

## Concordia Neighborhood Association

### Board Meeting

May 2, 2018

Kennedy School Community Room, 7pm to 9pm

### MINUTES

#### Board Member Attendance

Chair – Chris Lopez PRESENT

Vice Chair/At Large 5 – Truls Neal PRESENT

Treasurer/At Large 6 – Heather Pashley ABSENT

Secretary/East 2 – Steve Elder PRESENT

East 1 – Jody Pollak PRESENT

NW 1 – Ike Harris PRESENT

NW 2 – Amelie Marian PRESENT (arr. 8pm)

SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong PRESENT

SW 2 – Vacant

At Large 1 – Robert Bowles PRESENT

At Large 2 – Donn Dennis PRESENT

At Large 3 – John McSherry ABSENT

At Large 4 – Ali Novak PRESENT

**Also in attendance:** Susan, Contract Recording Secretary; Gordon, Media Team; Eric, Media Team; Sonya F; Beth; Tracey P.

#### Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Chair Chris Lopez called the meeting to order at 7pm and a quorum was established.

**Review and Approve Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes (Consent Agenda)** – Approval of March and April 2018 minutes was postponed until next month.

**Old Business** – None

#### New Actionable Items

1. Residential Infill Project (RIP) Letter

Ali and Garlynn gave an overview of the letter to the City, to be submitted to the City Planning and Sustainability Commission during the open public comment period. The Land Use and Transportation Committee had discussed and unanimously approved the letter in concept, which is an update of a previous letter sent by CNA, at its last meeting, and recommended that the Board approve the letter and submit to the City. The letter continues to emphasize CNA's support for more density and higher FAR's (floor area ratio) and affordable housing.

A neighbor, Beth, expressed concern that the RIP letter doesn't represent everyone's view in the neighborhood. She and her some of her neighbors have concerns that the updated zoning will encourage more demolitions and they dislike that some areas are proposed to be upzoned from R5 to R2.5. Beth was encouraged to testify in person or online using the MapApp. It was also clarified that while CNA takes many viewpoints into consideration, it primarily used the input received by people attending LUTC and Board meetings over the past few years. Beth was also encouraged to continue attending LUTC meetings and to consider becoming a voting member. (One can be voted onto the LUTC upon attending three meetings.) Garlynn provided an overview of the rezone to R2.5 part of the proposal and proposed reduction in height. Board members further discussed the letter and the RIP proposal and the concerns raised.

***MOTION (Ali/Garlynn)*** – To approve the Residential Infill Project letter to the Planning and Sustainability Commission. 6 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstain. ***MOTION PASSES.***

2. Approval of NECN Endorsement of *Portland for Everyone* – Donn, CNA’s representative to NECN, requested to table this item until next month.

3. Audubon Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Audubon is currently offering a fee waiver for participants in the Cully, Concordia, and Woodlawn neighborhoods. The program fee is waived and the cost for trees is reduced. This is funded through a grant via the Port of Portland with a deadline at the end of June. Interested people provided their contact information.

4. Community Room Scheduling

Chris shared that Sonya has volunteered to take over scheduling of the Community Room.

5. Appointment to SW2 Board Position

Chris shared that Sonya Fornoni has been interested in serving on the Board for several months. She has attending several Board meetings and has helped with several social committee events. In order for her to be appointed, someone would need to shift positions. Ali currently lives in the SW2 area and is an At Large (AL4) Board member and has agreed to shift so Sonya can be appointed to the AL4 seat.

***MOTION (Robert/Donn) – To move Ali Novak from the At-Large 4 Board position to the SW2 Board position for the remainder of her current term. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. MOTION PASSES.***

Beth noted she is also interested in serving on the Board but would wait to run in the November election.

***MOTION (Robert/Truls) – To appoint Sonya Fornoni to the At-Large 4 Board through the remainder of the current term (November 2018). 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. MOTION PASSES.***

**CNA Committee Reports**

1. Social, Robert

- Clean Up Day is May 19. Volunteers are needed from 7am to noon. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around.
- Concerts in the Park – The Committee has raised \$8,000 so far and needs to raise another \$6,000 (not \$7,000 as originally stated). Robert, Katie, and Chris have been organizing them for 10 years and this is likely their last year due to changes being made by Portland Parks and Recreation.
- Spring Egg Hunt – There were about 1,000 kids and it was really successful!
- Garage Sale – A neighbor has committed to being the lead and the date will be shared once it is confirmed.
- Sunday Parkways – The application to table has been submitted to the City (PBOT).

2. Land Use and Transportation (LUTC), Garlynn

- Parking Pilot – CNA was one of six neighborhoods chosen for further study by PBOT. The City wants to focus on the portion of Alberta Street and one-block on each side within the neighborhood. They will start with a parking demand survey, for which the LUTC suggested Friday evening. If the parking demand survey shows the area to be one of the top two, the City will conduct a ballot vote of neighbors to determine participation.
- TriMet is proposing to buy a lot on N. Columbia Blvd. for a new bus barn. The LUTC generally supports this but is concerned about additional diesel pollution in the area. It is preferred that the bus barn be used by electric buses.

3. Media Team, Gordon
  - A survey to get feedback about the website redesign was shared with the Board.
  - Eric requested a volunteer from the Board to participate in a Facebook “fireside chat”. Ike volunteered.
4. Safety and Livability (meets on an as needed basis) – None
5. Finance, Heather – None

**Announcements/Public Comment (items not on the agenda) – None**

**Meeting Adjourned** – Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7pm.