

King Neighborhood Association
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting
October 14th, 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 September meeting

The minutes from September 9th were approved without changes.

Discussion/Presentation Topics

Solarize Portland

Charles Boardman spoke about a project that SE Portland neighborhoods have called Solarize Portland. It is a project to bring solar power to Portland homes but at a significant discount due to bulk purchasing (about 80% with rebates and cash incentives from Energy Trust Fund plus State and Federal tax credits). Charles would like KNA to support a similar project being considered at NECN for the people of NE Portland.

N/NE Bicycle Demonstration Grant Application

Roger Geller, the Bicycle Coordinator from the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation talked about a bicycle demonstration project. In coordination with Metro, they are applying for stimulus funds/Tiger (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for a 13 mile radius, metro bicycle lane and path network. The proposal calls for creating an urban demonstration project in North and Northeast Portland. All selected roadways are either currently identified as bikeways in the City's Transportation System Plan or are slated to be included as such with the update of that plan.

Albina Headstart Project

Carl Talton, from the Portland Family of Funds came and spoke about a project they are working on for Albina Headstart. They purchased a site on NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and NE Skidmore (formerly a Lutheran services facility). They (PFF) along with the North-Northeast Economic Development Alliance are intending on creating a project that focuses on building community capacity through the co-location and collaboration of education, family housing, and community services within a single facility. Albina Headstart would occupy the first floor of the building; there would be approximately 35 rental/living units above. Concordia University and Black Parent Initiative is also involved with this project. The building will be LEED certified.

KNA is concerned that there were no doorways onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd for the building as planned—which would be a missed opportunity to create more pedestrian traffic on the boulevard and a more vibrant streetscape. The current design makes all access to the building via the off-street parking lot, disconnecting the residents and users of the building from the larger community. An entrance on King or Skidmore near King would allow better access to public transportation and less encouragement to car driving.

Resolution of Unclaimed Area between Vernon and King Neighborhoods

KNA voted and approved to amend the bylaws to include a 3 block area east on NE Ainsworth St to NE 10th Ave; south on NE 10th Ave to NE Emerson St; east on NE Emerson St to NE 13th Ave. Regular attendee, Misha Hashitani, went around to her neighbors and all had assumed they were part of King Neighborhood and there were no objections to this amendment. Charles Boardman spoke with Larry Holmes of the Vernon Neighborhood Association who had no objection.

Small Grant Program

Scott Breon, KNA Treasurer, told of the Small Grant Program whose application deadline is November 2nd. The grant amounts range from \$250 to \$5000. Scott will write (along with the help of Charles) grants for KNA: 1. Child care during KNA meetings; 2. Funding for our internet/web page; 3. Mailings to inform King Neighborhood residents of upcoming events such as meetings and clean-ups.

Irek Wielgosz also talked about a grant with Friends of Trees for the King Neighborhood to assist people in purchasing a trees for their yard.

He will be canvassing King Neighborhood in November to inform about upcoming tree planting on February 13, 2010. Prices are \$35 for a street tree and \$50 for a tree to go in your yard.

Advertising in King Publications

Last month, Trace Salmon began a discussion as to whether KNA should sell or allow advertising in the electronic newsletter or online. The board developed a written advertising policy and we will sell ad space for \$10/year to put business name on KNA website/newsletter, \$20/year for business name & link, and \$30/year for business name, link, and blurb. We will not charge any new businesses for their 1st year of advertising.

Treasurer's Report

Budget is good!

Charles Boardman proposed keeping a separate account for incoming money that will go to specific projects.

Other Topics:

Elevated Coffee in Vanport Square applied for a beer and wine liquor license. They will have live and recorded music.

King School Fundraiser at the Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble

Trace Salmon informed us of a King School Fundraiser at the Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble on Saturday, November 28th from 12-5pm. People will need to present a voucher or tell store staff that they want to support King School prior to making purchases. Up to 20% of the net sales will be donated to King School by King supporters. The school choir will perform, students will read stories they have written, and there will be activities for kids. Teachers will have lists of books that can be purchased for individual classrooms. Vouchers and info are at: <http://www.king.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/10372>

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

KNA application to NECN Small Grant Program

Scott Breon
Charles Boardman
Trace Salmon
Trace Salmon
Charles Boardman

Offer advertising to businesses in King and area
Submit revised bylaws to ONI

Attendees:

Charles Boardman, resident (Chair)
Trace Salmon, resident (Co-Chair)
Scott Breon, resident (Treasurer)
Janice Lucas, resident (At-Large Rep #5)
Diego Gioseffi, resident
Irek Wielgosz, (At-Large Rep #4)
Ernest Jones, resident

Misha Hashitani, "new" resident
Carl Talton, Portland Family of Funds
Deborah Scroggin, Portland Family of Funds
Karen Trappen, resident
Roger Geller, PDOT