

**Concordia Neighborhood Association
General Meeting**

January 5, 2022

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MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Peter Keller	Present
Vice Chair and At Large 6: Brittany van der Salm	Present
Treasurer and East 1: Heather Pashley	Present
Secretary and East 2: Joseph Fraley	Present
NW 1 – Ike Harris	Present
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	Present
SW 1 – <i>Empty</i>	n/a
SW 2 – Matt Boyd	<i>Absent</i>
At Large 1 – Robert Bowles	Present
At Large 2 – John Fitzgerald	Present
At Large 3 – <i>Empty</i>	n/a
At Large 4 – Javier Puga-Phillips	<i>Absent</i>
At Large 5 – <i>Empty</i>	n/a

Recording Secretary: Astrid Furstner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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| 1. Nancy Varekamp, C-News Editor | 9. Trey Lackey |
| 2. Gordon Riggs, Media Team Lead | 10. Donna |
| 3. Allie Wenzl | 11. E. Gately |
| 4. Benjamin Taylor | 12. Catherine Jacobs |
| 5. Robert Wesley Coffeen | 13. Joe Jurczak |
| 6. Jennifer Renninger | 14. Kat Hirsch |
| 7. Ken Wood | 15. Brent Furstner |
| 8. Kenneth Scott | 16. KOIN News |

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair, Peter Keller, presented the agenda for approval.

Joseph Fraley moved to amend the agenda by including under announcements for the City Charter notice.

Brittany van der Salm moved to amend the agenda by including time for the Name Change Committee

- **MOTION.** Brittany van der Salm moved to approve the January 2022 Agenda as revised. The motion was seconded by Joseph Fraley.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. The November 2021 Minutes. Item postponed with no objections.
2. CNA Community Partners. Item postponed with no objections.
3. Safety and Livability ad hoc Committee. Item postponed with no objections.
4. Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential interest in a neighborhood block party. Item postponed with no objections.
5. Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. Item postponed with no objections.

NEW ITEMS

1. Open Board positions:

- **MOTION.** The Chair requested that the Board approve appointment of John McSherry to the At Large 3 position. A motion was made by Robert Bowles to accept the Chair's recommendation to appoint John McSherry to the At Large 3 position. The motion was seconded by Brittany van der Salm.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.
- **MOTION.** The Chair requested that the Board approve appointment of Benjamin Taylor to the At Large 5 position. A motion was made by Ike Harris to accept the Chair's recommendation to appoint Benjamin Taylor to the At Large 5 position. The motion was seconded by John Fitzgerald.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

2. Board Officer appointments:

- **MOTION.** The Chair requested that the Board approve the following appointments:
Brittan van der Salm as Vice Chair.
Heather Pashley as Treasurer.
Joseph Fraley as Secretary.
John McSherry and Heather Pashley as Media Team Liaisons.
Joseph Fraley as NECN Liaison.
Brittany van der Salm as backup to the NECN Liaison.
MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

3. CNews Editor. Discussion was held regarding current Editor Nancy Varekamp's retirement effective March 2022. It was suggested that an advertising for a new editor be listed on the CNews paper, CNA's website, Facebook page, and Instagram, in addition to checking with NECN for potential applicants. Gordon Riggs stated that there is no cost to advertise on Craigslist.

ACTION ITEM. The chair created an ad hoc committee for the sole purpose of reviewing potential candidate resumes and interviewing applicants for the position of Editor. The ad hoc committee would consist of Heather Pashley, John McSherry, Gordon Riggs, and Peter Keller. No objections were noted.

4. Potential Safe Rest Village (SRV) at the old Whittaker school site discussion. Discussion was held by members of the community regarding the draft letter circulated as a response from CNA to the Portland Public School Board. The discussion included residents speaking for and against the City of Portland's intention to include an SRV at the site. It was suggested that additional opportunities for community neighbors to discuss the issue be coordinated. The Chair, Peter Keller informed all in attendance that he had invited Dan Ryan's office to attend the CNA meeting and join the discussion with the Concordia neighbors regarding their proposal, but Mr. Ryan's office declined. The Chair also invited the SRV team to attend and they declined. He also made efforts to reach out the Portland Public School Board liaison, but did not receive a response.

MOTION. A motion was made by Benjamin Taylor to send the CNA letter regarding the Safe Rest Village as written. The motion was seconded by John McSherry.

MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote; 5 in favor; 4 against, 0 abstained.

The Chair will review the letter for grammatical and typographical errors and send the letter on behalf of CNA.

5. Name Change Committee. Brittany van der Salm, chair of the Name Change Committee requested the Board to consider allowing the committee to renew their meetings via remote instead of waiting to meet in person. The Committee would like to present to the board a new plan and strategy regarding the name change.

MOTION. A motion was made by Joseph Fraley to hear the Name Change Committee's update at a future meeting and for the Committee to have meetings remotely. The motion was seconded by John McSherry.

MOTION PASSED by majority voice vote. 8 in favor; 1 against; 0 abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Charter. Joseph Fraley announced that he received an email Sofia Alvarez-Castro requesting assistance from the community to spread the word about upcoming meetings of the Portland Charter Commission to review and revise the Portland Charter. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 11 from 6-8 pm and Saturday, January 22 from 12-2pm. To register for either of the dates, the community is encouraged to register at <http://www.tinyurl.com/charterlisteningsessions>

CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee. None

Land Use Transportation Committee. None

Media Team. None

Social Committee. None

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The Board Meeting was adjourned by general consent by Peter Keller at 8:46pm. The next Board meeting will be held on February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Astrid B. Furstner

Astrid B. Furstner, Recording Secretary