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King Neighborhood Association
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting
June 10, 2009
503-823-9133 (voice mail number for KNA)
<http://kingneighborhood.org/>
<http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*)

Minutes from May meeting

The minutes from May 13, 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.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (*Exhibit 2*)

Lauren McCartney reported that childcare funding will not be available in the next fiscal year.

Good in the Neighborhood will be held the weekend of June 26-28.

June 14 is a community fire and safety fair.

Public safety action committee (PSAC)

Lauren reported that a meeting was not held last month; she will contact the NECN board to find out what's going on.

Last Thursday on Alberta

Magnus Johannesson, representing the Last Thursday organization, reported on efforts to get the street closed on Last Thursdays on Alberta. The non-profit is working to make the event successful. He acknowledged that the neighborhood has been concerned with noise, parking, and trash.

Under the terms of the permit, the event must close at 10, the vendors must leave, and street traffic will resume. Now the organization is sponsoring a trash patrol, and will cover the side streets between Prescott and Killingsworth. They rented portable toilets, and propose preparing a "bathroom" map. The organization is also working closely with the police department to maintain a strong police presence and address alcohol violations and open containers. Volunteers will help with education for open containers.

Magnus addressed the logistics of the permit process and renting barricades; now they intend to make their own to reduce costs and rent out to others. The city noise department will issue citations for amplified music. He hopes to get neighbors more involved through public meetings with neighborhood associations and a website, but is not interested in supporting corporate vendors. To announce public meetings, the organization will consider posting flyers in prominent places for those who don't have internet access.

There was a brief discussion of whether to close Alberta at 15th or lower down, but residents note that diverted traffic affects neighborhood streets. Magnus will return to the next King Neighborhood meeting on July 8 for an update.

Contact the Last Thursday organization by email with suggestions:

Magnus Johannesson

LastThursdayPDX@gmail.com

971-221-7747

PDC – King Gateway and Heritage Marker project (Exhibit 3)

Irene Bowers, the PDC project manager, and Jonathan Beaver of 2.ink Studios, landscape architects, reported on design concepts for the gateway site where NE MLK and Grand merge. This site was initially identified in the Albina Community Plan to enhance the identity of north/northeast neighborhoods. In addition to the gateway site there will be a series of embedded heritage markers which will honor the heritage of the community. The markers are envisioned to be located at bus stops along MLK with approximately 25 installed during this phase.

PDC has released a request for proposals for graphic designers who will design the details.

There was a brief discussion of maintenance issues and how to tell the story of the community. PDC is meeting regularly with advisory groups, and is soliciting stories from the community.

For more information or feedback, check out the website: http://pdc.us/ura/convention_center/heritage-markers.asp or contact PDC's project manager Irene Bowers with questions or comments: 503-832-2419, bowersi@pdc.us

Private property parking pad application (Exhibit 4)

Jack Mayhew, property owner at 14th and Alberta has requested additional off-site parking, and has received permission from the city. He requested neighborhood concurrence.

Move to support off-site parking application and proposal - APPROVED

Discussion of empty lot at corner of NE MLK and Alberta

Fred Stewart proposes to let bands play in that lot every Friday between 12 noon and 8 pm, from July 8 through the end of September. He does not intend to advertise the event, and hopes that local businesses will support the effort and see an increase in their business. Fred will make arrangements to supply trash removal and porta-potties. Contact fred@SGrealityinc.com. It was suggested that Fred could work with Sound Roots and Ethos, also in the neighborhood.

Child care arrangements

The grant money to provide child care has run out, so the question is whether KNA is willing to support the effort? Providing monthly care could cost up to \$360/year. What if no children show up – how would the provider be paid? A trial program could be reassessed in October to see if it makes sense to continue funding. Trace Salmon will “advertise” to let residents know the service is available.

Move to set aside \$90 from the budget as a trial program for a quarter to be paid at an hourly rate of \$20/hour even if no children show up. APPROVED

Land use issues

Maureen Mimiaga, Renee Garrels, Dawn Salgado, and Allyson Spencer are on the land-use committee, and welcome more members. Current issues addressed by the committee include the request for off-site parking; the Miracles Club Good Neighbor Agreement, and a city proposals for art murals. Check out the city website: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?a=249533&c=44740>. The committee mostly addresses issues of land use and developments. When neighborhood feedback is requested under deadlines that don't correspond to the KNA monthly meetings, the committee can develop a position, post it on the KNA website for community feedback, and notify the board for feedback and decision. NECN has documents and forms that follow Oregon meeting law for decisions that need to be made.

Miracles Club (Exhibit 5)

Herman Bryant invited King residents for a cookout on Saturday August 1st as a fundraiser for the Miracles Club. He is interested in coordinating with Garfield neighbors to see if they are interested in a block party at the same time.

Elections

Charles reported on last month's election. Renee Garrels and Scott Breon were elected as co-treasurers. However, Renee is a planner and is more interested in land use issues, so she rescinded her candidacy and joined Maureen on the Land Use committee. Scott (who was also elected) is still very interested in the Treasurer role and wishes to fulfill it.

Treasurer report

Scott Breon intends to establish a budget, report updates, and talk to other neighborhoods to see how they handle money. He plans to meet with the NECN accountant to go over the books and create a documented spreadsheet budget for KNA.

Farmers' Market

Traci Manning is co-chair of King Farmers' Market Advisory Council, which holds open meetings. Committees work on outreach, identifying community needs, providing education (currently organizing the community booths), and is working on food access issues (e.g., transportation, financial). The Council founded Foodshare Fund Northeast to match up to \$5 per week for food stamp customers. This type of funding is unique nationally, in that it is provided by the community, so funds stay local. The committee is doing outreach to let folks know about the program through local businesses, nonprofits, government agencies and churches. There was a brief discussion of market hours (can they be extended?) and bike racks (are there enough). Specific questions can be addressed to Traci at traci17@comcast.net

Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Advisory Council

Traci is chair of the OCC URAC. She reported that PDC is looking to redraw lines for the Interstate URAC, which might bring more money into Interstate. These decisions will impact the neighborhoods and interested members are encouraged to get involved.

Blue Door – an event was held in May. Allyson Spencer is soliciting volunteers for the next project in June. She is working with various agencies to identify homes and people that need assistance.

<http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/2009/05/26/blue-door-project-needs-volunteers/>

Pocket Park (Exhibit 6)

Faith Cathcart discussed a "pocket park" at NE Roselawn and 13th. The neighbors would like to see an art project on the retaining wall, so she has talked to artists about various ideas. She hopes to apply for a grant to get art incorporated and work with neighbors. KNA, as a non-profit, can partner with her for the application. Faith will draft a proposal to work with KNA.

Information update

Meals on Wheels fundraiser dinner is scheduled for 8/15. Meals are now available by two-wheel bike delivery.

July 8 agenda items

Magnus Johannesson – Last Thursday

Pocket Park update – Faith Cathcart

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

Attendees:

Jonathan Beaver, 2.ink Studios
Charles Boardman, resident (*Chair*)
Irene Bowers, PDC
Scott Breon, resident (*Treasurer*)
Herman Bryant, Miracles Club
Faith Cathcart, resident
Leslie Cormier, resident (*At-Large Rep #1*)
Gabrielle Foulkes, resident (*Secretary*)
Perry Gruber, resident
Matt Jamison, resident
Magnus Johannesson, Last Thursday organization
William Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #3*)
Janice Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #5*)
Traci Manning, resident
Jack Mayhew, resident
Lauren McCartney, NECN
Maureen Mimiaga, resident
Trace Salmon, resident (*Co-chair*)
Lynsee Sardell, resident
Alan Silver, resident
Ashley Sinclair, resident
Fred Stewart, resident
Ashley Tollefson, resident
Karen Trappen, resident