

Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022, 5pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President
Renee Anderson, Treasurer
M.G. Thomas, Secretary
Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large
Glenda Hope, Officer at Large
Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean Team
Colleen Piontek, Cayuga Community Connectors

Guests:

Kelley Omran, Communications
Coordinator, External Affairs
SF Water, Power, Sewer (SFPUC)
Will Logsden, SFPUC, Urban
Watershed Planning Division
Marius Lucas, A Living Library

Excused absences: Jane Merschen
Erica Shultz

SF Water, Power, Sewer (SFPUC.org)

Kelley Omran discussed planned infrastructure improvements to address storm flooding in the Lower Alemany area. They solicited information from residents and businesses in the area via a community survey. Key priorities were flooding, air quality, pedestrian safety, noise, and street cleanliness and maintenance. Some plans include floodproofing, identifying sites to create berms or levees, create floodable spaces, tree well storage, a detention basin. Street redesign will keep flow away from properties and sidewalks; will also address community traffic speed and safety concerns. There are also plans to retrofit 14 schools and 9 parks. Concluded with a request for our concerns and our continued input.

Marius Lucas, A Living Library

Marius discussed Bonnie Ora Sherk's legacy 'A Living Library' with a focus on the Seneca Street installation. Currently, there are gardens in several schools, but they all need volunteers for maintenance. Marius is a one-man team at this point. He would appreciate any outreach to local gardeners who could help.

(I made a note of www.permaculture-sf.org with no explanatory notes... was it part of Marius' talk?)

BOARD MEETING:

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 board meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Renee Anderson reported that we have two new members and one renewal. Thirty dollars came in; no money was paid out. Our bank balance is \$3424.32.

President's Report:

Chris Dillon is continuing, in the absence of a Resilient Cayuga Team Leader, to work on Resilient Cayuga activities.

Erica Shultz completed the pre-application for a Liveable City funded NeighborFest Block Party on Niagara between Delano and Cayuga. She will serve as the “block champion”. Chris attended an RGEA (Resilient Greater Excelsior Area) meeting last Friday morning and will continue to attend the Thursday evening HUB meetings.

Barbara Fugate and Chris will ‘host’ an informal block party on the 300 block of Foote this Saturday, beginning at 11A. Board members are invited to attend.

2). Chris invited Linda Liteheiser to present a summary to our board of the various non-profits, community groups, etc. which are functioning in our area. She accepted the invitation; details TBD. We can invite these groups to submit newsletter articles to us.

3). A Living Library will provide an article for our July newsletter.

4). It is time for us to consider officer elections.

TEAM REPORTS

Audit: Renee will meet with James Alexander soon.

Pit Stop: No updates.

Community Outreach: Erica is the team leader, but she is on vacation now. Barbara Fugate attended the recent team meeting. A welcome package for new members is being worked on. We need to write an “introduction to the CNIA” letter for the welcome package.

Newsletter: Barbara requested articles be given to her before July 6.

Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig reported that the last clean-up resulted in 12 bags of garbage being collected. The next one will be Saturday, 10am - noon; starting point at the church, Alemany @ Ottawa.

Friends of Cayuga Park:

Chris hopes to schedule a volunteer day at the park soon. Several members expressed interest at this time. Renee will draft a letter to Rec & Parks to complain about the current conditions at the park. The board will then review and send it on.

Cayuga Community Connectors: Colleen and Glenda reported that our current contract (which expires end of June) has been extended through December 2022. We are currently holding senior exercise classes on Monday and Wednesday. Marina

Lazzarra recently gave a presentation on medicinal herbs. Colleen suggested that we can start holding bi-monthly potluck/birthday parties again.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning

Renee will lead us in “strategic planning round 2”:

- a. First, we need to refer to the original planning meeting, where we generated some fundamental outcomes-based ideas
- b. Then we can vote on priorities
- c. Need to agree on a date and time (1.5-2 hours) for our next strategic planning meeting, which Renee will plan and lead.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Submitted by

Mary Gayle Thomas, Secretary