non-public safety calls involving houseless folks.
- Industrial area near St. Johns bridge with hazardous storage tank farms/Zenith Oil Train problem. Looking at how to hold the railroads accountable for any financial risk associated with a potential spill.
- *Greg Sotir:* Developers creating new units that are possibly empty but we have a housing crisis. Has moderate/low income housing been fulfilled? *Susheela:* It is not a county issue, but there is overcapacity at the high end of the housing market. A trickle down of more high-end housing does not work. July of last year the city required a certain number of units had to be at or below

70% of median family income. I advocate for long-term rent assistance. There have been pilot programs to determine who needs short-term or long-term assistance to determine how to use funds appropriately. Greg: Are vouchers increasing? *Susheela*: Federal gov't is primary provider of vouchers. Waitlist in Mult Co. is 6 years.

- *Annette Pronk*: Do we have transparency about what is in the tank farms in industrial NW? *Susheela*: we are creating a risk-assessment study at the county.
- *Rich Gunderson*: Is it true 50-75% of homeless individuals need addiction services? *Susheela*: The county does not have the capacity to serve all of these people currently.
- *Chris Browne*: Scott and Rigler school are ranked at the very bottom of Oregon for test scores (684 and 701 out of 701 schools). What can the county do to allow the parents to have more time with the kids, more english lessons for the kids? *Susheela*: The county runs SUN schools: provide academic enrichment after school but also with other services. Would need to work on the structure that requires parents to work several

De La Salle School: Amy and Oscar

- De La Salle School is part of Christian Brothers and Crystal Ray: school for 281 low-income students. DLS exposes students to what is possible for their future throughout the community by gaining work experience at local companies. All involved do service work - looking to do more service in Cully.
- Looking at locations for 2.5 years and settled on a partnership with St. Charles Parish partnership
- East of 42nd Ave. and North of Emerson. Existing Parish with school: Remodel existing school into (3) modern science classrooms and other existing classrooms and with new commons (kitchen/cafeteria) and new 400-person gym (can be rented to community). Large courtyard in center.
- Existing state championship Class 1A Boys Basketball champions (currently in a rented gym).
- *Isha Leinow*: What will happen to the existing community garden? Is there coordination with PCC or anyone else to provide a gathering space for the broader community? *Oscar*: We want to offer our partnership with Treehouse coding company to the community as well.
- *Annette Pronk*: Focus group: will there be a commercial kitchen, can the community have opportunity for houseless individuals or others? Some partnership with students? *Oscar*: Yes most of the kids are free/reduced lunch - for safety reasons we have to observe how open the school can be on a school day but on other times like evenings weekends, would love to partner with other organizations.
- *Susan Nelson*: Community garden tool shed can it be recovered and given to another community garden in the neighborhood? *Oscar*: Yes we can do that.
- *Rich Gunderson*: Will there be any field, outdoor sports? *Oscar*: Because of the work program we are limited on types of sports. Currently we have boys/girls soccer. Rich recommends to get the fields early because Central Catholic will be there already. Will you be open to having meetings like this in your new location? We do want to offer partnerships to the community to use the gym or the commons as well as we can.
- *Marilee Dea*: Can kids closer in the neighborhood use the gym? We do want to participate in "Open Gym"

42nd Ave. Mural

- Carleton Hart Architecture working on Nesika Illahee (NAYA) building (December completion targeted): Opportunity for art on the Northwest side of the building. Height limited to 30'

- Artist: Thomas Villa (Direct connections to NAYA through family) - selected out of 30 artists
- Image will be of a traditional Siletz woman surrounded by basket weaving patterns next to smudging in an Abalone shell: it is an act of prayer, healing, celebration, or mourning for many tribes

Announcements:

- NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team): Annette and Isha have been elected as neighborhood leaders. Oregon Great Shakeout Oct 17 at 10:17am: Mock earthquake drill, drop, cover. Same evening deployment training exercise to all NET participants at 6pm Rigler south side parking lot. Looking for volunteers for this scenario.
- *Annette Pronk*: Sharing a pamphlet about pet care in case of an emergency
- *Lanny*: Trinity Lutheran Trunk or Treat, kids trick or treat between cards 5-6:30 all invited to participate. Will send out future email with more details.

Forum on Changes to Neighborhood Involvement Rules

- *Erwin Bergman*: Letter written by a member of board stating Cully is in support of the code change. While board might feel that way, the issue should have been discussed with everyone present and general membership should have had the opportunity to vote. Inappropriate for the board to speak for all of Cully. Board thought that Suk Re's presentation with Q&A was sufficient and I think it is totally inappropriate because there was no chance to express dissent privately because she was present. By not considering the neighborhood as it sits here it is exclusive not inclusive (as related to Inclusive Cully Policy). We have not discussed if the code change is good or not. I was reprimanded for signing something Quality of Life Advisory Position, Cully Neighborhood.
- *Chris Browne*: Suk Re came and talked about changing city code regarding neighborhood associations. We had only a small introduction and we should have pros and cons to educate all of us on what's happening and then make a decision.
- *Rich G*: I was not present when the board voted. I would have encouraged the board against approval. According to the way NAs work based on the city's rules, the only votes that count is the board because of liability. Board vote is the final say. Vote of general membership is to direct the board.
- *Isha L*: A few of us met with Kathy Fuestenau to talk about more time for open discussion at meetings, more transparency, working on procedures so they are more clear so that the general membership can follow them. We are doing our best as volunteers to work in a transparent and open way.
- *Erwin*: We should take a vote on this issue right now. *Josh*: Chris' idea to continue the discussion in larger meeting format.
- *Marilee*: When Suk Re came there wasn't a feeling/tone based on responses from the audience that it was a negative idea at the time. There are other NAs they want to be like Cully's NA. We have reached out and they have reached out to us.

Treasurer Report: 1263.18 Income, \$1950.50 expense, balance: 25,757.02

→ **Chris motions to accept treasurer's report**, Marilee seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Treasurer's report approved.

CAAT: HB792 to regulate Northwest Metals. Was only community member there filled with lobbyists and auto dismantlers. Advocated for the fact that the community needs to be part of the discussion.

Neighbor News: Looking for Ad manager, email lynette.

PSAC program will be transitioning to another form. Transition happening where neighborhood watch will be transformed to neighbors looking out for neighbors.

Erwin: Is Cully interested in moving away from CNN? *Josh:* I have exchanged on email with NECN to see what they provide for

Janice Stange: I am having issues finding the minutes, they were moved from my table. I could not find them online. *Claire Alyea:* Minutes must have been moved but are posted online, available on other tables.

→ **Barbara Fritz moves to adjourn meeting,** Susan Nelson seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Minutes submitted by Claire Alyea, CAN Secretary