

Concordia Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
October 4, 2017
Kennedy School Community Room, 7 to 8:30pm
MINUTES

Board Member Attendance

Chair – Chris Lopez ABSENT	SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong ABSENT
Vice Chair/SW 2 – Daniel Greenstadt PRESENT	At Large 1– Robert Bowles ABSENT
Treasurer/At Large 6 – Heather Pashley PRESENT	At Large 2 – Donn Dennis PRESENT
Secretary/East 2 – Steve Elder PRESENT	At Large 3 – Jody Pollak PRESENT
East 1 – Tyler Bullen PRESENT	At Large 4 – Ali Novak ABSENT
NW 1 – Isham “Ike” Harris ABSENT	At Large 5 – Truls Neal PRESENT
NW 2 –Amelie Marian PRESENT	

Also in attendance: Susan Millhauser, Contract Recording Secretary; Nancy Varekamp, Media Team/CNews; Eric Rosewall, Portland Parks & Rec; Theresa and John McSherry.

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Vice Chair Daniel Greenstadt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was established.

Review and Approve Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes

Daniel reviewed the agenda and requested an additional item be added: brief presentation from Eric with PP&R about improvements being made at Alberta Park.

Draft September Board meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Heather noted she wasn't in attendance so references to her should be clarified.

MOTION (Heather/Tyler) – To approve the September 6, 2017 Board meeting minutes as amended and accept the meeting agenda as amended. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. MOTION PASSES.

Presentation: Portland Parks & Rec (PP&R) Presentation – Alberta Park Improvements

Eric Rosewall, ECO Landscapes Initiative Manager with PP&R, provided an updated on improvements in progress at Alberta Park:

- The goal of this new program is to add natural habitat to developed parks.
- Alberta Park was selected as the pilot park, using .88 acres on the east side of the park between the dog off-leash area and the playground.
- So far irrigation has been extended into the area and the soil has been amended.
- Native plants will be planted this winter and spring.
- Six dead, dying, or hazardous trees were taken down in the area and are being used in place.
- A split rail fence with wire mesh will be built between the habitat area and the dog off-leash area.
- The natural habitat is intended to benefit pollinators and expose people to and increase their experience with native habitats.
- He shared a handout on the project and noted additional information can be found on the City's website www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/ecolandscapes.

Questions from the Board and answers followed:

- Will there be others around town?
 - Yes, 10 areas have been identified in parks distributed around the City.

- Once built will there be additional community education?
 - Yes, there will be signage in the area. We're also building partnerships to get volunteer stewardship of areas, with NA's, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, and will have an opportunity this winter for volunteers to help with planting.
- What is the estimated cost for the project overall?
 - Largely the pilot program is unfunded. City crews are doing the installation as able, e.g. extending irrigation, ground prep, planting, etc. Maintenance is folded into the park's existing regime/budget. There is a small budget for plant materials and my position to coordinate is being funded, total \$75,000.

Nancy noted she'd like to have an article in an upcoming CNews. Eric agreed to follow up with CNA when dates for planting are set.

Public Comment (items not on the agenda) –

Neighbors John and Theresa shared their interests in becoming more involved with CNA. Theresa is interested in advocating for community and housing issues, disaster prep, and livability. Her work is related to federal emergency preparation and response. John is interested in land use issues and worked in city government for a long time. Board members welcomed them and their involvement. Tyler noted the meeting time of the LUTC – 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Community Room. Daniel noted the new Safety and Livability Committee was just starting up, which Truls is heading up. November 1 will be the CNA general meeting and Board election.

Unfinished Business

1. CNA Annual Meeting, November 1, Update from Nominating Committee

Steve shared that the Nominating Committee hasn't heard back from any of the Board members whose position is up for election that they do not want to run again. He encouraged anyone who doesn't want to run again to let him and Ali know soon. Tyler shared he likely would not run again, and that he'd let Steve know for sure soon. The following people's positions are up for re-election:

- Tyler (East 1)
- Garlynn (SW 1)
- Ike (NW 1)
- Robert (At Large)
- Jody (At Large)
- Truls (At Large)
- Chris (Chair)

Regarding who will be speaking at the meeting, Daniel will follow up with Chris to see if a speaker has already been identified. (In the S&LC update Truls offered to follow up with a colleague at Multnomah County to see if they were available to talk about emergency preparedness. Having someone come from the Concordia/Woodlawn NET was also suggested.)

2. Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with Concordia University (CU), Safety and Livability Comm.

Daniel provided a recap:

- There has been some communication with CU. He, Ben, and Ali had been working on this.
 - Tyler recalled hearing there is intent to start over with a fresh perspective. Also, it still seems a little unclear if this is in the purview of LUTC or S&LC.
- GNA's typically touch on land use, safety and livability, and other social aspects. Once there is a point person they can reach out to the various committees. Things have been in a holding pattern

due to CU's request to wait until after Faubion School reopened. It's still unknown what the full scope of potential issues might be.

- The most recent GNA in the neighborhood was between Fox Chase area (30th and Killingsworth) neighbors and restaurants. Neighbors really lead the charge, with CNA providing a template.

Board discussion followed:

- Regarding CU proposed development in the neighborhood, maybe a GNA could require there be dialogue prior to development.
 - Could ask they keep CNA apprised so not to get caught off guard and learn about it too late, such as when the development permit application has already been submitted.
 - It was hard to gain traction with the Bighouse (30th and Killingsworth) project since we learned about it so late in the process.
- Daniel noted he is still willing to contribute to the effort. He searched online for an example between a NA and a university and wasn't able to find anything locally or nationally. Perhaps older ones are not available online.
- The Board could consider giving CU a permanent spot on the Board. It could be a non-voting seat. They would then assign someone to attend the Board meetings on a regular basis.
 - We had someone in the past in an elected position, which was great in terms of being kept up to date. We could suggest in a GNA they provide regular representation.
 - I like the idea of a non-voting member.
 - We could create a new kind of position that could have a rotation of CU staff, perhaps.

3. Media Team Update/CNews One-year Review

Daniel noted this item, which was tabled at the September meeting, would be discussed in November when Gordon will be available and can provide a lot more detail. He suggested Board members send any questions to Gordon in advance of the meeting.

New Actionable Items – None

CNA Committee Reports

1. Safety and Livability – Truls provided an update:

- The committee met last week and it's still in the forming stages.
- They learned the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) hosts a meeting every other month with all neighborhood association S&LC's. The CNA team will go to those, so the CNA S&LC meeting will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Community Room so as to not conflict with the ONI meetings. The next S&LC meeting will be on November 14.
- The Board has approved the committee's charter; we still need to figure out our governance.
- A disaster prep person at Multnomah County may come to an upcoming meeting to share information about how to come up with a disaster prep plan that engages and supports elderly and vulnerable neighbors.
 - This could be a good topic for the upcoming General Meeting. Truls will follow up with County staff person tomorrow. Having someone come from the Concordia/Woodlawn NET was also suggested.
 - Steve reminded the CNews deadline is 10/10, in terms of publicizing speakers.

2. Media – Nancy gave a brief update:

- There are three new members of the Media Team, including people who responded to the call for involvement in the last CNews.
- The NECN Newsletter just came out and includes a reprint of the CNews story on the student mural project at Fernhill Park.

- Gordon is working on CNews mailing list issues.
3. Social – The date has been set for the holiday party – 12/12. Look for an email soon from Katie about an upcoming meeting to plan the party.
 4. Finance

Jody shared that the committee met in September and is working on a mission statement and process ideas for tracking revenue streams, payables, etc.

Heather provided the July financial report: The account balance is \$36,367, with about \$12,000 of that being revenue from Community Room rental. She'll send the report out via email.

Daniel observed there are some interesting issues around accounting for the CNews, such as discounted ads, CNA house ads, etc. We need to be able to track that value or cost.

5. Land Use and Transportation – No report provided.

Susan noted that the Residential Infill Project draft proposal was just released by the City. She expressed concern about part of the proposal that could affect a lot of Concordia property owners of currently vacant narrow lots, that their right to develop their property could be lost. Steve agreed this was of concern. She shared information about the upcoming kickoff meeting on October 10 and the drop in office hours at the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods office (4815 NE 7th Ave) on October 19, from 5 to 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned – Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 5:30pm, followed by the General Meeting at 7pm.