

**Concordia Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting MINUTES**

March 2, 2022

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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	<i>Absent</i>
NW 1 – Ike Harris	Present
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	Present
SW 1 – Javier Puga-Phillips	Present
SW 2 – Matt Boyd	Present
At Large 1 – Robert Bowles	Present
At Large 2 – John Fitzgerald	Present
At Large 3 – John McSherry	Present
At Large 4 – <i>Open</i>	n/a
At Large 5 – Benjamin Taylor	<i>Absent</i>

Recording Secretary: Astrid Furstner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Varekamp, C-News Editor; Gordon Riggs, Media Team Lead; Neighbors: Rob Cullivan, Dan Werle, Carrie Peacock, and Zora Hess.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Peter, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and a quorum was established. Attendance included: 10/13 were present. The Chair introduced Rob Cullivan as the new Cnews Editor.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES

MOTION: Robert Bowles moved to approve the March 2022 Agenda of the Board meeting. Matthew Boyd seconded.

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

MOTION: Heather Pashley moved to approve the February 2022 Board Minutes as presented. John McSherry seconded the motion.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair, Peter Keller announced that the position of At Large 4 remains open and encouraged members to volunteer to fill it.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CNA Community Partners – postpone
2. Safety and Livability ad hoc committee – postpone
3. Ad hoc committee regarding interest in a neighborhood block party – postponed until March 2022
4. Portland Bureau of Emergency Management – postponed until we meet in person
5. Report of the ad hoc committee regarding potential name change. Brittany van der Salm introduced Dan Werle, a member of the committee, who provided a presentation regarding the committee's recommendation to: (1) prepare and distribute a survey to all neighbors and businesses requesting their interest in changing Concordia Neighborhood Association's name and (2) prepare and distribute a cover letter to all neighbors, churches, and businesses enlisting their assistance in encouraging people to fill out the survey. Discussion was held.

MOTION: Brittany van der Salm moved to approve the creation of a poll to determine whether neighbors want to change the name of the association. John McSherry seconded the motion.

MOTION FAILED. There were 3 in favor; 5 against; and 2 abstentions. The Motion did not pass.

The chair thanked the committee for their work and stated that the committee had completed its assigned task and was therefore resolved.

NEW ITEMS

1. Report of the ad hoc finance committee. Robert Bowles reported that with the assistance of Belinda Clark, they were able to prepare five years of tax returns for the association. Robert indicated that he has not yet filed them, but will finalize soon. Robert also reported that once the association's tax returns were completed that he would finalize the draft CT-12 forms provided by Astrid Furstner. Robert will submit the CT-12 forms and pay the late fee of \$100 per each delinquent year. He will provide a further report to the board in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joann Hardesty – will be the speaker for the March 2022 general meeting, which will begin immediately after the March 2022 board meeting. .

CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: No report was provided.

Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC). Committee Chair Benjamin Taylor reported that there would be a meeting on March 16 to discuss the Dekum court progress. He also requested volunteers to join the LUTC.

Media. Gordon Riggs announced that he would like to step back from the duties as media chair. Discussion was held regarding the timing and Gordon indicated that he can wait a few more months until a replacement is found. The pay for the media lead position is \$200/month for 8 pages and it may be combined with some of the responsibilities for the Cnews Editor. Continuation of this topic will be held in April.

The ad hoc committee formed to find an editor reported that two applicants were interested. Rob Cullivan was approved as the Editor.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of bringing on a second salesperson for advertising. Discussion was postponed to April.

MOTION: John Fitzgerald moved to approve payment of two CNews editors, Rob Cullivan and Nancy Varekamp for March 2022. It was seconded by Heather Pashley.

MOTION PASSED by majority vote; 0 abstained; 0 opposed

Social Committee. Javier Puga-Phillips reported that another clean up event is scheduled at Alberta Park on April 2, 2022. He is working on a donation form to hand out to local businesses and neighbors to help support the clean up events.

Javier also reported that the Spring 2022 Egg Hunt is confirmed and would like to use the Kennedy McMennamins Community Room for April 15 and 16 for the purpose of stuffing easter eggs.

MOTION: Javier Puga-Phillips moved that he be allowed to reserve the community room for April 15 and 16.. Heather Pashley seconded the motion

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

The Board Meeting was adjourned by general consent by Peter Keller at 6:59 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Astrid B. Furstner

Astrid B. Furstner, Recording Secretary