

**Concordia Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
May 1, 2019
Kennedy School Community Room
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Chris Lopez	Present
Vice Chair and At Large 5 – Truls Neal	ABSENT
Treasurer and East 1 – Heather Pashley	Present
Secretary and East 2 – Steve Elder	Present
NW 1 – Ike Harris	ABSENT
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	ABSENT
SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong	Present
SW 2 – Ali Novak	Present
At Large 1 – Robert Bowles	Present
At Large 2 – Donn Dennis	Present
At Large 3 – John McSherry	Present
At Large 4 – Sonia Fornoni	Present
At Large 6 – Matt Boyd	Present

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Astrid, Brent, and Luciana Furstner, neighbors; Nancy Varekamp, C-News Editor; and Anne Griffin, Executive Director of Alberta Main Street.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chair, Chris, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and a quorum was established.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES:

- **MOTION:** Heather Pashley moved to approve the April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded by Ali Novak.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 1 abstained.
- **MOTION:** John McSherry moved to approve the April 2019 General Meeting Minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded by Heather Pashley.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

The Recording Secretary announced that the March 2019 Board Minutes posted on the website did not link to the correct document. The Chair instructed that the March 2019 Minutes be re-submitted to Garlynn Woodsong for posting to the website.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The Chair introduced Executive Director Anne Griffin of the Alberta Main Street. Ms. Griffin presented the Board with a letter listing talking points and priority projects for review. Ms. Griffin reported on the talking points below

- The Great American Main Street Award, for which Alberta Main Street was recognized by the National Main Street Center with GAMSA 2019.
- Alberta Street Black Heritage Markers. There will 5-7ft tall markers recognizing 5 African American Storytellers from the community. A reception will be held on Sunday, May 19 at the Cruz Room Annex to commemorate the markers throughout the community.
- Small Business Services and Seasonal Events. The Halloween Trick-or-Treat and Christmas events will continue. The Alberta Main Street provides 5-8 mini grants of up to \$2,500 each to local businesses to help with their store fronts.
- Re-growing the volunteer base. Ms. Griffin reported that the Alberta Main Street organization is a non-profit neighborhood volunteer organization and is made up of four committees.
 - Promotions, which handles big events, such as the Street Fair.
 - Business Development, which helps businesses with resources and business plans.
 - Design, which provides the mini-grants to help local businesses with their store fronts.
 - Economic Development, which helps to fundraise.
- Alberta Street Fair. This annual event is scheduled for August 10, 2019.

Ms. Griffin answered a few questions regarding funding and provided the Board with copies of the newly printed Alberta Street District Guide. The Chair formally invited Ms. Griffin to join CNA's mixer on May 5, 2019, at Pepitos Locos on 42nd Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CNA Community Partners. A list was requested of all current and potential future partners. The Chair indicated that a list could be provided of current partners.
ACTION: No action taken; postponed to the June 2019 board meeting.

NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

1. Clean Up. A clean up event will be held on June 1 and the details of what can and cannot be accepted was published in May's C-News edition. Robert Bowles announced that volunteers would be needed for the June 1 event beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Food would be provided to volunteers.

John McSherry reported that the Alley Clean Up event in April was successful and included approximately 25 volunteers. The group was able to pick up 35 bags of trash. Both the Concordia University and the Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) organization provided volunteers.

CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee members include Heather Pashley, Robert Bowles, and Steve Elder and they meet on the last Wednesday of the month. Treasurer Heather Pashley reported that the Association had approximately \$30,000 in funds, but the Committee has not officially met yet. Discussion was held regarding finance requests from an online app to assist in collecting funds to help with CNA's various organizational events.

MOTION: Garlynn Woodsong moved that the Board allow John McSherry to set up an online crowdsourcing account, unless there is a potential for conflict for a 501(c)(3) organization. The motion was seconded by Heather Pashley.

MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 1 abstained.

Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC). The LUTC members include John McSherry, Steve Elder, and Garlynn Woodsong. Garlynn reported that the next LUTC meeting would be held on May 15. He also reported that he purchased a Bluetooth Speakerphone as previously instructed for remote participation at meetings. The Chair instructed Garlynn to maintain physical possession of the Bluetooth device and bring it to meetings or arrange for the device to be at meetings should he not be able to attend.

Media. Garlynn Woodsong announced that he had access to the Association's website and could post updates if needed.

Nancy Varekamp announced that in both Gordon Riggs and Susan Trabucco assisted with the May 2019 issue of the C-News. Nancy also stated that the June issue would contain information regarding the Fernhill concerts. Nancy also requested permission to re-engage the PayPal option. The Chair granted the request and provided permission.

MOTION: Ali Novak moved that the Board find someone to run the yard sale on August 10 as the date certain. The motion was seconded by Matthew Boyd.

MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. The Chair instructed Nancy to include the request for interested persons to lead the CNA Yard Sale in June's C-News edition.

Social Committee. Sonia Fornoni announced that she is seeking donations for the Fernhill concerts. Sonia handed out the Portland Parks & Recreation flyers regarding sponsorships and donations. Sonia also announced that the next mixer would be held on May 5, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. at Los Pepitos Locos on 42nd Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The issue of community media partnership is postponed again for the next Board meeting. Discussion to be held regarding community partnership with C-News for Alberta Main Street and the Cerimon House.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The Board Meeting was adjourned by general consent by Chris Lopez at 8:35 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on June 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Astrid B. Furstner, Recording Secretary