

King Neighborhood Association

Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting  
April 08, 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 March 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](mailto:bsims@portlandpolice.org) or call the police non-emergency number at 503-823-5833.

Officer Sims explained that the police bureau precinct merger is coming up for a vote at city council. Patrols will be maintained as present. There will be 21 more officers on the street and 19 more new hires. Although the number of detectives will decrease by 3, a bigger effect on enforcement will be the District Attorney's office's anticipated loss of 13 deputy D.A.s. This will result in a major decrease in the number of non-violent offenders being prosecuted. Felony drug possession cases will likely be prosecuted at misdemeanors. "Livability" crimes will receive a lower level of enforcement. Currently, only thefts above approximately \$3000-4000 are being investigated. There is still opportunity for public input to the City Council regarding the proposed budget until April 24th

**Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods**

Lauren McCartney of NECN reported that:

Postcards are being sent out next week to inform coalition residents of the dates and times of their neighborhoods' clean-ups.

Next Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> is the monthly Community Leaders Connect meeting. In an effort to improve collaboration and strengthen support systems for organizations working in North and Northeast Portland, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods invites community organizers, program coordinators, and interested neighborhood leaders to meet for a Brown Bag Luncheon. This open luncheon will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from Noon to 1pm. Drinks are provided.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30, the Now We're Talkin': Powerful or Polarized series of meetings on issues of gentrification will continue at St. Andrews Community Center, 806 NE Alberta. This is an ongoing series that continues on the last Thursday of each month in a new location. Dinner is provided.

There are monthly networking sessions for neighborhood association board members. The next session is on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 and the topic is The 3 E's of Sustainability: Environment, Economic Development, and Equity. The location is yet to be determined. Food and childcare will be provided. We'll explore what the 3 E's mean in our neighborhoods and communicate what's happening throughout our 12 coalition neighborhoods to ensure sustainable communities.

There are 10 spaces reserved for coalition members to attend the ABC's of land use workshop on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00. Learn about the City of Portland's land use and development review processes. Get hands-on

experience with a land use review case study, including review of a development proposal and site plan, identification of relevant issues, and effective ways to respond to the approval criteria.

Workshop is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to 30 people. Contact via phone or email to register: Paul Leistner, at 503-823-5284 or [paul.leistner@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:paul.leistner@ci.portland.or.us)

### Loaves and Fishes

Worth Caldwell and David Lomax informed the association of the work their organization does in the community. The Meals-on-Wheels program provides 5000 meals a week and provides another 50-60 meals a day through its senior meals program. The program is entirely volunteer-run and relies on donations. Currently fundraising is done through participation in the Mississippi Street Fair, Good in the NeighborHood festival and its Fourth Annual Jambalaya Dinner coming this August 15<sup>th</sup> featuring live music by Reggie Houston. Tickets will be about \$10. The Loaves and Fishes Council meets once a month and need community participation. They are looking for a representative from the King Neighborhood to serve and attend the meetings on the third Monday of each month. Janice Lucas, At-Large Representative, agreed to attend the next meeting. The next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30.

KNA board Chair Charles Boardman proposed the Association donate 50% of the proceeds from the upcoming King Clean-up to Loaves and Fishes provide space for them to do outreach at the event. Motion **PASSED**

### Miracles Club

Charles Boardman reported that a draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement with the Miracles Club has been completed but a vote on it by the Association is being delayed pending further review by the neighbors of the club's future location.

### Move of King Meeting Location

Trace Salmon, KNA Treasurer and King PTA Treasurer, proposed that the Association move its meetings from the King Facility to the adjacent King School building. Childcare for the meetings would be provided by the school secretary, Karen Brooks who currently provides childcare for King PTA meetings. The charge for childcare would be \$20 per hour to the association or about \$30 per meeting. Lauren McCartney informed the group that NECN will reimburse neighborhood associations for childcare and translation services through a grant that it received. Currently the school site council is using the library where the meetings will be held until the end of the school year. After that, the NA could move into that location which provides more space and give more neighbors contact with the school. Possible concerns raised regarding the proposal the accessibility of the building for people with disabilities or mobility issues. Another question was whether the childcare could be provided in the school if the meetings did not move to the school. Also the date of the last Site Council meeting this year was not available. The issue was tabled pending the answers to these questions and to give members an opportunity to check out the space.

**Action Item:** Trace Salmon will determine the locations of accessible entrances to the building, the date of the last Site Council meeting this school year, and PPS policy regarding the building use for childcare and facility charges.

### Pedestrian safety on Fremont Street

David Sweet and Trent Thelen detailed the proposals to improve pedestrian safety on the stretch of Fremont Street adjacent to Irving Park at the boundaries of Sabin, King, and Irvington neighborhoods. Due to a lack of funding available for traffic calming measures, a grant for a greenstreets grant to implement stormwater capture improvements will be applied for. The addition to swales extending from the existing curbs at the intersections of 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> to the traffic lanes will narrow the street and make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross. If funding for four intersections cannot be obtained, either 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be prioritized. In addition, parking that is now not permitted on the south side would be allowed during daytime hours. A letter of support from KNA regarding the project was requested and voted on. **PASSED**

### King Farmer's Market Update

David Sweet reported on the imminent opening of the King Farmer's Market in the parking lot adjacent to NECN at 4815 NE 7<sup>th</sup>. It will open on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Farmer's Market Advisory Council was to meet on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Portland Farmer's Market which will run the market selected the vendors. There will be forty. It is believed that local vendors in the community are preferred. There will be an ongoing process to approve applicants as space becomes available.

### King Board Elections

Charles Boardman reminded everyone that annual elections will take place at the next meeting. The positions of Co-Chair, Treasurer, At-Large Representative #2 and #4 are up for renewal. Trace Salmon expressed interest in resigning from the Treasurer position and running for Co-Chair. Tara Harben and Renee Garrels expressed interest in the Treasurer position. Irek Wielgosz and Allyson Spencer will run again for their At-Large positions. A nominating committee made up of the At-Large Representatives will formulate a list of candidates for the Board positions of Co-Chair and Treasurer prior to the election meeting. Anyone will be able to add themselves to the running at that meeting as well as run for the At-Large positions #2 and #4. Janice Lucas will head the nominating committee.

### Land use committee

Maureen Mimiaga received some interest from neighbors regarding serving on the nascent land use committee. More members are needed. Maureen is now to receive notices from the Portland Planning Bureau. The Main Street Portland Coalition will present "Growth in Our Neighborhoods: Accommodating Density" Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Holladay Park Church of God, 2120 NE Tillamook. This free event is open to all who are interested and concerned with issues of growth, development, density and maintaining neighborhood character and livability.

### Blue Door Project

Allyson Spence updated the Association on the Blue Door Project, an opportunity for residents of King Neighborhood to participate in yard beautification and gardening efforts. The first project has been planned and volunteers are needed. This event is in conjunction with the Spiffin' Up Martin Luther King Blvd community cleanup. To volunteer time, expertise, and/or supplies, contact Allyson Spencer at: [king@necoalition.org](mailto:king@necoalition.org) KNA voice mail: 503-823-9133--reference the Blue Door Project.

Blue Door Projects provide volunteer opportunities for King Neighborhood Association (KNA) residents to help elderly, disabled and single parents living in the King neighborhood to beautify, plant a food garden or address safety issues in their yard. Residents receiving services in turn perform a service for students at King School or somewhere else in the neighborhood. This is the first of seven weekend projects that will occur once a month from April through October. The KNA aim is to build neighborhood capacity to implement and sustain resident volunteer efforts.

### King Neighborhood Cleanup

Twenty volunteers are needed during the clean-up from 9 am to 1 pm. Each volunteer can dispose of a carload for free. If you or someone you know can help out for all or part of that time, contact Charles Boardman. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels.

The clean-up will be at the usual location behind the police precinct at the intersection of Grand and Emerson. We will accept yard debris, garbage, scrap metal, Styrofoam, old furniture, bicycles, building materials, computers, and appliances. No hazardous waste (batteries, full paint cans) or recyclables that are accepted curbside (glass, aluminum, cardboard). A limited number of tires will be accepted. The fees are \$5 for a carload and \$10 for a truckload. Volunteers can contact Charles at: 503-333-3977 or [charles.boardman@kingneighborhood.org](mailto:charles.boardman@kingneighborhood.org) There will be a "name your own price" pile for reusable items to be reclaimed.

### Letters of Support

Allyson Spencer told of the danger of budget cuts to Multnomah County's Community Court program that seeks to keep first-time non-violent offenders out of the mainstream criminal justice system. Officer Sims said that since fewer cases will be prosecuted at higher levels, the importance of the Community Court program will increase. KNA will post the contact information for the District # Multnomah County Commissioner to send public comments to. The information will be put on <http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com> and included in other Association communications.

#### Planning for Last Thursday

Charles Boardman was unable to contact Magnus Johanssen to discuss the permit he has requested for hosting Last Thursday events on Alberta Street.

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS
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- Trace Salmon will determine the locations of accessible entrances to the building, the date of the last Site Council meeting this school year, and PPS policy regarding the building use for childcare and facility charges.
- A letter of support from KNA regarding the pedestrian safety on Fremont Street project will be drafted.
- KNA will post the contact information for the District # Multnomah County Commissioner to send public comments to regarding funding for the Community Court.

#### **Attendees:**

Bo Baumgartner, resident  
Charles Boardman, resident (*Chair*)  
Worth Caldwell, Loaves and Fishes  
Renee Garrels, resident  
Tara Harben, resident  
Janice Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #5*)  
David Lomax, Loaves and Fishes  
Lauren McCartney, Northeast Coalition of  
Neighborhoods  
Maureen Mimiaga, resident  
Trace Salmon, (*Treasurer*)  
Officer Brian Sims, Portland Police  
Allyson Spencer, resident (*At-Large Rep #2*)  
David Sweet, Sabin NA  
Trent Thelen, Sabin resident  
Ty Schwoeffermann  
Shirley Vidal, resident  
Irek Wielgosz, (*At-Large Rep #4*)