

Revised 2/22/09

King Neighborhood Association  
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting  
February 11, 2009  
503-823-9133 (voice mail number for KNA)

**List of attendees** (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

**Agenda** (*Exhibit 1*)

**Minutes from January meeting**

The minutes from January 14, 2009 were approved without changes.

**Standing reports**

**Update from Portland Police**

Please email Officer Brian Sims directly with specific questions and incidents (for example, give addresses, dates, or other information that he can research): [bsims@portlandpolice.org](mailto:bsims@portlandpolice.org) or call the police non-emergency number at 503-823-5833.

**Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods** (*Exhibits 2, 3, and 4*)

Paige Coleman, Executive Director of NECN, said the goal of the coalition is to look for ways to support the individual neighborhood associations. She summarized current programs such as Neighborhoods and Community Outreach, Rider Advocates, Youth Gangs, and a project incubator. (*Exhibit 2*)

Paige reviewed the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program, noting that 9 community based organizations were funded for this cycle. Allyson Spencer's project won an award. (*Exhibit 3*)

Paige summarized the recent discussions about locating a Farmer's Market in northeast Portland in collaboration with the main Portland Farmer's Market. NECN will be forming a community advisory council – if you are interested in serving on the council, contact Paige Coleman at 503-823-3151, [paige@necoalition.org](mailto:paige@necoalition.org), or go to the website at [www.necoalition.org](http://www.necoalition.org). The city welcomes letters of support. (*Exhibit 4*)

Robin Epstein introduced a proposal to have a youth-run farmers' market and community garden. She is looking for youth to become involved with early planning and hopes to include students from Jefferson. The project is also working with Food Works and welcomes any other contacts. The first year will be spent looking for garden space. Robin can be contacted at 541-968-1825 or [bunnyhuggins@gmail.com](mailto:bunnyhuggins@gmail.com).

Charles Boardman reported that there is now a phone number for King Neighborhood Association. Please call 503-823-9133 and leave a voice mail that will be returned within the week.

**Public safety action committee (PSAC)**

Charles Boardman will no longer be chair; and Rick Sills offered to be the King representative. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday every month (next meeting is 2/24). PSAC explores ways to address community solutions for crime.

**King School shelter**

Peggy Glascock, Park Maintenance supervisor for Portland Parks, explained that the park is a combined responsibility of the school and the park bureau. Bureau structural engineers have noted that the existing structure is not structurally sound and needs to be removed. Removal and replacement discussions will need to address issues of security lighting and funding. She noted that the school would like to have a covered area for basketball (a proposal will be on the ballot for 2011).

*Follow-up actions:*

- Peggy Glascock will send the link to the citizen initiated action form. May need some fund raising by neighborhood. [<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=46373> ]
- Peggy Glascock will obtain a memo from the lead carpenter describing the status of the play structure at King Park.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will talk to Trace Salmon about the King PTA coordinating with plans for the basketball covered area.

Josiah Hill Clinic (*Exhibit 5*)

Kate O'Donnell explained that this clinic is focused on creating healthy homes for children by addressing health issues such as lead paint, mold, stored chemicals, and maternal health. The clinic will be expanding their programs under a new grant and will be offering workshops in partnership with Metro and NECN. They are looking for ways to engage residents.

KNA support for police services

Richard Mimiaga reviewed the current city proposal to consolidate police precincts/stations.

*Follow-up actions:*

- Richard/Maureen Mimiaga will draft a letter for KNA to consider submitting regarding levels of service.
- Richard or Maureen Mimiaga will provide a link for offering public input.
- The Board Chair will contact OLCC to indicate that KNA has no issues for a liquor license application for 5122 NE MLK Blvd.

Miracles Club

Charles Boardman reported that a hearing is scheduled for 2/19. That hearing will provide an opportunity to address access issues on the Grand Ave. side of the development. The King Neighborhood Association does not have an official position on the issue, but filed an appeal to allow the process to continue.

Discussion of bylaws

The proposal to increase the number of general meetings was discussed. One comment was that allowing significant voting in a general meeting may not be representative of neighborhood citizens and businesses. Is it a possibility that attendees may pack a meeting for a specific issue? How can KNA safeguard against that potential? There would still be some board meetings that should provide balance. Perhaps there could be a careful split between the types of meetings where votes should occur by controlling agenda.

There was some discussion about having 6 board and 6 general meetings per year – alternating. This option could provide more timely decision forums.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

ARTICLE VI

B. General Membership Meetings: There shall be at least eight (8) general membership meetings yearly. General Membership Meetings shall take place in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November.

ARTICLE VII

I. Board Meetings

1. Board Meetings: Board Meetings will be held in March, June, September, and December. All board meetings are open to the public, except when the Board is in Executive Session. The Board may go into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel or legal matters, consistent with law. Any binding action of the Board must be taken in open session following the Executive Session.

VOTE to support amendments to bylaws as written: 5 in favor, 4 opposed, 7 abstentions. APPROVED

Therefore, the next meeting in March is a Board meeting. All residents and business owners are welcome to attend all meetings of the King Neighborhood Association, and their input is important.

#### Blue Door program

Allyson Spencer described the Blue Door program which received an award under the small grant program. Volunteers will converge monthly for one time support for an eligible household in King, such as landscape maintenance, repairs, gardening, etc. In exchange, recipient will provide some response (e.g., child care, office support) to the neighborhood. Eligibility will be focused on low income, single parents, owner occupied households.

The goal of the Blue Door program is to create community with the service partners: SOLV, King School, N/NE business association. NECN will maintain a volunteer data base. Grant funds will help purchase materials, garbage disposal services, and marketing. The first projects will be in April.

If you are interested in being on the planning committee, contact Allyson at [Allyson.Spencer@kingneighborhood.org](mailto:Allyson.Spencer@kingneighborhood.org). She would appreciate help developing a logo for the program. If you know of residents who need assistance, let her know.

#### Short Updates

Boise, Eliot, Humboldt, King, Piedmont, and Sabin Neighborhood tree planting is scheduled for 2/14/09 from 8:45 to 1:00 pm. (<http://www.friendsoftrees.org/>) Friends of Trees is located at 3117 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

#### PDC and Killingsworth Street Improvement

Charles Boardman reported that Metro has some funding for urban redevelopment. Public comment is solicited on Metro's website – would be good to show metro that the neighborhood supports the Metro funding. *[UPDATE: the one project in King (Killingsworth between Commercial & MLK) wasn't approved for possible stimulus monies.]*

#### Last Thursday (Exhibit 6)

Rick Sills prepared a letter to KNA describing some of the problems with Last Thursday. He would like assistance from the neighborhood association for dealing with spillover problems for the area below 15<sup>th</sup> avenue. A permit has been requested by a businessman for the area above 15<sup>th</sup>. How has the Noise bureau been working with neighbors? How does KNA work with the city to get support for issues? What agency will issue permit – maybe we can work with them?

At the next meeting there will be a discussion on KNA position.

#### *Follow-up action:*

- The Board Chair will research which agency is issuing the permit for Last Thursday to identify how KNA can get involved.

#### Vanport update

Leslie Cormier indicated that no lease has been signed yet for the pending development at the corner of MLK and Alberta. 24 Hour Fitness is considering whether the market is appropriate for their long-term plans. The neighbors on Garfield are concerned about the empty site lingering. There will be some discussion of what PDC will do to mitigate the impacts of the empty lot.

#### Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Advisory Comm.

Traci Manning, chair of URAC, noted that expansion of the Interstate URAC is being considered along with MLK development.

Form a King spring clean-up working committee

Charles Boardman indicated that the planning meetings will start in February. Please let Charles know if you are interested in being on this committee. He is considering setting up an on-line survey to determine meeting dates.

**Standing committee reports**

Treasurer's report – no update

Land use committee – board discussion of charter – no update.

**Future topics:**

ONI – need for a community garden, Lauren McCartney (research funding)

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS
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**Attendees:**

Bo Baumgartner, resident  
Emilia Biavaschi, PSU student  
Charles Boardman, resident (*Chair*)  
Paige Coleman, Exec. Director, NECN  
Leslie Cormier, resident (*At-Large Rep #1*)  
Robin Epstein, resident  
Gabrielle Foulkes, resident (*Secretary*)  
Peggy Glascock, Portland Bureau of Parks  
Ingrid Gjestvang, resident (*Co-chair*)  
Heather Heater, PSU student  
Traci Manning, resident  
Richard Mimiaga, resident  
Melissa Montegna, resident  
Kristy Nicholas, resident  
Kate O'Donnell, Josiah Hill Clinic  
Jake Reid, resident  
Rick Sills, resident  
Allyson Spencer, resident (*At-Large Rep #2*)  
Shirley Vidal, resident  
Irek Wielgosz, resident (*At-Large Rep #4*)  
Brent Wilson, resident