

**Concordia Neighborhood Association  
Board and General Combined Meeting**

June 3, 2019

Kennedy School Community Room

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair – Chris Lopez	Present
Vice Chair and At Large 5 – Truls Neal	Present
Treasurer and East 1 – Heather Pashley	ABSENT
Secretary and East 2 – Steve Elder	ABSENT
NW 1 – Ike Harris	Present
NW 2 – Amelie Marian	Present
SW 1 – Garlynn Woodsong	Present
SW 2 – Ali Novak	Present
At Large 1 – Robert Bowles	Present
At Large 2 – Donn Dennis	Present
At Large 3 – John McSherry	Present
At Large 4 – Sonia Fornoni	Present
At Large 6 – Matt Boyd	ABSENT

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nancy Varekamp, C-News Editor; Gordon Riggs, Media Team Lead; Astrid, Brent, and Luciana Furstner, neighbors; Jessica Rojas, NECN representative; Rick a new neighbor, Grey Pearmine neighbor; Chelsie Swanda neighbor and owner of Give & Take Resale Store.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Chair, Chris, called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES:**

- **MOTION:** Garlynn Woodsong moved to approve the May 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded by John McSherry.  
**MOTION PASSED** by majority voice vote; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chair recognized Chelsea Swanda, owner of Give & Take, a resale, consignment, and trade business. Ms. Swanda announced that she is opening a second business location at 5012 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

The Chair recognized Rick, a new neighbor to the Concordia neighborhood. He recently relocated from Hawaii.

The Chair recognized Ali Novak, who announced that she is moving out of Concordia, but will maintain a rental in the Concordia neighborhood, therefore it would not affect her standing within CNA.

The Chair recognized Sonia Fornoni, who announced that there would be a grand opening of the Pantry Café on 30<sup>th</sup> and Ainsworth and that a possible mixer could be held at that location in September.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CNA Community Partners. A list was requested of all current and potential future partners. The Chair indicated that a list could be provided of current partners.  
ACTION: No action taken; postponed to the July 2019 board meeting.

#### **NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS:**

1. The Chair recognized Grey Pearmine, a homeowner in Concordia. Greg announced that he owns a home in Concordia between NE 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lombard and that there is a strip of land next to his property that he is interested in purchasing as a “Vacating Street” property from the City of Portland. In order to do so, he was instructed by the City of Portland to reach out to the local Neighborhood Association to see if they would support his request for a street vacation.

**ACTION:** The Board referred Grey Pearmine to the Land Use Committee to provide them with the details and obtain a recommendation for the Board to review at the July 2019 meeting.

2. The Chair recognized Jessica Rojas from NECN, who reported that NECN is currently working with Portland Clean Air, a 501(c)(3) organization. Ms. Rojas reported that Portland Clean Air is requesting assistance with funding a volunteer to help collect data needed in order to fight polluters and provide for cleaner air. Ms. Rojas stated that NECN had donated \$800 to Portland Clean Air and asked if Concordia Neighborhood Association would match.

**MOTION:** Garlynn Woodsong moved that CNA donate \$1,000 to Portland Clean Air to assist with their air toxic control outreach program. The motion was seconded by Amelie Marian.

**MOTION PASSED** by majority vote: 9 voted in favor; 1 opposed; 0 abstained.

#### **CNA COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance Committee. No reports

Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC). The LUTC members include John McSherry, Steve Elder, and Garlynn Woodsong. Garlynn reported that the next LUTC meeting would be held on June 19.

Garlynn announced that at the direction from the Chair, the issue presented by Grey Pearmine during the June Board Meeting would be taken heard at discussed at the LUTC June meeting. A potential recommendation will be presented to the Board at the July 2019 Board meeting.

He also announced that the LUTC no longer had a recording secretary and requested that the Board authorize the current Board’s Recording Secretary to attend and take Minutes for LUTC. The Recording Secretary would be tasked with: (1) Recording the Minutes; (2) Opening and Closing the Meeting Room; and (3) Taking possession of the telephone conference machine.

**MOTION:** Garlynn Woodsong moved that the Board authorize the Recording Secretary, Astrid Furstner, to provide the Land Use Transportation Committee with support for a total budget of 2 hours for transcribing the Minutes, plus attendance at the meetings. The motion was seconded by Ali Novak.

**MOTION PASSED** by voice vote; 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

CNA Spring Clean up. Ali Novak announced that the event had a good turnout. Sonia Fornoni reported that the event brought in approximately \$5,000 and \$3,000 in expenses, with the garage sale portion bringing in \$550. A final financial report will be submitted to the Treasurer. Discussion was held and a suggestion to potentially invite other neighboring associations or neighborhoods to join the Clean Up event in the future.

Social Committee. Sonia Fornoni announced that she is seeking donations for the Fernhill concerts. She announced that she is still in need of \$3,000 in funding for the concerts.

The next social mixer will be sponsored by Lovejoy's Teahouse and will be held in July from 6-8 p.m. A date certain will be announced prior to the July C-News publication.

The holiday party will be held in December at the Cerimon house. Details will be forthcoming.

A potential movie night for the first Friday in August at Fernhill is being planned to coincide with the National Night Out event by Portland Parks and Recreation. Sonia presented approximate cost figures of \$1,500 for the screen, projector, and sound board, and approximately \$2,500-\$3,000 for licensing fee costs for the movie.

**MOTION:** Ali Novak moved to continue the exploration for an August movie night event with an authorization for the Social Committee to spend up to \$3,500 in costs. The motion was seconded by Garlynn Woodsong.

**MOTION PASSED** by voice vote; 9 in favor; 0 abstained; 0 opposed.

Media Committee. Gordon Riggs announced that the Media Committee is seeking more participation from the Board for future news articles. In the past, there used to be a column titled "CNA Voices" submitted by Board Members and he would like to see that happen again. He also announced that the C-News is delivered to approximately 6,500 homes. News articles should be approximately 400 words and are due to the Media Committee by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the prior month.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The issue of community media partnership is postponed again for the next Board meeting. Discussion to be held regarding community partnership with C-News for Alberta Main Street and the Cerimon House.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

The Board Meeting was adjourned by general consent by Chris Lopez at 8:30 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on July 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Astrid B. Furstner*

Astrid B. Furstner, Recording Secretary