

CNIA Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023 -- 5pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President	Erica Schultz, Outreach Team
M. G. Thomas, Secretary	Glenda Hope, Cayuga Connectors
James Alexander, Vice President	Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean
Renee Anderson, Treasurer	Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large

Excused absences: Jane Merschen, Outreach/NERT

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

FYI, upcoming meetings/events:

4-17-23: New Mission Terrace General Meeting, Ingleside Police Station Community Room
7pm

4-19-23: Budget Town Hall with Supervisor Safai. It is important that someone from CNIA attend.

4-23-23: Pasta Feed at The Check-In Lounge Wine Bar. Volunteers are needed for set up and break down.

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the March 14 board meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Renee Anderson reported that our bank balance is \$2,669.55. Two payments were made: one to GoDaddy for web hosting for \$191.88 and our annual payment to Zoom for \$124.26. There were no incoming funds.

President's Report:

Chris Dillon, James Alexander and Renee Anderson met recently for a brainstorming session about the upcoming leadership transition. This is an outline of that discussion:

There are two long term focuses: updating our by-laws (including a focus on job descriptions) and community outreach. The decisions regarding this process should be finalized by the incoming leadership team.

- 1). Elections: Nominations are open for all seats, and the role of Vice President is pivotal!
- 2). Update by-laws: Chris, Renee and MG will take a pass at updating and bring their work back to board for review by the full board in May. We welcome other board participants in the process.

In this process: emphasize timing and flexibility so as to attract community members to volunteer for roles and actions (i.e.: a member may not be able to attend community meetings but may be able to work on community clean actions, etc.)

a). We must focus on the 'outreach team' description and duties. Erica noted that our officers are more outward-focused (towards city officials, etc.) and outreach is more resident-focused. Perhaps Membership should be a separate committee. Erica and Jane will meet again on April 17; others are welcome to join.

* Who is in charge of alerting members when it is time for dues renewal? No one now.

* Do we want to have one annual renewal date or do we want dues to renew on the anniversary date of joining?

- 3). Changes which are taking effect immediately:
 - a). The VP, James, teaming with the President when necessary, is responsible for E-blasts.
 - b). Colleen will create the July newsletter. Highlight timing and flexibility for volunteers!
- 4). When and where do we return to in person meetings? A discussion was held and it was decided to hold our July meeting at Bethel Church.

General note: Kassie Constantine (who could not attend today) has the GOLD STAR award for community engagement! MG has the GOLD STAR award for bringing Kassie into the CNIA!

July's General Membership Meeting:

- 1). Speaker: It was discussed and decided not to have a speaker, but to invite Sam Berensen to field miscellaneous questions that might come up.

We can focus more on a SWOT of the CNIA open to all for input moving forward:

- a). Example: this is a launch point for the board to design this process, if it elects to do so. The following are examples/suggestions which should be redesigned by the board.

Strengths: Our record of success/past accomplishments:

Parking restrictions on Alemany;

Current focus on keeping 'entry to our community inviting' through work by Sam Berenson/
Supervisors office/DPW;

Steve's Cayuga Clean Team & adopt a drain;

collaboration with CalTrans on the 280 pedestrian overpass;

work with SF Park and Recreation on the Cayuga Park refurbishment;

the Naglee stairs mural.

Weaknesses: Lack of broad based community engagement during Covid. Absence of volunteers. Lack of CNIA recognition by other org's (need D-11 C back).

Opportunities: The current team work on securing a public restroom; Erica's young family outreach and networking activities at the park; increased Resilience work via Dept of Emergency Management.

Threats: Loss of influence in city government planning, due to absence of community engagement. This will leave our community powerless when it comes to 'being the change we want to see'.

- 2). General Meeting board roles.

Timekeeper: M. G. Thomas

Chat Box monitor: Barbara Fugate

Recording announcement: Renee Anderson

Chris will send out the General Meeting agenda for consideration after tonight's meeting.

TEAM REPORTS:

Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig reported he'll be out of town for the next Clean Up event; Erica will be involved with that. There's no update on the project to make planters for the 2000 block of Alemany. Once it's done, we can consider doing it for the green wall area as well.

Pit Stop: Renee sent off a letter to Supervisor Safai explaining the need in our area.

Newsletter: Colleen Piontek will do the next issue.

Resilience: James attended the last meeting.

Community Outreach: Discussed in the President's report.

Community Connectors: Glenda Hope reported that our regular classes continue. On Tuesday a small group went to the Pomeroy Center for the therapeutic exercise class in their pool. The group enjoyed it very much and plan to go again, possibly as a regular monthly outing.

Non-profit status: Renee has a connection who can help with this.

Future of the Pacific Super site: Chris discussed the history of the location with Kassie earlier this week. Kassie plans to contact the Supervisor's office about it.

Geneva Office Building: Renee will attend the next meeting. We have an article about the Powerhouse in our newsletter.

Cayuga Park: Chris reported that Yoni Carnice would like to repeat his book launch. He suggested several dates, but June 17 or 24 seemed the best options. This could be combined with a CNIA activity in the park.

Chris will plan a work day for the Niagara steps, possibly in conjunction with Steve Indig's next Cayuga Clean. Weather permitting, we can repair/rehang the fallen mural; need volunteers to help with this.

EAG: No report

Pedestrian Safety @ San Jose and Niagara: No updates since last report.

DAS (Disability & Aging Services): Chris attended the ribbon cutting for our refurbished Adult Day Health Center near the Excelsior Library. I will do a site assessment through my role on DAS and will provide a summary to the board at a later date.

I will also launch a slide show on Adult and Disability Resource Centers shortly, piloting it with our own Cayuga Community Connectors as a test. I will then take it to aging-in-place sites, community associations, etc. If this is successful, I will then pilot a short, succinct program on long term care options, including financial planning/resources for elder care.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential future presentations:

The San Francisco Community Bank: the team has not responded to our presentation request.

Chris will continue outreach to this group.

<https://www.sfpUBLICbank.org>

Larkin Street: The update on the Mission Inn progress to date has been postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Submitted by

M. G. Thomas
Secretary