

Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022, 5pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President

M.G. Thomas, Secretary

Jane Merschen, Officer at Large/Membership & Outreach

Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large

Glenda Hope, Officer at Large

Colleen Piontek, Cayuga Community Connectors

Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean Team

Erica Schultz, Outreach Team

Excused absence: Renee Anderson

Guests:

Lauren Chung, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Safai

Kate Levitt, New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn.

David Hooper, New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Mission Inn conversion

Lauren Chung told us there will be a public meeting on Zoom in late May to describe progress, and answer questions, about converting the Mission Inn to a residence for formerly homeless young people (roughly ages 18-24). She'll send us details when it's confirmed.

Cayuga Avenue traffic calming:

Kate Levitt talked about various issues along Cayuga Avenue that contribute to making it a dangerous street. Many residents, especially those with children, are in favor of the city's traffic calming initiative there. She is gathering signatures to send to Supervisor Safai. They have sent out a questionnaire to the NMTIA members. She will send it to Chris so we can send it to our members as well. Chris will contact Jordan Hoy to let him know our wishes. *FROM STEVE: Lauren Chung noted that there is no longer consideration of slow street on Cayuga, but traffic calming measures are being considered.*

Business Meeting

Minutes

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the March 16 board meeting as submitted.

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Treasurer's Report: Renee Anderson was excused from attending as she is returning from Mexico. Her report will be e-mailed to us when complete.

President's Report (by Chris Dillon):

Resilient Cayuga: The past month has been focused on Resilience planning, specifically on the NeighborFest block party program. I teamed with Linda Liteheiser, our RGEA (Resilient Greater Excelsior Area) Team Lead, to attend the weekly Resilient HUB ZOOM meeting on Thursday evenings.

I've discovered that the block party process, administered by Livable City, is highly structured. Several meetings focused on the line by line approval of the application process. As of now, I do not have the final document. Both Linda and I were unable to attend last week's HUB so we will come back up to speed this Thursday.

At this time we need to focus on possible candidates for a Liveable City funded block party site within the CNIA boundaries. I would like to open up this topic for discussion under new business. It is important that we are focused, organized, and ready to move very quickly when the official application is posted to social media.

The approximate funding for a block party is \$2,500. June 18 was suggested for a block party on Foote.

Considering how Resilient Cayuga and the city wide program has evolved, I am considering having Dan Homsey present an overview at our June board meeting. Another potential, in lieu of Dan, would be Linda Litehieser. Her presentation would be more focused on the composition and focus of the RGEA (Resilient Greater Excelsior Area).

Community Outreach: Erica Schultz and I met last month. At present, our major outreach will be de-linked from the Resilient Cayuga, as the block party will be a separate process. We need to begin planning for a fall celebration, to be discussed under 'old business'.

I would also like to team with Community Outreach to create an "adopt a statue" program.

Newsletter: A few reminders

1). There is no page limit, since it is primarily online now. The print edition can mostly be delivered by hand.

- 2). Colleen Piontek can assist with formatting.
- 3). Barbara Fugate is the editor. Please continue to submit articles and ideas to Barbara throughout the quarter.
- 4). Steve Indig has suggested using MailChimp for easier distribution. He will help integrate the newsletter onto that platform and he will organize a tutorial on Zoom for us.

Team Reports:

Audit: Member James Alexander, who has professional credentials, has volunteered to assist with the audit. This will be scheduled by Renee. Any board members who wish to do so may attend.

Pit Stop: Lauren Chung reported that the city has issues with the current contractor for Pit Stops. Going forward, it will be a different style Pit Stop, the type that is a trailer parked on the street. There are a few of these in the city, e.g., 16th & Mission.

Redistricting: Barbara Fugate reported no current updates.

Community Outreach: Jane and Erica will plan a meeting to brainstorm possibilities. One option might be having the Fire Department hold a story hour for children, possibly at the Cayuga clubhouse.

Cayuga Clean: Steve reported things are status quo. Had a good turnout last time; 11 people worked to fill 21 bags of trash. Next one will be May 21.

Friends of Cayuga Park: Chris is considering our next painting project for Sat., May 28 @ 11a. She'll alert David Burnett and Daniel Choi at SF RPD, make posters and flyers, and send a NewsBlast out to members.

Chris proposed a Cayuga Connector Park workday at our next Cayuga Connector board meeting. The Connectors were highly engaged in the park prior to Covid.

Cayuga Community Connectors: Colleen Piontek reported that a survey was given to people in the exercise classes. There will be a meeting after the next class to discuss next steps. We could possibly plan (safe) visits to our elders when appropriate, have regular phone calls with them, etc.

New Business:

- 1). Potential 'Neighborfest Site(s)': This is an opportunity to reach out beyond our core focus area to the other side of Alemany. One thought I had was to see if Bruce Neuberger would be interested. He lives on the dead end of Ellington Street & has assisted with flyer delivery, et al.

I've also asked Erica for her thoughts on Niagara, between Delano and Cayuga. There are several members on that block and numerous young families. The hill may be a concern.

What other streets might we consider? Most likely, we will get approval but we can apply for more.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by

M. G. Thomas, Secretary