

King Neighborhood Association
Minutes from Neighborhood Association Meeting
November 18, 2009
503-823-9133 (voice mail number for KNA)
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List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*)

Minutes from October meeting

The minutes from October 14 were approved without changes.

Discussion/Presentation Topics

Jumptown at the Rose Quarter

Charlie Burr, King resident and employee of Edelman, a public relations firm employed by the owners of the Trail Blazers organization, presented the initial concepts for a redevelopment of the Rose Quarter area. Larry Miller, former Nike executive and current president of the Trail Blazers seeks to revitalize the vicinity of the arena and coliseum in tandem with raising the image of the team. While the plans are still in the conceptual stage, public response to the concept is being tested. Among the numerous components of the plan:

- A Nike interactive experience: a museum and Nike centered active entertainment venue that plays on the connection between the founding of Nike and the Coliseum where the founders met at a track meet.
- A reconnection of the site to the existing street grid to invite connections from the larger community to the new development.
- Addition of retail or other uses to the ground floors of the existing parking garages.
- New housing/mixed use development across Interstate Avenue at the former site of the Red Lion/Thunderbird hotel.
- A possible velodrome: During discussions of the Coliseum's future, a possible use for the building raised was a velodrome. While this option is not considered economically feasible, a separate velodrome could be included somewhere on the site in the plan.
- In wake of the demise of the Convention Center hotel plan, the project could include a hotel that would cater to conventioners.
- A collection of brew pubs in one area featuring local/regional microbrews.
- A "live block" featuring free entertainment 200 days a year—possibly a covered outdoor area.
- Modernization and preservation of the Memorial Coliseum. Approximately 40% of the Coliseum's operating costs are due to energy consumption. A "green" remodel of the building will make it more profitable and reflect the values attributed to Portland on the national stage.
- Improvements to the memorial in the lower level of the Coliseum to make it more accessible.

Interested parties can follow the plans as they develop at: www.imaginejumptown.com. Architectural renderings will be posted on the site as they are developed.

Structure at King School Park

Peggy Glascock, Portland Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor, North Service Zone, and Susan Glenn, North Zone Manager informed the Association of the Parks Department's intent to demolish the covered structure in the park just south of the tennis courts. The structure is not sound enough to maintain and may not sustain a snow load this winter. Currently the parks budget is being cut due to reduced revenue so a replacement is not currently planned.

Since this structure is the only shelter available to students attending King School before the school opens, the need for a replacement is acknowledged. Currently the Portland School District is drafting a bond measure for upgrading its facilities. Covered play structures will be included in the measure for all schools that currently do not have one. In any case, a new cover will most likely be years away.

While the structure provided needed shelter during the day, it has been the target of a letter written two years ago to Commissioner Saltzman by 15 neighbors, urging its removal to reduce loitering and illicit activities.

Trace Salmon urged that any plans for a new structure be drawn up after a period of public comment so as to design, and if necessary, raise extra funds for a structure that will be both aesthetically pleasing and can be multi-purpose and meet the needs of all users of the site including the school, park, and farmers market. If the covered play structure is built, Portland Public Schools will be the administering agency and there will likely be no need for Parks to replace the structure or be involved further.

Ms. Glenn informed the Association of the parks department's ParkScan website: www.parkscanpdx.org where residents can report issues or commendations to the parks department and view a list of reported issues. She also urged people to stay involved in the Portland Plan discussions, www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan and any meetings relating to Parks bond measures.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Breon was not in attendance. There have been no expenditures or income since last meeting. Our current balance is approximately \$10,000.

Other Topics:

Small Grants: Charles Boardman and Scott Breon submitted three grant proposals to NECN for the Community Small Grant Program. One was to continue to fund childcare for King meetings, one was for a mailer to the community in tandem with St. Andrew church, and a third was to fund the next King Neighborhood Cleanup to benefit Loaves and Fishes.

King School Fundraiser at the Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble

Trace Salmon reminded everyone of the 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>

Columbia River Crossing Forum

A NE community forum concerning the impacts of the proposed Columbia River Crossing Project is being held this Saturday, November 21st, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5431 NE 20th from 10:00-12:30. Coffee and continental breakfast will be provided at 9:45. RSVP's are encouraged and childcare can be made available if needed. Contact Regena Williams at 503-823-4575 or admin@necoalition.org.

Welcoming King's New Official Residents

Irek Wielgosz, King NA board member, proposed printing flyers welcoming those neighbors annexed by King Neighborhood recently between 9th and 10th and Ainsworth and Killingsworth. A motion was made to spend \$20 for printing and to advertise the current Friends of Trees planting to be distributed by Mr. Wielgosz. **APPROVED**

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

Reimburse Irek Wielgosz for printing

Scott Breon

Attendees:

Charles Boardman, resident (Chair)
Sue Glenn, PP&R
Peggy Glascock, PP&R
Irek Wielgosz, (At-Large Rep #4)
Robin Epstein, resident
Charlie Burr, Edelman, resident
Nicole Leaper, resident
Leslie Cormier, (At-Large Rep #1)
Trace Salmon, resident (Co-Chair)
Janice Lucas, resident (At-Large Rep #5)