

Revised

King Neighborhood Association  
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting  
August 12, 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 June meeting**

The minutes from July 8, 2009 were approved without changes.

**Standing reports**

Update from Portland Police Officer Sims was not present.

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**

There was no report.

**Portland Farmer's Market/Foodshare Fund NE**

Traci Manning of the King Farmer's Market advisory council described the Foodshare Fund program that matches dollar for dollar up to \$5 each week to supplement the buying power of users of Oregon Trail cards at the farmer's market. This fund has been supported through donations and is being used by many more people. Approximately \$225 per week is given out at the King market. An anonymous Humboldt resident donated \$1000 to the program recently. Ms. Manning requested the financial support of the King Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$350.00 which is the remainder of the proceeds from this Spring's clean-up.

**Motion Approved.**

Due to the popularity of the King Farmer's Market, Portland Farmer's Market has decided to extend the market through the end of October instead of ending at the end of September.

Bryant Terry, vegan soul food chef will be in Portland to give a cooking demonstration at the market on Sunday, August 30 from 10:00 to noon as part of the Kid's Cooking events.

**Community Care Day at King School**

This year's Community Care Day at King School will take place on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00. On the agenda this year are cleaning of the grounds and weeding, painting the trash dumpsters to make them more attractive, and painting the offices. Interested volunteers can sign up through [HandsOnPortland.org](http://HandsOnPortland.org) or can show up at the school at 4906 NE 6<sup>th</sup> on the day of the event and sign the forms there. If anyone has leads on possible donations of plants for landscaping, please contact the King School PTA at: [info@kingpta.org](mailto:info@kingpta.org).

**Census 2010**

Jimmy Moore with the U.S.Census told the association about the upcoming, once a decade census and its importance. A simple, 10 question survey will be sent to every household to collect demographic information that is needed to insure proportional representation in congress. The forms will start going out on March 15 2010 and if a form is not returned by April 1st, census workers will go door to door to attempt to get responses. More information is available at: <http://2010.census.gov>.

### Miracles Club Development

Ross Cornelius of Guardian Management and Don Geddes and Craig Leonnig of Walsh Construction gave an update on the planned Miracles Club development to be built between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Grand Avenue near Mason Street. Pending completion of the financing agreement, construction is expected to begin this fall in September or October. Neighbors with concerns concerning the project regarding construction impacts should contact Don Geddes, 503-222-4375, [ddgeddes@walshconstructionco.com](mailto:ddgeddes@walshconstructionco.com). The project is expected to be complete in about one year. The general contractor, Walsh Construction, will meet with the subcontractors on the project each week and will discuss any issues the neighbors may have.

The hours of construction will be from 7am to about 4pm each day. The contractor will strive to delay the noisiest work so as not to disturb early in the morning. The piles for the foundation will be formed by boring holes instead of driving them in so as to reduce noise. The largest impact of the project on the residential Grand Avenue area will be during the excavation and forming of the rain cistern on the east end of the property. Once this is complete, the majority of construction will take place on the MLK Blvd. side. The site will be entered and exited on MLK Blvd. The site will be equipped with security cameras and motion detector lighting. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the non-emergency police line at 503-823-3333.

Construction personnel will be encouraged to use public transit to commute to the site. Any other parking required should be supplied on site.

### Last Thursday on Alberta

Magnus Johannesson, representing Team Last Thursday, the organization responsible for the event gave an update on July's event. He said the event was well handled and that Team Last Thursday has taken out an amplified music noise license for the event that paradoxically will allow them to reduce noise by putting all amplified music at the event under the purview of the licensee, allowing them regulate louder individuals with amplifiers.

After 10:00 pm, the side streets off of Alberta are being monitored by volunteers and the time from the end of the event to when the street is ready to be reopened to traffic is about 30 minutes. It is the organizations goal to reduce this to 15 minutes. An event after-party with no cover charge is being planned to take place at a ballroom in the Woodlawn Neighborhood.

There is one more public forum that will be scheduled for this season. There will be two more Last Thursday events this year with large attendance before colder weather sets in. Over the winter, Team Last Thursday will be making their plans for the coming year and Mr. Johannesson will come back to brief the neighborhoods before the crowds build in April.

Contact the Last Thursday organization by email with suggestions:

Magnus Johannesson  
[LastThursdayPDX@gmail.com](mailto:LastThursdayPDX@gmail.com)  
971-221-7747

### Martin Luther King Gateway Project

Charles Boardman advised the association that the Portland Development Commission is seeking KNA's support regarding their design presented by Irene Bowers at the June KNA meeting. Karen Trappen, a Portland

Parks employee, expressed concern regarding a long term maintenance. She wants PDC to identify who will maintain the site and obtain a commitment. Celeste Carey, Crime Prevention Coordinator, said that the Community Justice Department has been maintaining the site previously but is unsure if a commitment has been made or if inmate labor is still being used. She noted that persons performing community service enjoy being useful and take pride in their work when it is a tangible benefit. The Association recommended endorsing the design with the stipulation that materials be graffiti resistant and clear visibility be maintained through the site.

**Motion approved.**

Skinny House Project on Sumner

Board member Janice Lucas told the Association of a “skinny house” development by Palazzo Custom Homes next door to her residence where a single older house is being replaced by two new houses. Once the new houses are built, there will be a fence installed on the property line, one foot from her house that will require relocation of the furnace vent and block egress from the bedroom window in case of fire. Ms. Lucas sought advice from attendees and was advised to consult a property lawyer.

There was discussion regarding drafting a letter to the developer seeking an open dialogue regarding the concerns of those impacted by their projects. The issue was tabled pending a report next month on developments in the matter.

Liquor License Applications

Charles Boardman advised the Association of two liquor license applications by local restaurants, Ned Ludd at 3925 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, and Horn of Africa at 5237 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Ned Ludd is applying to increase their on-premise license from wine and beer only to allow liquor, and Horn of Africa is applying for an on-premise wine and beer license. There were no objections from those present.

Any concerns should be directed to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Main office: 503-872-5000, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Portland, OR 97222-7355.

Land Use Committee

Maureen Mimiaga is on vacation.

Treasurer’s Report

Scott Breon reported that our balance is still over \$8000. Our only anticipated expenditures are the \$350 to the Foodshare NE program.

**LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS**

Disburse \$350 to Foodshare NE Program  
Letter of Support to PDC for MLK Gateway Design

Scott Breon  
Charles Boardman

**Attendees:**

Charles Boardman, resident (*Chair*)  
Trace Salmon, resident (*Co-Chair*)  
Scott Breon, resident (*Treasurer*)  
Momoko Saunders, resident  
Darren Knox, resident

Craig Leonnig, Walsh Construction  
Don Geddes, Walsh Construction  
Ross Cornelius, Guardian Management  
Herman Bryant, Miracles Club  
Karen Trappen, resident, Portland Parks  
Shirley Vidal, resident  
Maggie Bermingham, resident  
David Lomax, Loaves and Fishes  
Jimmy Moore, U.S. Census  
Janice Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #5*)  
Chris Gropp  
Magnus Johannesson, Last Thursday organization  
William Lucas, resident (*At-Large Rep #3*)  
Traci Manning, resident  
Josh Eddleman, resident  
Irek Wielgosz, (*At-Large Rep #4*)  
Celeste Carey, Crime Prevention Coordinator