

Concordia Neighborhood Association
Quarterly General Meeting
 March 4, 2020
 Kennedy School Community Room
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Astrid Furstner	Present
Vice Chair and SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong	ABSENT
Treasurer and East 1 – Heather Pashley	Present
Secretary and East 2 – Steve Elder	Present
NW 1 – Ike Harris	Present
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	Present
SW 2 – Ali Novak	ABSENT
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 5 – Truls Neal	Present
At Large 6 – Matt Boyd	Present

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chair, Astrid Furstner, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and a quorum was established. The Chair introduced speakers Julie Dodge, Ph.D., Concordia University Associate Professor and Liz Loulan, Concordia University Communications Director. Additional guest speaker, Dr. Karmin Williams, Principal at Faubion School. Additional guest, Jessica Rojas from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) was also in attendance.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION:

Dr. Julie Dodge was the main speaker and her topic was on resilience in times of uncertainty and change. Ms. Loulan spoke as to the timing of certain events surrounding the announcement of the closing of Concordia University.

Community members were informed that the Concordia University land is currently zoned for either educational or health institutions. The Lutheran church owns the land and is currently looking for prospective buyers. As a result of the University’s closure, faculty and staff will all be laid off and the campus will officially close in April 2020. It was suggested that if the faculty present at the CNA general meeting could relay to the University that the neighbors in Concordia would like to hold a meeting with the University to discuss potential future changes that would affect the neighborhood. It was also announced that in order for the land to sell, Concordia University is motivated to have the building and land in the best condition. The neighbors were also informed that security will remain patrolling the grounds even after the buildings have been vacated. The community members would like to see a stronger relationship and communication between Concordia University and the Concordia Neighborhood Association.

Dr. Karmin Williams, spoke regarding the effects and current status of Faubion School. Dr. Williams informed those in attendance that 40% of Faubion's budget was provided by the Concordia University, but due to the University's closing, the school may fall short of that expected income. The school has also depended on volunteers to assist with the children in various ways, but will no longer have that. Any neighbors who would like to fill that volunteer gap, will need to first fill out and pass a volunteer application and background check through Portland Public Schools. The application can be obtained online through: <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjY3ODplbi1VUw==> or online through www.pps.net.

Dr. Williams also informed attendees that the building at Faubion is owned by Portland Public Schools, and that Faubion itself will not be closing due to Concordia University's closure.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The General Meeting was adjourned by Astrid Furstner at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Astrid Furstner

Astrid B. Furstner, (Interim) Recording Secretary