

**Concordia Neighborhood Association
GENERAL 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	Present
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	Present

Recording Secretary: Astrid Furstner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

There were a total of 42 people in attendance via Google meets.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Peter, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and a quorum was established. Attendance included: 12/13 were present.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair, Peter Keller introduced guest speaker Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty. The Commissioner oversees the Portland Fire and Rescue, Portland Bureau of Transportation, and the office of Community and Civil Life. Also in attendance was the Commissioner's assistant Kristin Johnson.

Discussion was held on various topics of interest such as the Portland Street Response program, the City's budget, civil engagement, community events, and the core mission of her office, to attend and participate in civic engagements.

The Chair moderated the questions and answers from the attendees and thanked the Commissioner for attending and providing our neighbors with an update on the various topics.

Chair, Peter Keller next introduced guests Matt Roberts, Assistant Vice President, Community Relations and Jane Gordon, Vice Provost, Portland, both from representatives of the University of Oregon. On March 1, 2022, the University of Oregon announced that they were in the process of closing on the purchase of what used to be the Concorcordia University's property.

Mr. Roberts announced that the University of Oregon received a \$425 million grant for the creation of the Balmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health. Both representatives from the University indicated that the University plans to acquire the main campus, including the library, the field, and the dormitories and they are interested in being an active participant in the Concordia neighborhood. In addition, the University has had positive communications with Fabion school. Principal Karmin was in attendance and acknowledged the communication.

Both representatives requested that if the neighbors have any specific concerns or requests as the process of acquiring the process continues, please direct them to CNA's board and they can work with us. Ms. Gordon stated that the Board of Trustees for the University would hold a vote in mid-March and the general plan is to have activity on the campus begin in the Fall of 2022. They currently anticipate 200 students from the program to be enrolled and another 700 students from other programs to join the campus.

The Chair moderated the questions and answers from the attendees and thanked both Ms. Gordon and Mr. Roberts for attending and their willingness to become an integral part of the community of CNA.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

The General Meeting was adjourned by general consent by Peter Keller at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Astrid B. Furstner

Astrid B. Furstner, Recording Secretary