

King Neighborhood Association Meeting  
King Neighborhood Facility  
4815 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
<http://kingneighborhood.org>  
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June 9, 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 May 12 were approved without changes.

**Standing reports**

Update from Portland Police

Officer Bren reported that there is a high number of robberies and burglaries, particularly of items from garages and yards, with no detectable pattern to these thefts. He encourages people to be observant, both of their belongings and of people who might appear to be checking out houses in the area for theft opportunities.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Shoshana Cohen reporting on NECN. Each Neighborhood Association has its own page on NECN's website. NECN is hosting a public safety roundtable on June 29th for Neighborhood Associations; all interested folks are invite to attend and exchange ideas about how to promote safer neighborhoods. NECN plans to host a picnic in august for NA members to meet & greet. Lauren McCartney is leaving her position with NECN. Americorps summer positions with NECN are still available.

NECN is opposed to the current plan for the Columbia River Crossing project; more information can be had at NECN's website: <http://necoalition.org/page.cfm>

**Discussion/presentation topics**

Urban Renewal Areas

Shoshana and Alan reported on the Portland Development Commission (PDC) and urban renewal areas(URAs). The PDC's Community Advisory Committee voted recently to add areas of N/NE Portland to the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area, including all of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Weidler to Lombard, and Alberta from MLK Blvd. to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This allows areas of MLK and Alberta already covered by the

Oregon Convention Center URA to continue to receive development funds through tax-increment financing after the OCC URA expires (as it's scheduled to do in 2013), while expanding the commercial districts eligible for URA funds.

Shoshana discussed the recent NECN forums on urban renewal, which primarily focused on public concerns about how Interstate URA funds have been spent. The PDC and the City of Portland have yet to sign off on the final changes to URA boundaries. Shoshana and Alan reviewed projects completed or proposed in the current Oregon Convention Center URA; a new proposal for the next stage of Vanport Square (using the empty lot at MLK and Alberta) has been presented to the PDC.

The NECN abstained from voting on changes to the URA boundaries during the Community Advisory Committee's meetings, due to concerns about neighborhood satisfaction regarding URA goals and accomplishments, citing the need for strong accountability in assessing URA operations. The PDC continues to hold Urban Renewal Area oversight meetings.

### Cascadia Health/ p:ear Mural

Donald Hice of Cascadia Behavioral Health and Rodolfo Serna of p:ear gave a presentation about proposed mural on the Alberta-facing façade of Cascadia's building at 509 NE Alberta. This facility houses folks who are reintegrating into the community following residency at Oregon State Hospital. The mural is to consist of themes generated by the community at large, and constructed by both the youth served by p:ear, and residents of Cascadia's facility. The mural is to be painted onto panels that will be affixed onto the building.

Cascadia (Donald Hice, 503-249-7767) and p:ear (Rodolfo Serna, 503-228-6677, [Rodolfo@pearmentor.org](mailto:Rodolfo@pearmentor.org)) invite ideas for the mural's themes from members of the community.

The neighborhood association voted to approve a letter of recommendation supporting the proposed mural for inclusion in Cascadia/p:ear's application for a Regional Arts & Culture Council grant.

**Motion Approved.**

### Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya Dinner

David Lomax, manager of the King Boulevard Loaves & Fishes Senior Center, presented information about the Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya Dinner fundraiser taking place on Saturday, August 14 (noon to 5 pm at Loaves & Fishes Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 5325 NE MLK Blvd). Loaves & Fishes serves meals to seniors in its dining room on weekdays, and through Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound seniors in the neighborhood. Folks discussed ideas for how to help Loaves & Fishes publicize and promote their fundraiser.

The neighborhood association voted to become a 'banner sponsor' of the Jambalaya Dinner by donating \$500. KNA will receive ten free tickets to the Dinner; how KNA will use them to be determined at the next KNA meeting, with the hope that a good outreach opportunity will be found for them.

**Motion Approved.**

### Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood Board

Each neighborhood has two positions on the NECN Board, which meets once monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month. One of KNA's positions is filled; the other is open. If interested, please contact Scott. NECN's Board is discussing ways to encourage NAs to fill their positions on the board, including the possibility of holding back funding for NAs that don't have members who sit on the board.

### Miracles Club's National Night Out Event

King NA is co-sponsoring the Miracles Club's National Night Out Event on August 31<sup>st</sup>. More information on the event to come.

### NECN Public Safety Roundtable

KNA encourages anyone with an interest in encouraging public safety awareness in the neighborhood to attend NECN's Public Safety Roundtable, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at NECN (4815 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue), 6-8 pm.

### King Movie in the Park

Portland's "Movies in the Park" will come to King School Park on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events

- Juneteenth Oregon parade and festival at MLK & Alberta on June 19.
- Good in the Neighborhood at King School Park on June 25 & 26.

Renee reported on Growing Gardens' chicken coop tour in July. Brochures will be sold with addresses of homes with coops; brochures to Growing Gardens ([www.growinggardens.org](http://www.growinggardens.org))

### **Future topics:**

At the next meeting scheduled for July 14, 6:30, at the King Facility, we will discuss future roles for the KNA. Aspects to be considered are: what the NA should be involved in, how to build publicity and awareness of the NA among neighbors, and how to encourage participation. Please feel free to contact Scott with ideas ([scott.breon@kingneighborhood.org](mailto:scott.breon@kingneighborhood.org)). The NECN is prepared to help KNA with its planning.

Scott and Lisa are planning to present a budget for KNA for the next year, at the July 14 meeting.

### LIST OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Scott Breon and Lisa Hovey will prepare a proposed budget for KNA for the next year.

**Attendees:**

Scott Breon (*Chair*)

David Lomax (*At-Large Rep #2*)

Alan Silver (*Secretary*)

Teri Phillips, *resident*

Trace Salmon, *resident*

Patricia Neighbor (*At-Large Rep #3*)

Lisa Hovey (*Treasurer*)

Shoshana Cohen, *resident; NECN*

Donald Hice, *resident*

Julie Davis, *resident*

Renee Garrels, *resident*

Rodolfo Serna, *p:ear*

Officer Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*

Francene Grewe, *NECN*

Lew Frederick, *Concordia resident; State Representative, District 43*