

King Neighborhood Association Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility
4815 NE 7th Ave
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April 14, 2010 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*)

Minutes from March meeting

The minutes from March 10 were approved without changes.

Standing reports

Update from Portland Police

Officer Chapin came in officer Wayne Schull's place and reported that violent crime in the area is down. Increased activity at the Pension, near Dishman Center; repeated calls in re: prostitution, drugs.

Resident Teri Phillips expressed frustration in her failed attempts to contact Neighborhood Response Team officer Schull. She discussed on-going activity at drug houses and a duplex behind the Boston Market on NE Killingsworth Court. Some residents from the area of 7th and Church come to the Boston Market area to participate in drug deals. Despite at least one raid by police in 2004, drug dealing from the occupants of the raided property have not stopped dealing. There is open consumption of drugs on the street.

The Boston market in Cascade Square and the 7th and Church area are sites of consistent frustration for residents and neighbors due to such problems as drug use/dealing, prostitution, and public urination/defecation. Ms Phillips was told by a Portland Police officer that calling the drug house hotline has little effect and to call the Neighborhood Response Team instead. Also of concern was folks sitting in the handicapped parking spots in the parking lot there (city parking has no authority to intercede).

Officer Chapin urged residents to call him directly if they have concerns/activity to report.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

There was no report.

Discussion/presentation topics

Appointment of Interim Secretary, At-Large #2 Rep.

Alan Silver appointed interim secretary. David Lomax appointed KNA Board at-large representative #2.

Childcare policy

It was proposed that childcare be available on an as-needed basis; the provider, Karen Brooks, is willing to be on-call provided she is notified early in the day of the meeting.

Motion approved.

Appointment of Land Use/Transportation Committee chair
Renee Garrels appointed chair.

Columbia River Crossing

Carley Francis of the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project made a presentation, with slides, of the timeline, goals, and current conception of the project. The CRC project area is a five-mile segment of I-5 beginning at Victory Boulevard in Portland and terminating at SR 5000 in Vancouver.

The current CRC plan was created through numerous meetings with stakeholders. The plan calls for improvements to I-5 interchanges on both sides of the Columbia River (at Hayden Island, this will displace a number of businesses, in particular Safeway; efforts will be made to support the potential for a grocer to operate on the Island); two bridges over the river, to replace the current I-5 bridge; and an extension of Tri-met light rail into Clark County.

The bridge will actually consist of two bridges. The west bridge will hold northbound auto traffic on an upper deck, and a pedestrian/bicycle path on a lower deck. The east bridge will hold southbound auto traffic on its upper deck, and light rail tracks on its lower decks. Each bridge will hold five lanes of auto traffic, with two of the lanes being short 'add/drop' lanes to serve interchanges, which are currently difficult/dangerous to use. It's expected that accident rates will drop significantly with the addition of the add/drop lanes.

CRC is expected to cost more than \$3 billion, with funding from multiple levels of government contributing. Tolls on the bridge will contribute to funding the CRC project.

Debate ensued over whether the CRC project will do anything to limit carbon emissions. The CRC project team expects auto traffic to continue to increase in the I-5 corridor, but not as much as it would without light rail running to Vancouver. Emissions will also be affected in that auto traffic will be less congested in the area. Cycling & walking over the bridge will be considerably more comfortable than it is now. Light rail was the preferred mass transit by stakeholders, rather than buses.

Bench for Two Plum Park

Emily Wilson presented a proposal for a bench in Two Plum Park. She has canvassed immediate neighbors, and chatted with the city's Parks and Recreation Department about the process. Topics for ongoing consideration: siting of the bench in the park, to allow free use of the current facilities, as well as mowing the grass; possibility of finding a cheaper bench, or one that discourages unwelcome loitering/sleeping and graffiti; design concerns. Having local school kids was discussed with regards to the creation of a design that included their artwork. A bench that the city acquired and installed would cost the city \$5000 and \$500 per year in estimated maintenance. Folks were generally supportive of the idea; Emily plans to continue dialoguing with the city, Park neighbors, and folks interested in aiding her. Interested parties can contact Emily at mlemily@gmail.com.

Foodshare Fund NE/King Farmer's Market

The King Farmer's Market will run from May 2nd through Halloween, 10 am to 2 pm. The Portland Farmer's Market (the umbrella organization overseeing King and other FMs) considers last year's King FM to be a great success. Attendance at the FM declines considerably after 1:30 pm; it's not likely that vendors would want to stay later in the day as long as that continues to be true.

NECN oversees the Foodshare Fund Northeast, which gathers contributions to provide matching money for use at the Market by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamps Program) recipients. Expansion of the Foodshare Fund discussed: \$20,000 would provide 75 persons a week with ten dollars in matching funds. At the end of last year, 5% of market customers used EBT (electronic benefit transfer/Oregon Trail) cards and EBT spending rose to \$3000 per month.

The association was asked to support the program financially as was done last year. KNA voted to donate 50% of the proceeds from the upcoming Spring Clean-Up to Foodshare Fund NE, and 50% to Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels with a minimum donation of \$350.00 to each organization.

Motion Approved

Sunday Parkways

Trace Salmon distributed a sheet outlining this year's Sundays Parkways event in NE and how to get involved with volunteering along the route. There is an opportunity for the NA to set up a booth and do outreach at the event. Volunteer information is available on the city's website at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=51516&a=293870>. No one made a motion to pursue formal participation in the event.

Spring mailing

Trace Salmon prepared and distributed KNA's spring mailing this year. The four page mailing/newsletter went to 2,595 households. The address list required much editing and there may still be apartments that are not included in it. Shaver Green was one apartment building where apartment numbers were not known and the door was secure and thus, did not receive the mailing. Hand delivering to the building and arranging entry was mentioned. Current blog advertisers were included in the newsletter printing at no extra charge. In the future, using a larger format publication such as this, advertising could be used to offset most or all of the cost. Also, the NA can pursue authorization to mail at non-profit rates instead of bulk mail rates. The Association voted to reimburse Akros Marketing \$987.62 for printing and postage.

Motion Approved.

Miracles National Night Out Event

Herman Bryant of the Miracles Club hand delivered a letter to Trace Salmon at the beginning of the meeting to request KNA's support of their planned event for National Night Out this year. KNA support is requested to provide insurance coverage for the event. Herman had to leave the meeting before the issue was discussed so he was not available to answer questions. Since KNA operates under NECN's umbrella and does not have its own non-profit status, the consensus was that Miracles will need to request insurance from NECN. Trace Salmon will contact NECN to clarify the process.

Standing committee reports

Treasurer's report – The current balance is \$11,527.08.

Land use committee – The membership consists of new Chair, Renee Garrels and Board member, Irek Wielgosz. Lauren McCartney of NECN will contact Renee to advise her on the workings of the Coalition Land Use and Transportation Committee and get the land use notices delivered to her.

Future topics:

Election of Board members at the next meeting scheduled for May 12, 6:30, at the King Facility. The Chair, Secretary, and At-Large Representatives One, Three, and Five are up for election. Candidates and voter participation are needed. Currently, Treasurer Scott Breon is the only identified candidate for Chair, who must have one year of board experience. If Mr. Breon is elected Chair, a replacement for Treasurer must also be elected.

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

- A KNA member will distribute the newsletter to the Shaver Green building.
- Trace Salmon will open email accounts for new board members and update the listings on the website/blog.
- Trace Salmon will work with Alan Silver to bring KNA's backlog of meeting notes and unapproved meeting minutes up to date.
- Trace Salmon will publicize the new childcare reservation policy on the e-newsletter and blog.
- Trace Salmon will contact NECN about the insurance coverage for Miracles Club.

Attendees:

Trace Salmon (*Co-chair*)
Irek Wielgosz (*At-Large Rep. #4*)
Leslie Cormier (*At-Large Rep #1*)
David Lomax (*At-Large Rep #2-elect*)
Alan Silver (*Secretary-elect*)
Scott Breon (*Treasurer*)
Julie Davis, *resident*
Janice Lucas (*At-Large Rep. #5*)
Traci Manning, *resident*
Emily Wilson, *Humboldt resident*
Herman Bryant, *Miracles Club*
Donald Hice, *resident*
Teri Phillips, *resident*
Carley Francis, *Columbia River Crossing*
Officer Chapin, *Portland Police Bureau*