

King Neighborhood Association Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility
4815 NE 7th Ave
503-823-4575, option #7 (voice mail number for KNA)
<http://kingneighborhood.org/> <http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

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 April 14 were approved without changes.

Discussion/presentation topics

Miracles National Night Out Event

Herman Bryant of the Miracles Club and Imani Muhammad of Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods discussed insurance coverage for the Miracles Club's NNO event – King NA can provide NECN insurance to Miracles if it is a lead co-organizer on the event. The Miracles Club event will be July 31st; the street in front of Miracles Club will be closed to autos; there will be events, food, possibly a live band.

Miracles is a clean and sober social club with step meetings at 4069 NE MLK (the street that would be closed is NE Mason from MLK to Garfield). Miracles hopes to close on financing for its new building on the east side of MLK Blvd. on May 28th.

Motion to approve co-sponsorship of Miracles Club National Night Out event approved.

Board Elections

Scott Breon elected Chair, resigning as Treasurer
Trace Salmon resigning as Co-chair effective immediately
Alan Silver elected Secretary
Leslie Cormier re-elected as At-large board member #1
Patricia Neighbor voted At-large board member #3
Janice Lucas re-elected as At-large board member #5.
Lisa Hovey elected treasurer.

Board must appoint a replacement co-chair. None appointed tonight.

Standing reports

Update from Portland Police

Resident Teri Phillips unable to attend, but asked that her complaints about crime in the area at 7th & NE Church be re-iterated. Officer Schull reported two arrests on the Killingsworth corridor, one of the arrestees is believed to be a major drug dealer. He noted that there are constitutional limits on how aggressive police can be; drug houses, however, are the “meat and potatoes” of NERT work, with surveillance and use of informants on-going. There have ‘only’ been five calls since April 20th regarding drugs/vice in King, increased calls about ‘gang activity’ in NE Portland: youth hanging out/drinking in the parks. Officer Schull encourages people to call non-emergency at 503-823-3333 to report suspicious activity; residents can request different levels of anonymity when making such calls.

Officer Schull expects that active patrol levels will not be affected by ongoing city budget negotiations.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Imani Muhammad updated on several issues related to NECN:

- NECN has three positions open for Americorps/VISTA enrollees.
- NECN is hosting a Local Leaders Exchange, May 25, 6-8 pm. Neighborhood Associations are invited to send representatives to share ideas and projects. Some NAs will be making presentations. Contact Lauren McCartney/NECN at x4135 for more info.
- NECN public safety meeting on June 17 – leaders of public safety boards are invited to come and talk. NECN willing to help NAs that seek to re-start public safety boards.
- How to communicate with the community, and attracts more residents to volunteer with NAs? NECN will host a meeting sometime in July to help NAs answer these questions.
- The last chance to make public testimony to the PDC about proposed changes to the Interstate Urban Renewal Area (and by implication, the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area) is May 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at a public forum at Billy Webbs Elks Lodge.
- FoodShare Fund will be in operation this year during the Farmer’s Market; KNA re-affirmed its commitment to donate.
- A coalition of stakeholders in Alberta Street has applied for a federal Main Street grant, which monies would be used to make Alberta a ‘walkable community’. Some confusion at present whether Main Street and an Urban Renewal Area can co-exist, legally, on the same street.

Shoshanna Cohen is tracking possible changes to the Urban Renewal Areas. Folks can contact her to sign up for email distribution lists involving either the North/Northeast

Economic Development Initiative Advisory Committee, or the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Land Use Committee; contact her at shoshana@necoalition.org

Updates

Spring Clean-Up Results

Irek Wielgosz reported on the second annual King spring clean-up: despite better advertising this year, less people brought items. There were four dumpsters, twenty volunteers; sixty residents brought 19000 pounds of unwanted items. Reflections and Café Brioso donated coffee for the clean-up. It's not yet known how much money has been raised; KNA will issue \$350 each to Loaves & Fishes and to Foodshare, per an earlier decision.

To consider/investigate: decreased attendance at other neighborhood clean-ups? How to advertise it? How to donate electronics to someone who will make use of them? Possibility of an event to recycle hard-to-recycle items?

Standing committee reports

Land use committee – The membership consists of new Chair, Renee Garrels and Board members, Irek Wielgosz and Alan Silver. Renee may be moving out of the neighborhood. KNA can have a board member as part of the NECN land use/transportation committee.

Communications – Trace is willing to help continue with KNA communications. He will put together a 'bible' of instructions and contacts for KNA.

Other Topics

501c3 status

Scott Breon is investigating 501c3 status with IRS, allowing donations to KNA to be tax-deductible. Trace Salmon to investigate nonprofit mailing status & rates.

KNA Banner

Trace Salmon reports that according to NECN, a banner can be hung across a street for four weeks running to announce an event, as long as it isn't attached to a utility pole.

Last Thursday

Scott Breon is part of a group setting up a non-profit organization to oversee Last Thursday; this group expects to coordinate efforts with NECN, the area's business association, and the group applying for Alberta Street Main Street funding. The City of Portland is paying for Last Thursday's costs this year; the new organization expects to

take on these costs and oversight of the event in full next year. Last Thursday has a facebook page; people are encouraged to submit feedback about their experiences to lastthursdayfeedback@gmail.com.

Future topics:

A KNA Co-chair is needed.

Folks are invited to bring ideas about what you want the King Neighborhood Association to do, or to be!

LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Trace Salmon will investigate nonprofit mailing status.

Attendees:

Trace Salmon (*Co-chair*)
Irek Wielgosz (*At-Large Rep. #4*)
Leslie Cormier (*At-Large Rep #1*)
David Lomax (*At-Large Rep #2*)
Alan Silver (*Secretary*)
Scott Breon (*Treasurer*)
Gabrielle Foulkes, *resident*
Patricia Neighbor, *resident*
Herman Bryant, *Miracles Club*
Imani Muhammad, *Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods*
Lisa Hovey, *resident*
Diego Gioseffi, *resident*
Shosanna Cohen, *resident; Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods*
Officer Schull, *Portland Police Bureau*