

Cully Association of Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting 4/27/21 6:30-8:30pm

Attendance:

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

Community Members: Michael Morrissey

Public Comment & Announcements:

- **CNN Update, Michael Morrissey**
 - Looking to restart transportation and land use committee, presentations on several projects happening this week
 - The Grotto may be organizing a women's village on a portion of their property
 - Teresa Raiford from Don't Shoot Portland presented to Rose City recently, board considering survey assessing needs specifically of BIPOC and other non-majority populations
 - **Action Item:**
 - Josh to organize deeper conversation around engagement with CNN

Meeting Agenda

- **Vote:** Josh moves to approve agenda. Vena Rainwater seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstains. Meeting agenda approved.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Vote:** David Sweet moves to approve. Vena Rainwater seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Board meeting minutes approved.

Board Priorities

- Discussion around documenting a set of priorities to guide CAN work focus over the next year, working summary as follows
 - *Foster connection and neighbor engagement*
 - *Building relationships with place based organizations, and neighbors traditionally alienated or excluded from traditional neighborhood association processes*
 - *Welcome and engage neighbors in and outside of meetings, making space for their voices and priorities*
 - *Advocate*
 - *Gathering information to understand the full range of issues, especially those that disproportionately disadvantage our BIPOC and low income neighbors*
 - *Educating all neighbors in plain language about current issues impacting the neighborhood*
 - *Taking proactive action at the local and city level to voice concerns and suggesting policy to achieve more equitable outcomes for our neighbors*
 - *Advocating for the environment at the local, regional and state levels*

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- *Build relationships with governmental agencies to impact policy*
- *Shore up the box*
 - *Standardizing and streamlining internal CAN processes*

Elections

- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, 3 member-at-large positions, and CNN Representatives are up for election at May's general meeting.
- Discussion about ideas for outreach to businesses within Cully.
- Reminder about electing grievance committee and CNN Representative, according to bylaws we vote for 2 board members and 3 community members to staff the grievance committee
- Reminder of election process
 - Record meeting for CNN records
 - Google Form created prior to meeting
 - New nominees can be added to the form
 - Request voters to add name into chat as a replacement for signup sheet
 - Paste Google form link into chat
 - Everyone votes
- **Vote:** Josh moves to purchase Zoom account specifically for CAN. Vena Rainwater seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstains. Purchase approved.
- **Action Items:**
 - Vena will purchase Zoom account with interpretation specifically for CAN
 - Annette will reach out to Courtney for interpretation for elections meeting
 - Josh will add CNN Representative and grievance committee members to ballot

Community-Led (TIF) Board Update

- Space for 2 CAN representatives on board, Annette Pronk and David Sweet currently representing CAN
- Annette will continue on board, but in her new role with Habitat for Humanity, which opens one space for CAN
- Various committees meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, work expected to accelerate over the summer and fall as goal is to have City Council approve by the end of this year
- Expectation is to serve through July 1, 2022, by then a leadership team from the community could take it forward
- **Action Item:**
 - Talia and Maria will reach out to David and Annette for more information and steps forward

Funding for Padres Unidos reading program

Vena Rainwater is asking for CAN to support Rigler's May 2021 reading program in the amount of \$2500, ~40% of the program cost. Remaining amount would be funded by Padres Unidos. Discussion about amount in relation to non-pandemic budget run rate and decision process/criteria/transparency. Normal budget run rate is \$2k-\$3k deficit, biggest expense has

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been newsletter, biggest income is from Cully Cleanup, neither of which have been happening during the pandemic.

Gregory Sotir suggests that we ask Zoe or Vena present to the general membership with the advice that we pass it for a one-time. Discussion about being prepared to answer questions for other funding

General Meeting Topics

- **May - Mutual Aid:** What does it mean to you? Featuring presenters from organizations to present experiences and stories.
- **Action Item:**
 - Talia and Annette to send confirmed speakers to Josh for agenda
- **June - Gun violence:** Commissioner Jayapal has been convening experts and community members for conversations about community solutions to violence. Annette is seeking input on angles to approach both informationally and educationally.
educational
- **Action Item:**
 - Josh send email to board about summer free-for-all

Adjournment

- *Vote:* Josh moves to adjourn. Maria seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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 Committee Chairs

- Cully Air Action Team: Gregory Sotir
- Transportation and Land Use: David Sweet
- Tree Team: Bruce Nelson
- CAN email list: Gregory Sotir
- CAN website: Chris Browne
- CNN Representative: Michael Morrissey