

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
April 7, 2021
Held via google meets

AGENDA

BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES

Chair – Peter Keller	At Large 1 – Robert Bowles
Vice Chair and SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong	Secretary and At Large 2 – John Fitzgerald
Treasurer and East 1 – Heather Pashley	At Large 3 – John McSherry
East 2 – Joseph Fraley	At Large 5 – Truls Neal
NW 1 – Ike Harris	At Large 4 – Sonia Fornoni
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	At Large 6 – Brittany van der Salm
SW 2 – Matt Bowles	Matthew Boyd
Nancy Varekamp - CNews	PCA fund - Greg Bourget
Gordon Riggs - CN Media Team Lead	Kate Kockler Gallucci
Elise Scolnick	Micheal Morrow
Heather Flint Chatto	Damon Motz Storey
Gina Levine - CN Advertising	Tracee Johnson

Recording Secretary: Mary Maeve Barrett

7:00 P.M. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

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7:06 P.M.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Minutes –March 2021 Board Meeting

Pashley moved to approve March minutes

Harris seconds

Motion passes

2. CNA Community Partners (postponed until April)

Woodsong moved to postpone to June.

Pashley seconds

Motion passes

3. Safety and Livability ad hoc Committee (appoint members) Postponed until Ike Harris is present

Woodsong asked if Harris feels ready to begin holding meetings, he did. Woodsong asked for people interested in joining the committee. No volunteers.

Woodsong moved to table this item until the General Meeting in June for more attendees.

Harris seconds.

Motion passes

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

Pashley moved to postpone until June.

Discussion followed about presenting about when it would be safe.

Brittany van der Salm suggested it should wait until Oregon deems it safe. Matthew Boyd also added that we should be considering Ad Hoc committees for events such as movies/concerts in the parks through Parks&Rec regarding our plans.

Ike Harris moved that we postpone block parties and the like until the city deems it safe to meet

Joseph Fraley seconds

Motion passes

5. Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (postponed until April 2021 per 1/06 motion)

Garlynn Woodsong moved that we postpone this until we meet in person.

Joseph Fraley seconds

Motion passes

6. Update on taxes and accountant.

Heather Pashley has not heard from the recommended accountant of Mcsherry's, she double checked that we filed 2020 taxes so only 2019 and 2018 remain to be completed and filed.

7. Updated CNews Guidelines

Chair asked if everyone has read the updated guidelines. Joseph Fraley asked for clarification that the 'resident' term now includes contiguous neighborhoods with people who work, own property, own business, and permission can be given to people outside those parameters. He asked for rationale behind this. Nancy Varekamp mentioned that events outside neighborhoods are included in CNews and it is delivered to outside.

Garlynn Woodsong moved we adopt the new guidelines as written

Fraley seconds
Motion passes

7:30 P.M. NEW ITEMS

1. Portland Clean Air (Greg Bourget)

Woodsong reminds the group of the letters he mailed to board members earlier for up/down vote or modifications. He introduced the speaker. Bourget said 53 Neighborhood Association boards and 14 places of worship have provided a liaison. Of those NA, 8 have written letters to 20 industries to voluntarily mitigate. (Such as Albina Railyard, Owens Brockway). His research on Concordia is that past Columbia Blvd is an industrial area which pollutes but not so much that requires a permit. Numerous do not have a permit to pollute but do produce chemicals. He asked if anyone smells VOCs outside in the neighborhood. He explained the method of mapping VOCs to help map the source and determine what you are being exposed to.

He expressed the bigger concern is diesel particulate. This presents the worst effect of carcinogens. Portland Clean Air has collected the data from particulate monitors and should have this data next month.

Ike Harris asked about the exhaust from the Porter Yet asphalt plant. Bourget agreed that business was unfiltered until Cully NA entered into discussion with them, which led to them adding a costly filter to the tank to mitigate. Woodsong asked for clarity about what a next step motion looked like. Bourget advised that the endorsement would be the next step.

Woodsong moved that we endorse all the letters.

Harris seconds.

Motion passes

Bourget asked about monitors with bicycles and shared how that process would work. Harris suggested that this information be distributed to the community members. Woodsong mentioned that Bourget would be adding an article in the CNews

Harris moved to donate \$100 to PCA to gain three GIS maps of neighborhood

Brittany van der Salm seconds

Motion passes

Damon Motz Storey added that down the road we need to include methods for people to speak with lawmakers about this. Joseph Fraley added that Mingus Mapps expressed interest in the city taking a more active role in clean air when they attended a meeting lately.

2. PDX Mainstreets presentation (Heather Flint-Chatto)

Woodsong asked that the meeting extend to 8:30. He introduced the speaker. Presenter gave background of her group and its evolution. She said she is asking for Concordia to adopt the Mainstreets' guidelines. She showed the group her powerpoint and restated the mission which is to focus on how to guide the city to be

in respect of people and place in design and growth. They hope to provide tools for communities to have a voice in the growth and design in their neighborhoods.

She shared resources which are available on their website to offer support. She stressed that this is not about density but about design. This design should present a balance of placemaking, place shaping, and place keeping. She pointed about how patterns can be examined to see human scale. She identified design features in buildings in the neighborhood and they serve purpose and craft. She shared examples found in the city.

At the end of her presentation, Chair asked what would be involved in adopting the guidelines. She repeatedly indicated she would like to return for another longer presentation. She offered that the community could go on a neighborhood design walk and then adopt the guidelines.

Joseph Fraley said he felt the walk sounded like a good way to start people to think about these guidelines.

Fraley moved that we schedule the design walk.

Pashely suggested this could be brought to a GM in June. Woodsong suggested that we move to endorse the walk. Joseph Fraley added that he does not feel comfortable endorsing a guideline without full understanding and seeing what it looks like. Woodsong clarified that the endorsement would be more of a desire to set guidelines to the city and not directly adopting these guidelines at this time. Elise Scolnick provided explanations how adopting or endorsing them now or next month would still both be before their important DOZA meeting on May 12th.

Garlyn moved we write a letter to city council to advocate to mainstreet design standard

Ike Harris seconds

Motion passes

Brittany van der Salm returned to the motion brought earlier by Joseph Fraley to schedule a walk, she seconded

Motion passes

Ike Harris added that several years ago there was an attempt to put a community center on 42nd. He asked if there was any known possibility of using the CU building space for this purpose. It would be added to the next LUTC meeting

CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Media Team.**
 - a. Financials for the last 12 months;
 - b. Discussion of criteria to use when considering CNews' return to 12 pages;
 - c. Current status of hand deliveries of CNews to businesses

Gordon identified that there is nothing urgent in the material and it can be reviewed to prepare for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47