

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

October 11, 2016

Kennedy School Community Room, 7 to 8:30pm

MINUTES

(Prepared by Susan Millhauser)

Board Member Attendance

Chair – Isaac Quintero PRESENT	At Large 1/Treasurer – Robert Bowles ABSENT
East 1 – Steve Elder PRESENT	At Large 2 – Donn Dennis PRESENT
East 2 – VACANT	At Large 3 – Joe Culhane ABSENT
Southwest 1 – Garlynn Woodsong PRESENT	At Large 4/Secretary – Ali Novak PRESENT (arr. 7:30)
Southwest 2 – Daniel Greenstadt PRESENT	At Large 5/Vice Chair – Chris Lopez PRESENT
Northwest 1 – Isham “Ike” Harris PRESENT	At Large 6 – Truls Neal ABSENT
Northwest 2 – Sean Duffy ABSENT	

Also in attendance: Susan Millhauser, contract Board scribe; Gina Levine, CNews / Media Team; Christine Bemrose; Helen McCann; Heather Pashley; Jody Pollock

Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Chair Isaac Quintero called the meeting to order at 7:08 and reviewed the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA Approve/Amend Prior Board Meetings Minutes

Draft minutes for the September Board meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION (Steve/Chris) – To approve the September Board meeting minutes as drafted. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. MOTION PASSES.

A discussion followed about adding a line item to the agenda to approve the agenda so last minute adjustments could be made, if needed.

MOTION (Steve/Chris) – To approve the October meeting agenda. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. MOTION PASSES.

There was a request to have the meeting agenda available a week prior to the meeting, including posting it on the CNA website so neighbors can see it in advance. The Board also discussed how meetings and the agenda are managed, with a request that there be times aligned with each agenda item and more time for discussion of each agenda item.

Treasurer’s Report – None

Public Comment –

Christine Bemrose, resident, shared her continuing interest in serving on the Board and expressed frustration over miscommunication regarding the open East 2 position. She added she had attended the Board meeting last month and was unclear on the Board’s resolution regarding that open seat and the need

for a new Treasurer. She added she was curious to learn more about the November election process. Garlynn explained that the Board had discussed the Treasurer's position in closed session and came to the conclusion that it did not make sense to fill the empty slot or appoint a new Treasurer prior to the November election, especially because they had two strong candidates. Discussion followed regarding if there really was a need to have a closed session.

Helen McCann, Heather Pashley, and Jody Pollock each introduced themselves and expressed their interest in serving on the Board. In response to questions regarding the election process, Chris provided an overview of how the election would work, noting there will be more details in the next Concordia News.

Christine Bemrose asked if the neighborhood association had been contacted by the City for input on the Police contract negotiations, to which Board members responded they had not and had not heard anything from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) either, which is the usual conduit for official City communications.

It was noted that this Public Comment time was a good time for neighbors to bring topics of interest to the Board's attention. Daniel added that any Board member could ask to have topic added to the agenda as well, which could come from a community member or via email to the Board.

Old Business

1. Election Committee / General Meeting

Steve and Ally gave an update on preparing for the upcoming Board election, noting the list of open seats is in this month's Concordia News. Steve noted they are having Adam from the NECN help with the election again. The order of the meeting, whether the election or Amanda Fritz would go first, was discussed. The open Board positions and length of terms were discussed.

MOTION (Ally/Garlynn) – To set the Board slate for the upcoming election such that even numbered positions (E 2, NW 2, SW 2, and AL 2, 4, 6) are up for full term reelection in even years, and odd numbered positions (E 1, NW 1, SW 1, and AL 1, 3, 5) in odd years, and any relevant shifts of term length will move incumbents to the alternate position as needed to fulfill their terms. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. MOTION PASSES.

New Business

1. Holiday Party Update

Chris gave an update on planning for the holiday party, which will be held on Tuesday, December 13, from 7 to 9pm at the Cerimon House.

MOTION (Steve/Chris) – To approve a budget of up to \$750 for holiday party expenses. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. MOTION PASSES.

Isaac noted that there would be 30 minute Board meeting prior to the holiday party, starting at 6pm at the Cerimon House. He urged all Board members to attend the Board meeting and to stay to help with last minute set up and meet neighbors at the party. Discussion followed regarding having a theme or charity designated for donations at the holiday party. It was suggested to pick an organization that helps people in the neighborhood or addresses homelessness. Chris noted that the HIV Day Center, located in the

neighborhood, was the recipient last year. The Portland Food Project and Portland Backpack Lunch Program were both suggested. The Backpack Lunch Project provides food for low-income students to take home over the weekend and is active in Faubion School, as well as several other schools around Portland.

MOTION (Garlynn/Ike) – To solicit donations of food or money at the holiday party to donate to the Portland Backpack Lunch Program. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. MOTION PASSES.

Gina volunteered to follow up with Katie regarding coordination with the Backpack Lunch Program, including getting a list of needed food items.

2. Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) Update

Garlynn shared that the LUTC had discussed the City's proposed Fossil Fuel Policy thoroughly and recommended the Board send a letter to the City with input regarding the proposed policy. Input was related to keeping the storage threshold capacity as proposed, allowing existing storage facilities to remain and expand within certain parameters, and suggesting that the City Bureau of Development Services (BDS) staff up and gain technical knowledge so they can provide inspections of fossil fuel facilities.

MOTION (Garlynn/Steve) – The Concordia Neighborhood Association Board authorizes the LUTC to draft a letter from the Board, for the Chair's signature, to the City regarding the proposed Fossil Fuel policy. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. MOTION PASSES.

Garlynn then reported that the LUTC had been discussing safety issues along Highway 30, which is managed by ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation), in response to a cyclist's death last year at Highway 30 and NE 42nd Ave. ODOT staff had attended a LUTC meeting. Garlynn noted that the committee had agreed to send a follow up letter to ODOT asking for action to address safety concerns, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. He clarified that ODOT manages the road while the City manages any overpasses, such as the NE 33rd Ave. overpass. Daniel suggested also highlighting other safety concerns. Garlynn noted that overall there is an issue with bike access along Highway 30 as ODOT does not have a plan for a connected bike network, with bike lanes along some portions, no facilities for bikes in other areas, and no signage or other information to guide cyclists to safer areas when the bike lanes go away. Garlynn noted that the LUTC would like to send a letter to go on record that the CNA has some serious concerns about safety. He added that it would really take political pressure from our elected State officials to get something to change. He clarified that a letter did not need to be sent right away and that the LUTC could draft something at their next meeting and bring it back to the Board for approval.

MOTION (Garlynn/Steve) – Authorize the LUTC plus Daniel to draft a letter from the CNA Board, for the Chair's signature, to ODOT regarding Highway 30 safety issues. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. MOTION PASSES.

Community and Committee Reports

Daniel introduced Gina, the new Ad Sales rep for Concordia News. He noted that the CNews team has really stepped up to get the paper out after Susan T. left as Managing Editor.

Meeting Adjourned

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8 at 6pm, followed by the general meeting at 7pm.