

Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting 1/12/21 7-9pm

Attendance

CAN Board Members: Josh Heumann, Annette Pronk, Nikki Naparst, Gregory Sotir, Isha Leinow, Vena Rainwater, Talia Kahn-Kravis, David Sweet, Maria Grzanka

Community Members: Meeting presented on Zoom.

Introductions

- Presentations by
 - Cameron Herrington, Living Cully
 - William Miller, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
 - Gregory Sotir, Cully Air Action Team

Public Comment & Announcements:

- Language interpretation available:
 - interpretación en español proporcionada por Courtney Acostagrates
- Donations being accepted for families displaced by this afternoon's fire at the Clara Vista Apartments. Hacienda asks for donations to be made through the main website <https://haciendacdc.org/donate/> until a more specific details are available. Add a note that the donation is for Clara Vista Fire Victims.
- Welcome new CAN participants:
 - Sherrilyn Blanton
 - Nancy
 - Camille Aspittle
 - Reese and Maria Thomas

Meeting Agenda

Josh Heumann shares:

<http://www.cullyneighbors.org/can-general-meeting-agenda-for-jan-12-2021/>

- *Vote:* Isha moves to approve the general meeting agenda. Annette seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. General meeting agenda approved.

Presentation: What's in a name?

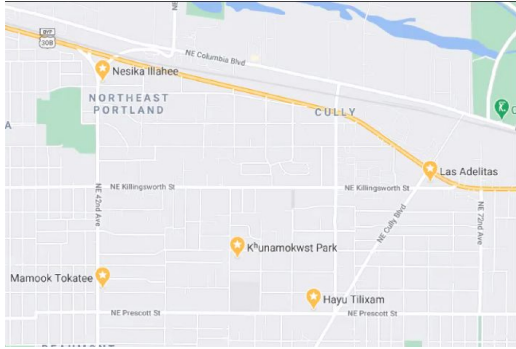
- Annette Pronk introduces Cameron Herrington and William Miller
 - Cameron Herrington, Program Manager, Living Cully
 - William Miller, Community Advocacy Manager, NAYA
- Many names we use and see everyday are indigenious names. Neerchokikoo (Near-CHO-kee-koo) village, a significant Chinook village site, is located near the slough. Portland is home to the 9th largest urban Native American population in the nation, resulting from multiple relocation acts that forced many tribal folks to move west from their homelands.
- New and upcoming non-Anglo-named places in the neighborhood,

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- **Nesika Illahee (Ne-SIGH-kuh ILL-ah-hee)**, NE 42nd & Holman St, 59 homes, means, “Our Place” (Chinook) Clean and sober living, collaboration with many organizations, art on wall from elder in Chinook village, tribal print on hat is local basketry design
- **Mamook Tokatee (MAH-mook TOE-kuh-tee)**, NE 42nd Ave & Going St, 56 homes, means “To Make Beautiful” (Chinook), preference for Native artists in 42nd region, under construction, expected completion end of 2021
- **Hayu Tilixam (HIGH-you TILL-ux-um)**, 5827 NE Prescott St, 50 homes, means “Many Nations” (Chinook), reflection of removal policies, opportunity to welcome many from all walks of life, continue to give back to community in service, project of Portland Housing Bureau funded by voter-passed affordable housing bond funds
- **K^hunamokwst (KAHN-ah-mockst)** Park, NE Alberta St. & 52nd Ave, means “Together”, K^hunamokwst is the first PP&R park to enjoy a name indigenous to the land it sits on. Chinook wawa is the language commonly used by the original people of this area.
- **Las Adelitas (Lahs Ah-day-LEE-tahs)**, NE Killingsworth St & Cully Blvd, 141 homes, on site of former Sugar Shack and Living Cully Plaza, Ernesto will introduce at a future meeting as he could not be here tonight due to Clara Vista emergency, Alma Velazquez shares the name Las Adelitas is associated with the women who played an incredible role in the Mexican Revolution and the power that women bring to a nation

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- Everyone unmutes and practices pronouncing names together as a call and response
- Breakout room discussion & opportunity to meet one another in a smaller setting
 - Brainstorm place names in Cully that you want to learn about this year. (e.g. streets, parks, buildings, etc)
 - How can you learn more about these names?
- Breakout room notes recorded at the end of this document

Presentation: Owens Brockway

Cully Air Action Team (Gregory Sotir, Carol Pinegar, Michael Heumann) presents a letter written by Portland Clean Air to Owens Brockway, a glass recycler located near NE Killingsworth and I-205 (<http://www.cullyneighbors.org/owens-brock-letter-12-08-2021/>). Portland Clean Air compiles data about pollutants in the Portland Metro area and partners with local stakeholders to voice collective call for action. Stakeholders include neighborhood associations, City of Portland, DEQ, and others. The letter demands immediate response from Owens Brockway to install a bag filter at their Cully operation to reduce lead emissions. Additional actions (outside of this letter) include a proposed “climate tax” by the City of Portland.

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- *Vote:* Michael Heumann moves to approve signing the letter in principle, Andrew Pritchard seconds acknowledging slight rewording. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- Action Items:
 - Correct spelling of Gregory Sotir's name in letter
 - Susan Nelson to contact Michael Heumann for suggested edits to letter

Open Announcements

- Alma Valezquez shares Cully News, working toward goal of online newsletter a new reimagined way, looking for writers, ideas, and input, especially from community members and schools that work closely with communities of color in the neighborhood
 - Call for writers and photographers
- Andrew Pritchard is addressing fighter jet noise, in collaboration with Chair of East Columbia Neighborhood Association, website coming soon, approach similar to Portland Clean Air
- Susan Nelson shares that the airport post office branch is planning to be relocated in 2022/2023
- Chris Browne requests inviting new city commissioners to a future general meeting, specific Mingus Mapps for environmental issues
- Annette Pronk invites members to participate in Living Cully Partners & Allies monthly meeting, every 2nd Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:30. CAN will host next meeting to share an update about CAN
- Chelsea Swanda shares that Give or Take was received a grant from DEQ, awarded to businesses promoting recycling and reuse, funds will be used to improve online store presence to represent more diversity of ages and body types, Metal Wood Salvage also received a grant
 - Call for models and photographers
- Zoe Moskowitz requests support for Rigler's grant application to improve paths, application due Feb 1st, David Sweet offers to draft letter and bring to board
- (Repeat from opening announcements): Eight families in hotels tonight after a fire at Hacienda Clara Vista Apartments. Six homes were totally destroyed. Donations being accepted through the main site <https://haciendacdc.org/donate/>. In notes, write that the donation is for Clara Vista Fire Victims. Information about more specific support to be announced by Hacienda in the coming days.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Josh Heumann shares December General Meeting Minutes:

<http://www.cullyneighbors.org/can-general-meeting-minutes-dec-8th-2020-draft/>

- *Vote:* David Sweet moves to approve December general meeting minutes. Nikki seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. General meeting minutes approved.

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Treasurer's Report

Vena Rainwater reports \$2,930.00 Income, \$749.07 Expenses, \$23,248.05 Bank Balance (all FYTD)

- *Vote:* David Sweet moves to approve. Julie Granger seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Treasurer's report approved.

Adjournment

- *Vote:* Carol Pinegar moves to adjourn. Vena seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Active Committee Chairs

- Cully Air Action Team: Gregory Sotir
- Transportation and Land Use: David Sweet
- Tree Team: Bruce Nelson
- CAN email list: Gregory Sotir

Additional Notes

Want to know more about

- Names of pre-white settlements
- Sacajawea
- Histories of other names in the area (e.g. Cully, Whitaker, Killingsworth, Prescott, Multnomah, Clackamas, Oregon)
- Geographic histories of people that called this area home or passed through
- Who is the longest living resident in Cully?
- Park by Scott, why is it a park not a school
- Mountain names (e.g. Hood = Wy'east, Adams = Klickitat, St. Helens = Lewitt)

Resources

- More info about K^hunamokwst Park, from Portland Parks & Recreation website: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61985>
- More info about Las Adelitas, from Hacienda website: <https://haciendacdc.org/news/living-cully-plaza-to-become-las-adelitas/>
- Permanent exhibit upstairs at the Oregon Historical Society, admission free for Multnomah County residents
- "Cully Oral History" by Susan Nelson: <http://www.cullyneighbors.org/history-of-cully/>
- "Chinookan Villages of the Lower Columbia," an article by the PSU Anthropology Department: https://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1092&context=anth_fac
- Books

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- Oregon Geographic Names
- Oregon Place Names
- Thunder Over the Ochoko, borrow Susan's copy slnelson50@comcast.net
- People & Organizations
 - Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)
 - Village of the Elders
 - Susan Nelson
 - PSU faculty and students
 - Archeological resource companies for property assessment histories

CAN General Meeting Minutes recorded by Maria Grzanka, CAN Secretary