

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

February 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Via GoogleMeets

AGENDA

BOARD MEMBERS and ATTENDEES

Chair – Peter Keller	Vice Chair and SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong	At Large 1 – Robert Bowles
Treasurer and East 1 – Heather Pashley	East 2 – Joseph Fraley	Secretary and At Large 2 – John Fitzgerald
At Large 4 – Sonia Fornoni	NW 1 – Ike Harris	At Large 3 – John McSherry
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	At Large 6 – Brittany Taylor	At Large 5 – Truls Neal
SW 2 – Matt Bowles	At Large 4 - Sonia Fornoni	NW2 - Amelie Marian
Dan Werle	Gordon Riggs - Media Team Lead	Matthew Boyd
Nancy Varekemp - CNews Editor	Brittanny Mason	Gina Levine - CN Advertising
Astrid Furstner		

Recording Secretary: Mary Maeve Barrett

7:00 P.M. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

7:05 P.M. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Agenda – February 2021

7:08 P.M. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Minutes – January 2021 Board Meeting

Robert Bowles moved to approve January 2021 minutes.

Pashley seconded.

Motion passed.

2. CNA Community Partners. (Postponed until February)

Chair Peter Keller opened for conversation by refreshing the attendees that this idea is to help identify businesses who are considered community partners and will receive discounts on ads in CN. Bowles began by identifying the need to clarify what/who a 'community partner' is. Woodsong mentioned that this may be a moot point until C19's impact is reduced. Harris reiterated that we need to identify the characteristics of a partner. Keller suggested revisiting in April. Boyd added that we should set a date

for this definition to be created as we do not know when covid will be 'over' so the Board needs to be proactive in this area. Bowles mentioned this item has been on the agenda for about 6 months already. Harris volunteered to develop a definition for the term and come back to the March meeting.

Boyd moved to postpone until March.

Woodsong seconded.

Motion passed.

3. NECN Liaison Volunteer (postponed until February 2021 per 1/06 motion)

Donn Dennis was the previous representative and now the board needs a new representative. Meetings are monthly. John McSherry asked if board insurance is provided by them (NECN). Joseph Fraley volunteered to be the CNA representative at NECN. Woodsong added that there are opportunities to participate in the NECN through LUTC. Brittany Taylor offered to attend meetings needed if Fraley cannot at any time.

McSherry moved for Fraley to serve as representative and Brittany Taylor backup representative.

Bowles seconded

Motion passed.

4. Safety and Livability Committee Leader (postponed until February 2021 per 1/06 motion)

Garlynn Woodsong updated that there has not been a functioning committee for many years. He suggested the Neighborhood Emergency committee may be a more valuable place for time to be spent. Keller asked for a motion to remove the leader position from the agenda. Harris asked for group discussion on the topic prior to the vote. Harris indicated he has a passion for this topic and its impact in the community. Harris volunteered to lead this. There had been a resurgence on this committee last year but it did not continue. Harris suggested he would want to reach out to the city rather than just hold it within committee. Garlynn Woodsong suggested that an ad-hoc committee might be a better choice.

Heather Pashley moved to remove this from the agenda.

Robert Bowles seconded.

Motion passed.

Woodsong moved to create an ad-hoc committee.

Harris seconded.

Motion passed.

5. Portland bureau of emergency management (postponed until April 2021 per 1/06 motion)

6. Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential interest in a neighborhood block party. (Postponed until April 2021 per 01/06 motion)

7:30 P.M. NEW ITEMS

1. What is your board email preference?

Keller checked in about preferences for email. It was mentioned that it is preferable to use the board

email for a variety of reasons including leaving information for the next holder of that position.

2. Should we have a presentation from city/county on state of houselessness, and resources at the March general meeting?

Keller asked if there is interest in bringing in a group for the March general meeting. This would help Concordia to develop ideas and strategies to help find solutions. This information should be shared with Nancy Varekemp and CN by the end of next week to get in the paper.

3. NECN communication funds \$500

Keller asked for motion to accept this amount for future use.

Robert Bowles moved that CNA should accept the funds.

Sonia Fornoni seconded.

Fraley asked follow-up questions for how this money is given and its intended use.

Motion passed

4. Updated CNews guidelines. Board to review in February

Keller asked that members review the materials that were sent in preparation for discussion next month

5. Update on Concordia University foreclosure and sale

McSherry clarified that the auction will occur on June 29th on SW 1st Avenue (County Courthouse).

Woodsong mentioned that the documents do not indicate if all of the buildings of CU are included in the sale or if parts of the campus facilities are not part of the sale. Harris asked if the neighborhood has any clue as to the next occupants. It is zoned for institutional use.

6. Ad-hoc committee on proposed CNA name change update presentation (Dan Werle)

Werle opened by requesting an expansion of initial objectives and request for funding to move forward with assessment. Werle provided a breakdown about the Ad-Hoc committee's work so far. The committee has goals set for upcoming months. These presentations would occur in March, April, and May on a variety of related topics. Werle shared a spreadsheet of the timeline and goals. This detailed the target timeline leading up to the June 2, 2021 CNA meeting. The costs anticipated are for flyers, press release, speakers, space, interpreters. In order to meet these costs, the Ad-hoc committee will need funding. Werle shared a document which breaks down specific quoted costs from the people and organizations who have been contacted. If costs need to be cut, it would be preferable to cut those from advertising rather than speakers and accommodations.

The conversation which ensued was to discuss the reasoning for the transition from the idea of a name change to a lecture series on the change. Bowles added that this presupposes that the name change will happen. John Fitzgerald suggested that maybe the survey should first be on whether the neighborhood wants a name change and then educating on the options and process of what that name should be and why.

Harris shared his experience in changing the name of Piedmont to King Post Office. He commended the committee's approach and mission. Boyd offered feedback on how many neighbors agree and on the initial drive for the change. Furstner joined the meeting to remind that the committee's intention should be to determine interest in a name change and not to advocate, persuade, or educate. Keller suggested that there is a need for more time to allow people to learn and become more aware prior to these suggested actions. He suggested using the CN as a way to get information to the community.

Keller took a strawpoll to determine interest in postponing the vote to allow more time to read the full proposal.

Woodsong moved to postpone until CNA can meet in person (indefinite).
John Fitzgerald seconded.
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.