

King Neighborhood Association Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility
4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org>
<http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com>

July 14, 2010 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum not met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*)

Minutes from March meeting

The minutes from June 9 were not approved, as quorum was not met.

Standing reports

Update from Portland Police

Officer Schull reported that crime statistics for King are down: on a month-to-month comparison, residential burglaries decreased from 8 to 2; stolen vehicles, from 3 to 1; general theft, from 10 to 7. No aggressive assaults reported. Officer Schull will try to obtain data covering the past several years.

Officer Schull notes that the police bureau has a new crack cocaine informant; please report information on possible crack houses to him. He notes that serial thieves usually end up in jail, and when they're released, police try to keep tabs on them. The Police Bureau has a crime analysis unit, which helps police narrow patrols to specific areas.

David Lomax noted that there were more fights than usual at Good in the Neighborhood this year; police officers in attendance disclaimed responsibility for breaking them up. Officer Schull agreed to talk to his sergeant about this response.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Shosanna and Teri attended the NECN's public safety roundtable on June 29th for Neighborhood Associations. Referring to the Good in the Neighborhood event and King safety issues in general, they noted that race & policing was not addressed at the roundtable; there is an upcoming Alternative to Policing event to be held at Curious Comedy, however, with information on that event to be released later.

King NA attendees discussed how to dialogue with the Police Bureau about race and policing. Patricia wondered about the usefulness of large-scale public forums for dialoguing with police; Officer Schull said that the new police chief has discussed bringing back the "Chief's Forum" for

discussion with the public. Scott noted that it's a good idea to maintain contact with officers who serve the neighborhood, and he will talk with NECN about how to pursue further dialogue with the Police Bureau. Teri wondered about a shortage of African-American officers to work in N/NE.

Shoshana and Teri reported that the public safety roundtable did cover a range of other topics, in a really good conversation: not just crime statistics, but health issues as well – cell towers, food security, air quality – and how NECN can be a resource for addressing those issues. The NECN plans to continue holding public safety meetings, and intends to introduce a public safety section to its website to get information out, and to encourage involvement.

On July 15, NECN will host a communications roundtable. All are invited! If you can't attend, contact NECN if you have suggestions about how NECN can help neighborhood associations communicate with residents.

Discussion/presentation topics

King Neighborhood Association

The NA has positions open on its board, and has a particular need for a co-chair, who could help Scott coordinate NA business between meetings. If you live, work, or own a business in the neighborhood, you're eligible for the King NA board.

King NA is co-sponsoring two events coming up: the Miracles Club National Night Out events on July 31, and the King Movie in the Park. Scott will deliver fliers for the movie in the park for people to put up in businesses in the area; it would also be great to have someone on hand at the National Night Out event to provide info on King NA.

Shoshana noted that it would be great for King NA to have a flier ready to hand out and sign-up sheets for interested folks at neighborhood events. Scott noted that the NA has a couple thousand business cards with the KNA blog's website address on it --

<http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

King Neighborhood Plan, & the role of the King NA in the neighborhood's future path

Scott passed out copies of the King Neighborhood Plan, adopted in 1993 by the City of Portland as part of the Albina Community Plan, and asked for input as to what KNA should focus on.

Ideas/topics suggested were:

- recruitment and outreach
- visibility in the neighborhood
- advocacy for residents on basic life issues (housing, food security, etc)
- building a sense of community in the neighborhood
- working with & supporting King Elementary School
- possibility of developing a grant process that could provide funds for community organizations & events
- more partnerships with community organizations, churches, schools, nonprofits, businesses
- active welcoming of new neighbors, including introducing people to the history of the neighborhood
- becoming more assertive in welcoming renters in the neighborhood to the NA

- partnering with events in the neighborhood
- establishing an annual event for King neighborhood
- developing multiple media of communication with neighbors, including meeting neighbors face-to-face when possible
- developing a resource guide for basic needs that residents might have
- advocating on land use/transportation issues relevant to the neighborhood
- considering whether there's an 'identity' that might encompass what King neighborhood is

Scott will email out these suggestions; people are invited to pick up topics and pursue them, as interested; as Chair, Scott will help organize efforts to address these topics, or any others that might arise.

Also for folks to consider: what do we want the King NA newsletter and website to consist of?

The King Neighborhood Plan can be viewed here:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=93559>

Miracles Club: Groundbreaking on its new site on MLK Boulevard

Herman Bryant of Miracles Club thanked King NA for supporting Miracles Club, and becoming a cosponsor of its National Night Out event this summer. The event is free, with food vendors, a band, rides. Miracles Club will do hand-to-hand delivery of information to neighbors inviting them to the NNO event.

Last week, Miracles Club (opened in 1996, housed at MLK/Mason since 1998) broke ground on a \$12 million project on the east side of MLK between Mason and Skidmore. With the financial support of US Bank, the City of Portland, the State of Oregon, and the Portland Development Commission, Miracles Club will be building 40 units of affordable housing for people in recovery. Residents will need to meet specific qualifications: 18 months clean, 6 months at a job, and a maximum of \$35,000 in annual income. The goal is to support residents in transitioning to the next phase of their lives, rather than providing permanent housing. No sex offenders will be permitted to live in the units.

Miracles Club will have a recovery center on the ground floor of the new structure. Miracles has a good neighbor agreement with King neighborhood. It will be hosting events on Friday nights, and has an agreement that visitors to these events will be able to use Small Parts Manufacturing's parking lot. Residents will be permitted to park where they like.

Upcoming Events

- Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya dinner/fundraiser will be held August 14th, with KNA as a co-sponsor. Tickets will be available at Geneva's on MLK; DJ Chicago Dave will be spinning at the dinner.
- Emerson Street Community Garden will make its 'debut' at a July 31st block party, between 8th and 9th Avenues on Emerson Street.
- Miracles' Club National Night Out Event is July 31st, cosponsored by KNA. Miracles will have a block party, with music, rides for kids, food vendors.
- Portland's "Movies in the Park" will come to King School Park on Sunday, August 8th.

Attendees:

Scott Breon (*Chair*)

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

Alan Silver (*Secretary*)

Teri Phillips, *resident*

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

Shoshana Cohen, *resident; NECN*

Officer Schul, *Portland Police Bureau*

Herman Bryant, *Miracles Club*