

Concordia NA meeting 7/6/22
7-8:30 PM

Present:

John McSherry

Joseph Fraley

Peter Keller

Javier Puga-Phillips

Benjamin Taylor

Brittany van der Salm

Sean Mihalik (Community Team Lead)

Gordon also on

Ike Harris

Robert Bowles

Leigh Shelton (taking CNews Ad Sales position)

Javier moves to approve July agenda, Brittany seconds
Motion passes

June 2022 minutes are not finalized, we are postponing approval of those minutes until next month

Ad Hoc committee to explore Kennedy School Community Room contract, rental rates, and definition for CNA Community Partners. Peter has not come up with that definition yet, but it is on his to do list. Ad Hoc committee needs to meet this month or next to regroup. Peter and Javier meeting with a manager at Kennedy School on Friday.

July was lowest income month for the room. Not available all weekends. Kennedy School is asking us for another weekend. It is impacting our income. We want to give notice to our standing Community Partners soonish, and then let them know it will take effect in 30 days. Javier motions we inform our current Community Partners that weekends will be off and that rates will increase in next 90 days. Seconded by Brittany. Motion passes.

NEW ITEMS

Gina is stepping down from CNews Ad Sales position. Leigh Shelton is taking her place. Peter confirmed with Media Team liaisons and confirmed with CNews team, who were all on board with this.

Brittany motions that we hire Leigh Shelton to be our new CNews Ad Sales Rep. Javier seconds. Motion passes.

Javier will also be contributing to ad sales in a more minor role.

LUTC committee

Ben has been very busy and has had very low attendance. One item per meeting so as not to overcrowd the meeting until we get a critical mass of interest in LUTC.

Peter is going to add extra time to our regular meetings to allow for this. If big issues come up, they can host a separate meeting again, as needed. Javier will cancel the room appointments for the evenings LUTC was using the Community Room.

UofO Portland Good neighbor agreement:

What do we want to see from this?

If there is a pool, we would love access.

Ike would like us to be kept in the loop, and maintain fellowship with Commissioner over Parks —Rubio. Would like to see accountability between Rubio and UoO representative. Community has expressed interest in a Community Center there. Is there any progress on any space there being used for that? UofO expressed a commitment to have talks with Commissioner Rubio and PPS, and Ike would like to see that they are held accountable to having those, about establishing a Community Center.

Wants to have a good working relationship with UofO about any changes they may make that will impact the community.

Brittany suggests we be proactive about reaching out and welcoming them.

Javier suggests inviting them to our concert in the part event next Friday.

Ike would like board to meet with PPS, Rubio, and UofO reps regarding a community center.

For a Community Center, UoO's role would be "muscle and influence".

We attempted to find a GNA with Concordia but could not find it. Peter spoke with Ben Earl who was on the LUTC years ago.

Peter notes that it would be good to have a member of UofO's staff on our board. There were 2 Concordia folks on our board for many years.

May be good to put a small committee together to put together our asks.

Would like to see library access.

Ike notes that community centers are very impactful to neighborhoods.

Maybe we should talk to folks at Matt Dishman center. Possibly reaching out to Mt Scott. Doing this may help us learn a bit about what our asks might be.

As an aside, may be good to reach out to people on the PPS board to learn what's happening at Whitaker. Gary Hollins at PPS board. Ben will do that.

Jon McSherry is in favor of creating a subcommittee.

He is curious about parking on the side streets. He suggests at GNAs from other colleges.

A GNA is an agreement between our board and a business/school/center to have a set of rules and standards that we mutually agree on.

Our Community Room is the result of a GNA.

Ike would like to take the lead on working with Commissioner Rubio and PPS on the concept of a community center.

Let's wait until Sept to create the subcommittee on a GNA/UofO uses to September.

A member of NECN reached out to see if we would like to partner to host upcoming election discussion and debate.

Sept is our general meeting, too.

Peter invited someone from the City Charter Commission to come.

Peter, Joseph, and Brittany will connect with NECN about doing this.

This meeting would take place on our meeting date.

We'd want Q&A.

Peter has been talking to Kieran about how we are acting pro-actively in the neighborhood, and how we might use extra funds?

One idea was to give some funds to restaurants in order to provide free meals.

Ike wonders to how locate people who are food or housing insecure. Black United Fund, NAYA, for example.

Ben asks what the magnitude of our "excess funds" might be. Surplus in a good year could be maybe \$10-15k. Robert says we really need to look at the books to make sure we do indeed have excess funds.

Focus should be what the newspaper and Community Room bring in, and not include outlier years where fundraising events were undertaken.

Maybe a scholarship for a kid at Faubian.

Ike notes that whatever we do, it needs to be relevant. Perhaps something addressing gun violence.

John points out that we have non-cash assets (Community Room, paper). Javier adds that Black United Fund is tearing their building down at the end of summer, and have asked if they can use our Community Room for their communities.

We will revisit this in the next meeting. Brittany and Ike would like to join the committee.

Committee Reports:

Heather/Finance not present.

LUTC: Have had a few discussion regarding Hamlet 33. City has since moved forward to clean the camp. As of end of June the Portland Residential Infill project Phase II is in effect, which means more intensity on plots of land, allowing more housing to be developed. Phase II deals with larger parcels of land.

Media Team: For July issue, income was \$1711 dollars, expenses \$2756 net was -\$1745. Leigh Shelton has been added.

Social Committee: National Night Out. Planning to meet at the flower market with kids and parade from there to Mildred Hall (on 23rd) across the street from Ceremon Hall, make it a full parade. Then to have some for them at the end. Will be Aug 2nd. Javier thinks he will need about \$750. Budget covers bike decorations, refreshments, port-o-potty. Outreach is on Instagram, Facebook, and Newspaper.

Javier motions for a budget of \$750 for national night out, Ben seconds it. Motion passes. Javier has requested that bike police to come, particularly since there is a crossing on Killingsworth. Have not yet been granted. This even is traditionally focused on police relationships in neighborhoods.

Next month, for Last Thursdays we may set up in front of Bonne Chance. We need a banner. Javier motions to spend up to \$300 on a banner for CAN for events like Last Thursdays. Brittany seconds.

Motion passes.

Neighborhood cleanup is August 6th starting in Alberta Park. So far we have picked up over 10,000 lbs of trash.

SOLVE ran out of money. Gina stepped in and got us a grant for \$1500 which will hopefully cover dumpsters for the last 3 cleanups of the year. Next ones are Sept 6, Oct 1, and Dec 4th.

Ben motions that we take August off from general board meeting. Javier seconds it. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28.