

# **Cully Association of Neighbors General DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

## **Online Meeting 5/21/2021 7-9pm**

### **Attendance:**

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

*Community Members:* [taken from chat, see CAN Board Elections section] Talia Kahn-Kravis, Zach Powers, Bob Granger, Judy Heumann, Julie Granger, Michael Heumann, Kathy Fuerstenau, Ryan McCauley, Mira Ayala, Kathleen Walsh, Jessie Marquez, Chris Browne, Sarah Crawford

### **Public Comment & Announcements:**

- Land Acknowledgement by Annette Pronk
- Language interpretation available:
  - interpretación en español proporcionada por Courtney Acostagrates
- Board introductions and roles

### **Meeting Agenda**

- *Vote:* Talia moves to approve agenda. Ryan McCauley seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstains. Meeting agenda approved.

### **CAN Board Election**

- Last election in December 2020, normally held in April, delayed due to Covid
- This election in May 2021, closer to normal timing
- Up for election May 2021
  - One-year term:
    - Chair: Josh Heumann
    - Vice Chair: Isha Leinow
    - Treasurer: Vena Rainwater
    - Secretary: Maria Grzanka
    - Member at Large: replacement for Nikki Naparst (to finish out her term)
    - Grievance Committee:
      - 2 board members
      - 3 community members
  - Two-year term:
    - Member at Large: Annette Pronk
    - Member at Large: Gregory Sotir
    - Member at Large: David Sweet
  - CNN Representative: CAN shall have two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate to represent CAN on the board of CNN
    - Michael Morrisey
- Process for virtual election: enter name in chat if you are voting (to replicate taking attendance in person and validate vote count), share candidates on screen, share link to Google form as voting ballot, voting remains open during main topic of meeting, results summarized and shared at end of meeting

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- Questions about process: clarification of term length (see above), Chrise Browne self-nominating for Member at Large open position, reminder community members that live, work, or own property in Cully can vote, grievance committee required by bylaws, no grievances submitted in recent years

### Main Topic: Mutual Aid - What does it mean to you?

"Solidarity not charity" is the mantra of mutual aid networks across the country. While mutual aid has been a part of some Portland communities pre-pandemic, the enduring hardship and destabilization from COVID and other events of the past year catalyzed and highlighted the need for mutual aid. This is true in the Cully neighborhood and beyond. During the May 11th CAN meeting, we're thrilled to be joined by several Portland leaders and instigators of mutual aid who will share their experiences of participating in a network of community members working to support each other. We hope to learn from their experiences and have a discussion about engaging in mutual aid in Cully.

### Ayuda mutua: ¿Qué significa para ti?

"Solidaridad no caridad" es el dicho de las comunidades de ayuda mutuo a través del país. Mientras que la ayuda mutuo estaba parte de algunos comunidades en Portland antes de la pandemia, dificultades duraderas y desestabilización del virus COVID y otros eventos del año pasado a catalizado y destacado la necesidad para la ayuda mutuo. Es verdad aqui del barrio de Cully y más allá. En la reunión de CAN en 11 de Mayo, estamos emocionados de recibir la presencia de varios líderes y instigadores de la ayuda mutuo aqui en Portland quienes van a compartir sus experiencias de participación en un red de miembros de la comunidad trabajando para apoyarse mutuamente. Esperamos aprender de sus experiencias y tener una discusión sobre acciones de la ayuda mutuo en Cully.

Topic presented by Talia Kahn-Kravis and Annette Pronk

### Speakers:

- **Mira Ayala, Neighborhood Community Organizer, Leaven Community**
- **Jessica Oliverio, Community Member, PDX Free Fridge**
- **Elle Stuckey, Brown Hope, Black Resilience Mutual Aid**



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- Cultivate community of relationship in neighborhood through inherent connectedness: we all have needs, and something to offer
- Stronger connections with real exchange: language, donations, food, clothes, walk, listen, etc.
- Stronger relationships over time
- Link with different hubs (example: other neighborhood organizations)

How to connect:

- **Intercambio de Cully - Cully Intercambio**
  - The Cully Intercambio is organized by Cully neighbor-leaders and the Leaven Community. Join us to practice your English or Spanish and make new friends! We eat together, then have small group activities and conversation, half in Spanish and half in English. You're invited to give a donation of \$1-10 per gathering to help pay for childcare and food costs. All language levels are welcome and we have childcare! To register, contact Mira at (503) 951-3658 or mirabani626@gmail.com.
  - El intercambio de Cully es organizado por los líderes del vecindario de Cully y la comunidad Leaven. ¡Ven a practicar tu inglés o español y haz amigos! Comemos juntos, luego tenemos conversaciones y actividades en grupos pequeños, la mitad del tiempo en español y la mitad en inglés. Invitamos a una donación de \$ 1-10 (sugerida) en cada sesión para ayudar con el costo del cuidado infantil y la comida. ¡Todos los niveles de idiomas son bienvenidos y habrá cuidado de niños! Para inscribirse, comuníquese con Mira al (503) 951-3658 o mirabani626@gmail.com.
- **PDX Free Fridge:** Free food in fridges and pantries across Portland, OR, take what you need, leave what you don't, give what you can, community members host a fridge outside of their home, negligible increase to electricity, bill has not gone up at all with mini fridge
  - If you want to host a fridge, they will find you one (mini fridge or standard size), deliver it, and set it up. (pdxfreefridge.com)
- **Black Resilience Mutual Aid:**
  - The Black Resilience Mutual Aid is a Black-led movement, pooling our time, talents, and resources with our neighbors to build a grassroots, relationship-based network that listens and responds directly to our community's needs. Our team works to address the needs of our community through means other than direct financial support. We manage incoming requests, connect folks with outside resources, match donations with needs, and coordinate pickup and delivery of in-kind donations. We connect volunteers providing services such as yard work or car repair with folks in our community. The Black Resilience Mutual Aid network has proven that solutions for community can come from within the community. Even in the hardest of times, we can work together to inspire solidarity, strength, resilience, and family.
    - Volunteer opportunities available for individuals and organizations: collecting donation goods, sorting and packaging donations, delivering donated goods, providing services, etc.

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- If interested email Elle at [mutualaid@blackresiliencefund.com](mailto:mutualaid@blackresiliencefund.com).
- Additional aid mentioned in discussion
  - Organize your own group to support another organization (example: organize your Buy Nothing group to collect donations for Black Resilience Fund, offer to collect donations from your friends, tap into other organizations for reliable sources)
  - Scott PTA delivers weekly food box, always look for substitutes
  - Initial challenges with Black Resilience fund was to figure out a way that it could be sustainable, monthly distribution allowed time to replenish

#### **Board Member Reports**

##### **David Sweet, Transportation and Land Use Committee**

- Project updates presented at last meeting:
  - Columbia Lombard Mobility Corridor, 70's Greenway, Cully Connector, adds bike routes on 72nd between Prescott and Sandy, coming in maybe 2023
  - Feedback survey and project updates at <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/pbot-projects/construction/70s-greenway-cully-connector>
  - Speed limit reductions on Killingsworth and 82nd, reminder to drive speed limit throughout neighborhood

##### **Vena Rainwater, Treasury Report**

- Vena Rainwater reports \$7990 income July 2020 to April 30, 2021, \$1335.07 expenses, \$27,722.05 Bank Balance (all FYTD).
- **Vote:** Julie Granger moves to approve. Talia Kahn-Kravis. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Treasurer's report approved.

##### **Chris Browne, Website**

- New newsletter site online (<https://www.cullyneighbors.news/>), don't know how we'll do old copies of newsletter yet

##### **Isha Leinow, Newsletter**

- Two stories procured, articles written by folks in neighborhood, translated into Spanish, new format online, link on CAN website, currently printing paper postcard announcements for mailing to all address in Cully, thanks to CBA and NAYA for grant funding to continue translation of neighbor news
- How can we subscribe so it arrives in our inbox? (signup on website or adjust existing email list?)

##### **Gregory Sotir, Cully Air Action Team (CAAT)**

- New developments with Owens-Brockway, another meeting to address concerns about arsenic, Owens-Brockway says they don't know where it is coming from, DEQ speeding up process through Clean Air Oregon (CAO) program, pressuring company for more data, under CAO is potential for immediate curtailment to make them stop production,
- CAAT is seeking people who will tell their air quality/pollution stories on video. This will become a part of larger media campaign to better air quality in our community. [gsotir@cullucleanair.org](mailto:gsotir@cullucleanair.org). 310-467-8053

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- Buy your air filter devices now before supplies run out, expecting active wildfire season

**Community Announcements**

**James Harrison, Cully Elder Place**

- Inviting you to a parade June 11th, 1-3pm, all are welcome, bring kids, make some noise, no street closure, sidewalk only, help get the word out, looking for musicians, no budget, date aligned with Rose Festival porch parade May 31st to June 13th, contact [james.harrison@providence.org](mailto:james.harrison@providence.org) for more info

**Jessie Marquez, Rigler PTA**

- Launching "Reading is My Superpower" reading campaign, currently Rigler lowest reading and math scores in district, unique opportunity now because all students have computers with PPS data platform behind, dual language access, but needs support to reinforce reading behavior
- Goal is for all students to read 30 minutes per day 5 days per week, use data to reward their effort, every day they add another charm to their lanyard, at month total goal of 10 hours, pizza party for their family to share achievement with family
- Asking CAN to contribute to budget for campaign, \$2500, largest budget item is pizza party, estimate is \$6500 range for entire campaign
- Discussion about process and amount of grant requests permitted by bylaws, requests over \$500 must be submitted in writing and voted at next month's general meeting to give people time to talk about it
- Campaign running for one month, month of May, hope to build on this campaign for next year
- Also have gofundme site (<https://gofund.me/f4bfaab4>) and have raised \$1300 through individual donations
- Action items:
  - Josh Heumann will review bylaws
  - CAN Board will bring to next General meeting for vote

**Kathy Fuerstenau, Sumner neighborhood cleanup**

- This Saturday (May 15th) 9am-3pm, Sumner collecting debris and bulky items, see <http://sumnerpdx.org/> to see what's accepted

**Annette Pronk, Cully Farmers Market**

- Cully Farmers Market is hiring a market manager. Go to Farmer Ted to learn more

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

- *Vote:* \_\_\_ moves to approve \_\_\_ meeting minutes. \_\_\_ seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. April general meeting minutes approved.

**Adjournment**

- *Vote:* Ryan McCauley moves to adjourn. Vena Rainwater seconds. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

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*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.*

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**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