



**Concordia Neighborhood Association
Board & General Meeting**

November 7, 2023

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NAME & POSITION	PRESENT/ABSENT	NAME & POSITION	PRESENT/ABSENT
Chair Astrid Furstner	Present	Southwest 2 Megan Gobble	<i>Absent</i>
Vice Chair & AL 6 Brittany van der Salm	Present	At Large 1 Robert Bowles	Present
Treasurer & SW 1 Brian Schutte	Present	At Large 2 Patricia McMahan	Present
Secretary & NW 2 Matt Roberts	Present	At Large 3 John McSherry	Present
East 1 Heather Pashley	<i>Absent</i>	At Large 4 Open	n/a
East 2 Rich Burton	Present	At Large 5 Michelle Fitzgerald	Present
Northwest 1 Ike Harris	Present		

Recording Secretary: Christine Yun

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Astrid Furstner, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and a quorum was established. Attendance included: 10/12 board members present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES

MOTION: Robert Bowles moved to approve the November 2023 agenda. Rich Burton seconded. MOTION PASSED by a majority vote; 0 abstained; 0 opposed.

MOTION: Rich Burton moved to approve the October 2023 Board meeting minutes as corrected. Matt Roberts seconded.

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

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

The Chair introduced Katie Ugolini and Belinda Clark as the election officers. The following people were in attendance:

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| 1. Dina Sage, Media Team Lead (online) | 7. Lucy Morrow, neighbor |
| 2. Gordon Riggs, CNews Designer | 8. Alicia Yerya, neighbor |
| 3. Kepper Petzing, Media Team (online) | 9. Peter Keller, neighbor |
| 4. Brent Furstner, neighbor | 10. John Fitzgerald, neighbor |
| 5. Kate Peloquin, neighbor | 11. Ronita S., neighbor (online) |
| 6. Nate Shehorn, neighbor | 12. Jonathan L., neighbor |

13. Lauren Falkner, neighbor
14. Christine Yun, neighbor
15. Dee Peterson, neighbor
16. Michael Braun, neighbor
17. Nancy Zevely, neighbor
18. Joshua Lickteig, neighbor
19. Shawn Garnett, neighbor

20. Belinda Clark, neighbor
(election officer)
21. Katie Ugolini, neighbor
(election officer)
22. Allison Siphron, guest
23. Rod Sandoz, guest
24. Paul Riley, guest
25. Paul Dailey, guest
26. Clarence Larkin, guest

Election Officers reported a total of 31 eligible voting members.

Elections:

● Chair

Nomination: Nominees were Kepper Petzing, declined; Brittany van der Salm, declined; Matt Roberts, declined; Rich Burton, declined; Robert Bowles, declined; Peter Keller, declined; John McSherry, declined; and John Fitzgerald, who accepted.

MOTION: Astrid Furstner moved to accept the nomination of John Fitzgerald for 2024 Chair. Ike Harris seconded.

Election was held. Raise of hand: 20 in favor; 11 abstained; 0 against.

John Fitzgerald was announced as the 2024 incoming Chair.

● East 1:

Nomination: Robert Bowles was nominated, but declined. No other nominees were presented. Position remains unfilled.

● SW 1:

Nomination: Brian Schutte was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were presented.

MOTION: Astrid Furstner moved to accept the nomination of Brian Schutte. Brittany van der Salm seconded.

Election was held. Raise of hand: 18 in favor; 13 abstained; 0 against.

Brian Schutte was announced as the 2024 incoming SW 1 representative.

● NW 1:

Nomination: Ike Harris was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were presented.

MOTION: Astrid Furstner moved to accept the nomination of Ike Harris. Brittany van der Salm seconded.

Election was held. Raise of hand: 18 in favor; 13 abstained; 0 against.

Ike Harris was announced as the 2024 incoming NW 1 representative.

- AL 1:
 Nomination: Robert Bowles was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were presented.
 MOTION: Astrid Furstner moved to accept the nomination of Robert Bowles. Rich Burton seconded.
 Election was held. Raise of hand: 21 in favor; 10 abstained; 0 against.
 Robert Bowles was announced as the 2024 incoming AL1 representative.

- AL 3:
 Nomination: John McSherry was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were presented.
 MOTION: Astrid Furstner moved to accept the nomination of John McSherry. Rich Burton seconded.
 Election was held. Raise of hand: 21 in favor; 10 abstained; 0 against.
 John McSherry was announced as the 2024 incoming AL3 representative.

- AL 5:
 Nomination: Brittany van der Salm was nominated, but declined. Michelle Fitzgerald and Lauren Falkner were both nominated and both accepted.
 Election by ballot was held. 17 votes for Michelle Fitzgerald; 5 votes for Lauren Falkner; 9 abstained.
 Michelle Fitzgerald was announced as the 2024 incoming AL5 representative.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board addressed the open position for AL4. Nomination: Lauren Falkner and Lucy Morrow. The board voted by hand: 5 votes for Lauren Falkner; 4 votes for Lucy Morrow; 1 abstention (Chair). Lauren Falkner was announced as the 2024 incoming AL 4 representative effective immediately. The chair announced that the AL4 position would be filled for the remainder of the AL4 position and will be up for re-election at the end of 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair provided an update regarding the City of Portland’s Office of Civil Life (Charter Transition) and requested a volunteer to assist in attending NECN’s meetings and report back to CNA with a summary of events.

The Chair announced the resignation of Michelle Fitzgerald as the chair of the social committee; she will stay on the committee, but not as chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: The Chair introduced Brian Schutte as Treasurer. Mr. Schutte provided a written bank statement to the board via email. He reported that he needs a CNA officer to accompany him to the bank in order to get the signor privileges. Fund reported income and expenses break even with approximately \$20-30k in the bank. He also reported that he obtained the mail from the post office box and provided BDS notices to the LUTC chair, Rich Burton.

Land Use & Transportation Committee: The Chair introduced Rich Burton as the LUTC chair who reported on the following subjects:

- Neighborhood infill and traffic safety continues to be a topic of discussion for the LUTC team. The LUTC team meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the Community Room.
- Developer and BDS notices received. Discussion was held regarding the best way to provide neighbors with notices. After discussion was held, it was decided that copies of the notices would be posted on the CNA's website and links to the webpage would be listed in the monthly newsletter.
- Albina Sports Complex update. Discussion was held regarding the potential use of the Whitaker site. The Portland Public Schools' board chair has proposed a private corporation to lease the land and build a sports complex. Neighborhood access has not been defined. Guest Clarence Larkin presented an alternative proposal for a community center that would be open to the neighborhood. See attached [Exhibit 1](#) for a copy of Clarence's handout.
- Portland Bureau of Transportation outreach process. An update was provided regarding poor communications between PBOT and the neighborhood regarding new bike lanes on NE 33rd from Holman to Dekum. PBOT and LUTC are working on a potential resolution and future meeting.

Media Team: The Chair read the reports from Dina Sage and Leigh Shelton.

- The media team requests volunteers to deliver the newsletter locally.
- There will not be a January newsletter.
- The ad revenue for November and December are healthy and the media team will propose new advertising prices in January.

Social Committee:

- Facebook post requests should be sent to Dina Sage.
- Instagram post requests should be sent to Brittany van der Salm.
- The Chair read Megan Gobble's report:
 - The lease with McMennamins for the community room will expire soon and will need to be renewed.
 - Wifi issue is being worked on.
 - Please remember that if you rent the community room to clean up after the rental and be polite and patient with the staff.
- Neighborhood Makers Market request was presented by Astrid and Brent Furstner on behalf of their art business Atrum Arte. They have paid the room rental fee for a neighborhood makers market to host makers in an effort to "get to know your neighbor." They requested that CNA waive the room rental fees for the makers market. Discussion was held.
 - MOTION: Matt Roberts moved that CNA sponsor the Neighborhood Makers Market by waiving the room rental fee. Patricia McMahan seconded the motion.
 - MOTION passed with 8 votes in favor; 1 against; 1 abstention (Chair).
 - The treasurer shall refund the room rental fees to Atrum Arte.
- Michelle Fitzgerald reported that the Holiday event will be held in January with a date to be announced via social media.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Matt Roberts stated that the University of Oregon Concordia campus will have a community connection meeting on November 28.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Board meeting was adjourned by general consent by Astrid Furstner at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christine Yun

Christine Yun, Recording Secretary