

Revised 3/24/09

King Neighborhood Association
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting
March 11, 2009
503-823-9133 (voice mail number for KNA)
<http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*)

Minutes from February meeting

The minutes from February 11, 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 or call the police non-emergency number at 503-823-5833.

Officer Sims explained that the police bureau has proposed a precinct merger as a cost-saving measure. Northeast precinct would absorb all of North precinct, but patrols will be maintained as present. Although there will be more officers on the street, the number of detectives will decrease from 8 to 5 which could be problematic. The move should be fairly seamless to the public, although there is a lot of internal movement.

Fountain – hopes to have something fixed/maintained by Memorial Day.

Issue of program funding – under the proposed city budget, the city will lose the abandoned auto program, and will rely on overworked police. The graffiti abatement program (under ONI) will lose 50% of its funding, which means that the team which actually does the clean up won't be available. A letter from KNA could be helpful to let the bureau know neighborhood concerns about the proposed budget.

Follow-up action:

- The Board Chair will draft a letter expressing KNA concerns about police bureau budgets and send it for board review and then to the appropriate agencies. It will be written as an open letter that could be published in the Oregonian.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Charles Boardman indicated that NECN will sponsor a King Farmers' Market after coordinating with the city for permits. The market should be underway by May. NECN is currently establishing a community technical advisory committee, which is open to anyone in Northeast Portland.

Public safety action committee (PSAC) *Exhibit 2*

Rick Sills, KNA representative to PSAC noted that Police Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 8. NECN is currently looking for volunteers to help with that event. PSAC will be reorganizing the leadership roles and is considering consider addressing issues of livability. Rick also mentioned that there will be a safety and preparedness event on April 25 called Ready.Safe.Go. For more information or to register go to <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=28395>

Mallory Ave Community Enrichment center (MACE) at Alberta and Mallory

Robin Hochman described how the old church is being converted to a community center. She is the garden coordinator for the project and would like to see the garden address biodiversity, become a community resource

and learning center, and model sustainability. The garden needs to address issues of storm water management (e.g., cistern, rainwater management). As a community resource, there may even be a stage and shelter. Volunteers have begun resource mapping and know that the soil will need testing and assessment before planting food crops. Robin is looking for people who want to be involved and offer input (contact her at robins.garden@yahoo.com).

Property at NE 7th/8th and Killingsworth

Jon Bradford explained that Doug Bean and Associates have taken over management of the retail center. They have polled neighbors and tenants about their interest in setting up a neighborhood watch program to address illegal activities in the parking lot. Lighting is one way they will be handling some of the activities. Officer Sims will also be working with the establishment to review the types of sales they are making. The management company will be setting up a meeting and letting people know about the watch program. Contact information will be posted on the website: <http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

Chomper (Exhibit 3)

Robin Epstein is proposing a long-term program for a youth run farmers' market in northeast Portland. Initially the organization hopes to raise money by establishing a summer camp for kids aged 10 to 14, so they are looking for a location. Someone suggested that they could talk with St Andrews church about their facilities or garden space.

Miracles Club

Maureen Mimiaga reported that the KNA appeal to the permit was denied at a hearing on 2/19. The next step is to meet with Ross Cornelius, the developer, to work on a Good Neighbor Agreement.

Greenstreet Grants

Maureen Mimiaga described a program that addresses pedestrian safety on Fremont. Proponents hope to include a bio-swale project. Maureen Mimiaga will attend the meeting for King.

Pedestrian safety on Killingsworth

Recommendations have been finalized with the various neighborhood associations in coordination with PDOT. The current proposal includes various marked pedestrian crossings (the only one in King is at 6th). There is continued discussion of the type of measures to install.

St Andrews Church

Plans have been approved for the school expansion.

Land use committee

Maureen Mimiaga suggested that KNA needs to have a separate committee with more representation, a chair, and a charter to establish scope, meetings. The board will arrange to announce the committee formation on the KNA website. <http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

Planning for Last Thursday

Charles Boardman met with Magnus Johanssen to discuss the permit he has requested for hosting Last Thursday events on Alberta Street. Although KNA is not within the area of the permit, it will be affected. The permit holder is open to discussions and will meet with Rick Sills, Leslie Cormier, and Charles Boardman to discuss concerns. The Sabin Neighborhood Association is also interested in talking with Johanssen about establishing more structure and formality (e.g., perhaps there should be a professional event organizer or a non-profit organization to address security, alcohol, litter, noise, etc. like other big civic events). Officer Sims commented that HEAT team officers will be dedicated to the event, but the city hopes that it won't require police overtime expenses in these days of constrained budgets. There is general community interest in having the organization take on more responsibility for policing the event. The permit needs to address who pays, safety, noise, volunteers, etc.

The next step is to meet with the permit sponsor. KNA should prepare a detailed list of expectations, ideas, and needs prior to the meeting with Johanssen.

Oregon Convention Center URAC

Traci Manning briefly summarized issues of funding related to a proposal to use urban renewal money to help build a new baseball stadium where the coliseum now stands, and renovate PGE Park for major league soccer. The city is reviewing various options.. There are various other convention center development options being considered. Traci also noted that east-side street car funding has been approved for NE Grand and MLK

King shelter – Peggy Glascock from the city has requested an update from the carpenter, and will seek input from Celeste Carey on crime prevention issues.

KNA and tax exempt status

Charles Boardman proposed that KNA apply for tax exempt status as a 501(c)3 entity. This would allow KNA to manage its own money in a bank account, to partner with other organizations who need a tax exempt sponsor, and to apply for grants or an email management service at a discount. However, it would cost \$300 to apply for the tax exempt status. NECN supports the application by the neighborhood association.

What about legal issues related to liability? What is the current exposure and how would it change? Charles would be willing to fill out application.

Follow-up action

- Charles Boardman will follow up with NECN to determine the benefits/drawbacks of applying for tax exempt status and present those findings at a KNA meeting.

Communication

Due the inability of obtaining the non-profit discount for Constant Contact, Trace Salmon proposed that KNA increase its monthly communication expense by \$5 a month for three months to begin a contract with constant comment (an email/website management company). The original motion passed in December for a 12 month contract that assumed the non-profit status and 12 month prepay discounts for a total of \$126.00. APPROVED

Spring clean up committee

Charles Boardman indicated that planning is underway, and a committee is discussing pricing and contacts. The clean up would be in April or May.

Greening project at King School

Trace Salmon is still hoping to set up something for next year, and is linking with other efforts.

Support for persons with disabilities

Rick Sills is interested in knowing if KNA would like to comment on a city proposal that would end funding for a monthly dance program at Mt Scott.

Follow up action

- Rick Sills will find out if there is an opportunity for KNA to comment on the city proposal to end funding for a disability program at Mt Scott.

Standing committee reports

Treasurer's report – no update

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

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Attendees:

Andrew Bean, Doug Bean and Associates
Charles Boardman, resident (*Chair*)
Jon Bradford, Doug Bean and Associates
Leslie Cormier, resident (*At-Large Rep #1*)
Robin Epstein, resident
Gabrielle Foulkes, resident (*Secretary*)
Matthew Ford, resident
Windy Ford, resident
Robin Hochman, Mallory Ave. Community
Enrichment Center
Janice Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #5*)
Traci Manning, resident
Maureen Mimiaga, resident
Trace Salmon, resident
Rick Sills, resident
Officer Brian Sims, Portland Police
Jackie Yerby, resident