

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

August 11, 2010 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum not met.

Agenda (*None available for this meeting*)

Minutes from previous meetings

The minutes from June 9 and July 14 were not approved, due to lack of quorum at this and the previous meeting.

Standing reports

Update from Portland Police

Officer Currier reported that burglaries are up in the Northeast area generally, in particular serial burglaries. Please watch for folks who canvass neighborhoods who might go door-to-door trying to ascertain who is at home. No crime stats available at the moment. Still awaiting feedback from Officer Schull about the Good in the Neighborhood events (police response, or lack of, to fighting during the event, as discussed in a previous KNA meeting).

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Shoshana Cohen reporting on NECN.

NECN to hold roundtable on parking issues at NECN offices, Wednesday August 25, 7 pm. Representatives from the Portland Department of Transportation will be on hand to advise folks on possible ways to address parking problems in their neighborhoods.

NECN to hold Neighborhood Association board membership orientation on September 28.

NECN has a job opening for a Neighborhood Association coordinator – please contact NECN (<http://necoalition.org/>) for information on this position.

Spirit of Portland award nominations are due Monday, August 16. See <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=29024> for more information.

Discussion/presentation topics

Last Thursday

The Last Thursday event continues to grow in size and, possibly, unmanageability. Friends of Last Thursday has not yet provided effective oversight of the event, and the city's stake in ensuring order during the event grows ever clearer as the months go by: on the last L.T, it took until after midnight to clear everyone out of the event and close it up completely. Mayor Sam Adams has continued a 'hands-off' policy regarding regulating the event to date; it is not clear that this can continue. Stakeholder oversight appears to be scattered among various organizations with no clear responsibility among any of them, leaving the mayor's office as the most appropriate locus of responsibility for oversight of Last Thursday, at this point.

NECN offered to create and distribute (with input from the four NAs abutting Alberta Street) a flier encouraging local residents to contact the mayor's office with feedback about Last Thursday. The flier will also have the NA names on it, and will announce that the next KNA meeting will have a discussion on Last Thursday and all are invited to attend.

Teri Phillips will help create the flier and will coordinate with Paige and Shoshana on it. David and Alan offered to help with some of the distribution of the flier. NECN will notify the other three NAs involved about the flier.

Paige/NECN requested input to NECN from anyone interested in giving feedback on Last Thursday, to help guide NECN to developing a position on the event's future. Aspects of Last Thursday that stand out for consideration at this time include: police presence; oversight; attendee-neighbor relations; equity issues (Last Thursday has a uniquely 'unregulated' status among neighborhood events in the city).

King NA

The next KNA meeting will include discussion about Last Thursday; KNA to advertise this fact via flier discussed above, KNA e-news, KNA website/blog.

Scott Breon, KNA Chair, resigned (effective before the meeting began).

No action taken on replacing Scott; NECN (Shoshana and Paige) advised KNA on how to continue to conduct NA business with a board missing critical positions. NECN advises documenting all decisions taken; hewing to the by-laws as applicable.

Alan will meet with Shoshana at NECN on August 24 at 3:30 pm to organize a discussion on Last Thursday at the next KNA meeting. Alan to notify other board members directly about this meeting and invite them to attend.

Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya Dinner

David Lomax, manager of the King Boulevard Loaves & Fishes Senior Center, updated us about the Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya Dinner fundraiser taking place on Saturday, August 14 (noon to 5 pm at the 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 previously to become a 'banner sponsor' of the Jambalaya Dinner by donating \$500; KNA needs to issue that check soon. The event has more than seven thousand dollars raised by selling sponsorships; tickets for ten dollars will be available at the door.

Attendees:

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

Alan Silver (*Secretary*)

Teri Phillips, *resident*

Shoshana Cohen, *resident; NECN*

Officer Currier, *Portland Police Bureau*

Paige Coleman, *NECN*