

**Concordia Neighborhood Association**  
**Annual Meeting**  
November 1, 2017  
Kennedy School Community Room, 7 to 9pm  
**MINUTES**

**Board Member Attendance**

Chair – Chris Lopez PRESENT	SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong PRESENT
Vice Chair/SW 2 – Daniel Greenstadt PRESENT	At Large 1– Robert Bowles PRESENT
Treasurer/At Large 6 – Heather Pashley PRESENT	At Large 2 – Donn Dennis PRESENT
Secretary/East 2 – Steve Elder PRESENT	At Large 3 – Jody Pollak PRESENT
East 1 – Tyler Bullen PRESENT	At Large 4 – Ali Novak ABSENT
NW 1 – Isham “Ike” Harris PRESENT	At Large 5 – Truls Neal PRESENT
NW 2 –Amelie Marian PRESENT	

**Also in attendance:** See sign in sheet.

**Welcome and Introductions, Establish Quorum, Agenda Review**

Chair Chris Lopez called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves, noting which part of the neighborhood they live in. Attendees were asked to sign in to assert membership. Chris reviewed the meeting agenda, noting Committee reports would come first, followed by the Board election and then the Disaster Resilience presentation.

**CNA Committee Reports**

1. Finance – Jody, Chair, introduced Heather, Treasurer, and provided an update:
  - The Finance Committee’s mission is to ensure revenue is spent in a manner consistent with the CNA mission and managed transparently.
    - CNA is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) so all IRS laws apply.
  - The current bank balance is around \$30,000.
    - The Kennedy School Community Room is CNA’s biggest source of revenue.
      - It can be rented hourly (\$15 for non-profits; \$25 for private or for profit use).
      - The room fits up to 50 people and rental includes tables and chairs.
    - Ad sales in the CNews are another source of revenue, which help the paper mostly pay for itself.
  - The Finance Committee meets at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month in the Community Room.
2. Land Use and Transportation (LUTC) – Garlynn, Chair, provided an update:
  - The LUTC focuses on how CNA can work with partners to protect and improve livability.
  - At the next meeting, November 15 at 7pm, the LUTC will host a workshop on Oregon DEQ’s proposed Cleaner Air Rules to garner input from neighbors during the public comment period. A flyer was distributed with details; people were encouraged to attend.
  - The Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Community Room; the LUTC will not meet in December.
3. Media – Daniel provided an update:
  - The Media Team oversees the CNews, CNA website, and social media.

- CNews (monthly print newspaper mailed to CNA residents and provided at area businesses) is doing well financially. It's delivering a lot of value to the community.
    - CNews staff (paid contractors) were introduced.
    - The Board just received an extensive update on CNews; it's doing well!
  - Come to the Media Team meetings – first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Community Room – and help us, become a writer, work on social media, and more.
4. Safety and Livability – Truls, team organizer, provided an update:
- The Safety and Livability team has been recently revived and is relatively new. A chair is needed!
  - The focus is on helping neighbors get to know and support each other. For example, in the area of disaster resilience (tonight's presentation).
  - The team meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30pm in the Community Room.
5. Social – Katie, Chair, provided an update:
- The Social Committee puts on CNA's fun events, such as the Holiday Party, Spring Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park, Community Yard Sale, Community Clean Up day, and more.
  - The Holiday Party will be December 12, from 6:30 to 9pm at the Cerimon House (5131 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave).
    - Come for refreshments and entertainment.
    - Come support this year's local charity, the NE Emergency Food Program, which provides food and clothing to 800 families/month, job training, and more.
    - There will also be a raffle of donated goods and services, with proceeds being donated to the NE Emergency Food Program.
    - Find details in the CNews.
  - The Social Committee does not have a regular meeting date; rather it meets on an as needed basis to plan events throughout the year. Contact Katie (contact is in the CNews) to get on the Committee list to learn about upcoming meetings and volunteer opportunities.

**Nomination and Election of New Board Members**

Chris introduced Jessica Rojas and Adam Lyons from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), who would serve as election monitors. Adam asked for a raise of hands of CNA members (live in or own property or business in the neighborhood) to determine if there were sufficient members present in to establish a quorum. Quorum was established (15 people who are not Board Members).

The positions open for election were reviewed, noting that all were for two-year terms except for the Chair, a one-year term, and the SW 2 position (one-year, to fill the second year of a two year-term recently vacated). NECN staff explained how they would call for nominations and seconds three times for each position, followed by a brief statement by the candidate, then voting. If more than one person was nominated for a position a secret ballot would be used. For uncontested positions, a show of hands indicating majority support would be used.

The results of the election are as follow:

E1 (2-year term) – Jody Pollak  
 NW 1 (2-year term) – Ike Harris  
 SW1 (2-year term) – Garlynn Woodson  
 SW2 (1-year term) – vacant

AL1 (2-year term) – Robert Bowles  
 AL3 (2-year term) – John McSherry  
 AL5 (2-year term) – Truls Neal  
 Chair (1-year term) – Chris Lopez

**Presentation: Disaster Resilience** – Justin Ross, Multnomah County, Office of Emergency Management, and Amy Gard, Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)

Truls introduced the guest presenters.

Justin provided an overview of his work with Multnomah County and gave a presentation, summarized below:

- Resiliency Factors
  - Situational awareness
  - Plans – family reunification
  - Access to supplies – connect with neighbors before a disaster!
  - Community connections
- Hazards facing Oregon are numerous; tonight’s focus is on earthquakes:
  - Cascadia subduction zone runs from British Columbia to northern California.
  - Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes can be 9.0 and higher.
  - The last one was around 1700 and scientists say a typical interval is every 230 years; we are overdue for one.
  - Oregon Resilience Plan Shake and Liquefaction maps show areas of highest hazard in the Portland metro area.
  - Tsunami hazards exist at the coast.
- Drop – Cover – Hold On is the first thing you do if you feel an earthquake.
  - DO NOT stand in a doorframe!
  - Main goal is to protect yourself from falling light fixtures, toppling furniture, breaking windows, etc., then to exit the building once the shaking has stopped.
- Situational Awareness
  - Take a class.
  - Learn about hazards in your area (e.g. locate the tsunami evacuation route when you’re at the coast).
  - Sign up for alert and warning notices.
  - Follow emergency responders on social media for up to date information.
  - Get an emergency radio.
- Plans
  - Communication after an event.
  - Where kids/family members are supposed to go/meeting place.
- Access to Supplies
  - Two weeks/person stored in a place that would be most accessible after an earthquake (e.g. maybe your garage rather than your basement)
  - Food
  - Water, including stored water and filtration/treatment supplies. Strap your water heater; you can use it for water in an emergency.
  - Medication
  - Pets
  - Pee and poo – two bucket system
  - Also make a go kit for your car.
- Community Connections
  - Get to know you neighbors – organize a block party, for example, and get people’s contact information.
  - Volunteer!

Amy provided an overview of the NET program, summarized below:

- NET is volunteer-led, with volunteers trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire Bureau.
  - 30-hour training, including incident command
  - NET's need help with fundraising to buy equipment and supplies.
  - Help support our local NET by eating at the Oregon Public House February through June 2018.
- NET's greatest impact is before an event.
  - NET does education and neighborhood organizing.
  - For our area, there are approximately 17,000 residents with 20 to 30 trained NET volunteers, which means self-preparation and helping neighbors is critical.
- After a disaster, neighbors can go to their closest BEECN for communication and resources.
  - A BEECN is a place to go in Portland after a major earthquake to ask for emergency assistance if phone service is down, or report severe damage or injury.
  - The closest BEECN's are at Alberta Park, Woodlawn Park, and Rigler Elementary.
  - Volunteer to help at a BEECN; only a 2- to 3-hour training.

Amy and Justin answered questions. Additional Resources were handed out and described, including a kit to help people organize with neighbors, an OK/HELP sign, Red Cross preparedness guide, Living on Shaky Ground publication from Oregon Emergency Management, and more. OPB Unprepared website has a lot of good resources, too. Multnomah County/City of Portland Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is currently being updated and has a lot of information about natural hazards, high-risk areas, and information about how our local governments have prepared.

Let Amy know if you want her to make a presentation to a group or if you have organized your block and have a plan.

**Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.